



Rotary District 6670 Newsletter

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



Youth Month: Let us all celebrate Rotary Youth Month in May.

Youth Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs which enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

Youth are our Future! Our District has celebrated youth with the Four Way Test Speech Contest on April 10 at Wright State University. Troy High School Junior Rachel Martin was named the winner. The event chaired by Beth Huber was well attended with 36 clubs submitting high school students for the competition. They all did an excellent job in preparation. Rachel presented at our District Conference. Hope all 52 clubs select a student for 2017 to present their speech.

On April 15-17, 90 students were registered for Rotary Youth Leadership Award program at Camp Kern. The leadership awards successful program was coordinated by Carol Hughes develops leadership and collaboration skills with district high school students. Next year's program will be held on April 21-23, 2017.

At the District Conference on April 30 we had approximately 70 students and young adults from Rotaract, Interact and Youth Exchange students participate in a mini-youth conference. This event was coordinated by Susan Bantz and Terri Schneider with John T. Capps and Deepa Willingham facilitating the program. Our goal is to have these youth groups collaborate and meet in our district plus provide service to our communities.

District Conference April 29 and 30

What can I say beyond many thanks to many Rotarians for making this event a success!! We had an outstanding Rotary professional experience and some fun at the Marriott Hotel. Thanks to the great planning committee coordinated by Norma Berry with John and Karen Applegate.

Highlights: There were 64 golfers registered for a sunny morning at Kings Island Golf Course to start the conference events on April 29. The event coordinated by Jim Perry and Orville Bantz provided some golfing challenges but also raised nearly \$3000 for the Rotary Foundation from golfer registration and 13 hole sponsors.

Upcoming Events

[District Trilogy](#)

September 09

[Rotary Leadership Institute](#)

November 14

We had nearly 90 percent of our clubs participate in our conference in some capacity with over 200 in attendance on Saturday. Thank you for your support!

The presenters- John T. Capps, Deepa Willingham, Ann Lee Hussey, John Osterlund and Brian Menton provided motivation and compelling Rotary experiences for our attendees. Topics ranged from Leadership, Polio Eradication, Polio survival, child abuse and drug trafficking, Foundation and Rotary Image. We had some special guests which included U.S. Congressman and Rotarian Brad Wenstrup and U.C. Hospital Air Care Doctor Bill Hinckley.

Service Above Self: Over 3,100 pairs of shoes and 2,500 pairs of socks were donated to Shoes for Orphans Souls. Many thanks to Sherrie Mathis and her in all the clubs for coordinating this valuable project.

Our first ever hands on service project exceeded expectations. Our Rotarians donated enough items to fill 500 Rotary Hygiene Bags for our district communities. Mark Mabelintini and his committee did a terrific job with the donated items from 15 of our clubs. They had fun putting the bags together on Saturday afternoon,

Our Silent Auction successfully raised over \$3000 for the Rotary International Foundation. Our Rotarians are enjoying the donations of our many clubs which participated. Delanie Buck and Aliana Buck helped make this annual event a winner.

Club Recognition:

Rotary International President Citation: We honored eight clubs for achieving the Presidential Citation this year at the District Conference. Outstanding leadership and club collaboration!

Gold Level: Bellefontaine, Miamisburg, Greater Harrison, Farmersville

Silver Level: Centerville, Sidney

Bronze Level: Dayton, Wilmington - Noon

World Class Presidents: Nineteen Presidents were recognized for being World Class. They accepted President Ravi's challenge and my challenge to donate to the Rotary International Foundation and sponsor a new member this Rotary year.

Dick Gould-Beavercreek

Sandy Musser- Bellefontaine

Brad Thorp-Centerville

Bud Dornette- Cincinnati

Michelle Edwards- Cincinnati Eastside

David Williamson- Dayton

Mitchell Willis- Fairfield

Orville Bantz- Farmersville

Rick Niklas- Greater Harrison

Elaine Garver- Middletown

Bob Holder- New Carlisle

Sandy Williams- Northmont

Rick DaPrato- Oakwood

Lisa Benazaer- Sidney

Kevin Davis-Springboro

Andrew Johnston-Troy

Pete Emmons- Union County
Mark Shepard-Vandalia
Kathryn Markins- Wilmington

Service Above Self Awards: Thirty-six District Club Rotarians were honored at the conference for "Service Above Self." We asked each club to nominate a member of their club for outstanding service this year. They are receiving a certificate and Service Above Self pin.

The remaining club Presidents can still nominate a member of their club by notifying me.

Rotary International District Recognition

We have increase the number of clubs who have achieved the **Presidential Citation** this year.

Rotary has recognized our District 6670 for **membership growth**. We have gained a net 53 members as of March 31 from 2986 to 3039.

Our giving to the **Rotary Foundation** has increased in the last year from \$113,178 to \$147,875. We stil have a couple of months to make a difference in the world.

Our District Donated \$15,510 to **Polio Eradication** from our District's DDF funds.

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 historyDavid 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. 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.

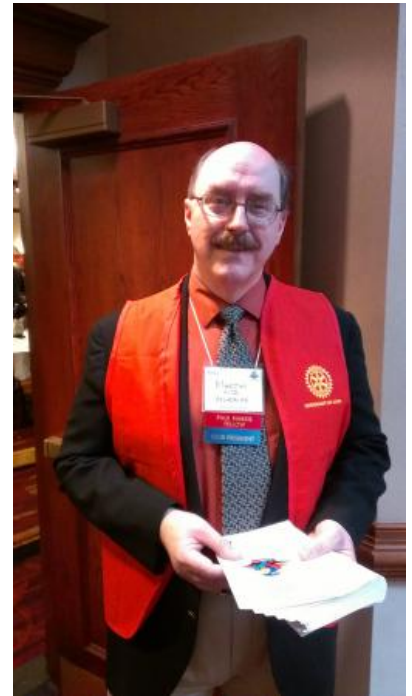
Hope you all have a great end of this 2015-16 Rotary Year!

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District Conference Highlights







Hygiene Kit Service Project



The District Conference Hygiene Kit Project was a great success. It achieved all that we had hoped. It got clubs involved in a District-wide project and it got individual Rotarians in a room working together where they had a great time meeting each other and working together. It also created something that could be taken back to the individual clubs and shared with their communities. We truly "Shared our gifts" through this project. A total of 500 hygiene kits were assembled. There were also some items donated to the project like larger items and bulk items that we could not use for the kits. These items were divided up and given to Dayton and Cincinnati Rotarians to take back to shelters that serve larger groups of people. These kits will make a difference in the lives of people in their communities.

Moraine Rotary Student Recognition Program



The Moraine Rotary Club recognized two outstanding students at the April 14 Council meeting. Receiving awards were Micah Fulwiler from Frank Nicholas Elementary School and Seth Bernal from C. F. Holliday Elementary School. Along with Moraine Rotary the Frank Nicholas Outstanding Student Award was co-sponsored by Dayton Power & Light and the C. F. Holliday Outstanding Student Award was co-sponsored by Rotarian Lee Dunham. Moraine Rotarian Julie Hoffman presented a plaque to Micah Fulwiler, a fifth grade student at Nicholas Elementary acknowledging her

outstanding qualities as a student and an asset builder. According to her teacher she is an excellent leader and role model, always putting forth her best effort in school. She is a member of the Junior Youth Leadership Board and Safety Patrol, the Brush of Hope and basketball. Micah and a group of her friends have organized a school fundraiser for the Humane Society for the past three years. At home, she has a pet hedgehog. Her goal is to attend Yale Law School and later become President of the United States.

Seth Bernal is a fifth grade student at Holliday Elementary and was chosen due to his positive attitude and being a hard worker and role model at the school. Seth is involved in the Junior Leadership Council where he leads projects such as the school's Canned Food Drive, school spirit days and reporting the Leadership Council news and notes to the lower grades. He is on the Honor Roll, the Holliday Recycling Team and is active with Holliday News, a student led program where 5th graders gather, create and broadcast school news daily to the entire student population. Seth also participates on the youth basketball team and in the local soccer program.



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The Moraine Rotary Club recognized two outstanding students at the April 28 Council meeting. Receiving awards were Destiny Pellegrino from West Carrollton Middle School and Sydney Rowe Johnson from Fairmont High School. Along with Moraine Rotary, the West Carrollton Middle School Outstanding Middle School Award was co-sponsored by Agape for Youth's Executive Director & Founder Stephen Geib. The Fairmont High School Outstanding Student Award was co-sponsored by City Manager David Hicks.

Moraine Rotarian Dave Miller presented a plaque to Destiny Pellegrino, an 8th grade student who has maintained close to a 4.0 grade point average at the middle school. She is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, is in the school band program for three years and is active in her church youth group. According to 8th grade counselor Doug Kirk, "Destiny is an outstanding student, a well-rounded young lady and represents the very best of what Moraine and West Carrollton Middle School have to offer."

Miller also presented a plaque to Sydney Rowe Johnson, a Senior at Fairmont High School. Sydney is involved in Aerie, the school Literary Magazine, which has influenced her interest in Business and career aspirations. According to school counselor Victor Colon, Sydney maintains excellent grades, demonstrates her leadership skills in many extracurricular activities, uses her time wisely and is a dedicated student which allows her to excel and contribute to the high school and to society.



District 4-Way Test Speech Contest



You know that old saying “when you miss a day you miss a lot”? Well – if you missed the District 4 Way Test Speech Competition on April 10, you missed a lot.

We had 30 contestants from 28 clubs share personal and inspirational stories with us. They highlighted the Rotary

4 Way Test with funny and sad and unique examples of how “do the right thing” affects not only adults in a business setting – but young people on an average day.

Our District winner, Rachel Martin (Troy Rotary Club, Troy High School) shared how a decision made in a moment to share 20 minutes of her time on one day changed the outcome of another person’s life. We may be wise enough to understand the cascade of effects that decision and outcome may have, but even if you isolate that one incident, it is significant.

And there were more examples of stories similar to hers that Sunday at Wright State University. Around noon, the contestants and their parents, teachers, siblings and others began arriving and by 1 p.m. we had occupied seven classrooms. For the next few hours we listened and learned and were amazed by these students.

As with any contest, we thought we were prepared – what if these people are late, do we have enough of this, are we on schedule for that, in the unlikely event of a tie, we will do this, etc. The 4 Way Test Speech Committee was wonderful and worked through all of the situations that presented themselves – my sincere thanks to them!

It came to four finalists: Samantha Baker from the Oxford Rotary Club and Talawanda High School; Kaylee Hurley from the Greenfield Rotary Club and Greenfield McClain High School; Rachel Martin from the Troy Rotary Club and Troy High School; and Kaitlyn Marie Niehaus from the Eaton Rotary Club and Eaton High School. It was a close competition up to that point and in the final round.

Rachel Martin shared her winning speech with us at the recent District Conference – on her Birthday no less. It was a day spent highlighting Youth activities in Rotary and again, if you missed that day, you missed a lot.

Thanks to the 28 Clubs who took the time to hold local contests. At least five District Contestants were competing at that level for the second year! Each year we hope to spread the contest to the full membership of the District. Mark your calendars for 2017 when Wright State University will once again host the contest on April 2, 2017. Materials will be rolled out at Trilogy and will be available on line at that point.

We are so grateful to Wright State University for hosting our event and providing the awards. Wright State also provided many of the judges for this year's event. Their support has been extensive and very much appreciated.

Finally, my sincere thanks to the District Committee. While it does not consume huge amounts of time, it is time-critical in the spring – when so many other things are happening in the Rotary year. This event would not happen without your commitment and support. This year's committee consisted of:

Norma Berry, Past Rotary District Governor, Mason-Deerfield Rotary Club
John Haller, Rotary Assistant Governor, Troy Rotary Club
Mac Hickman, Past Rotary District Governor, Batavia Rotary Club
Tracey Hill, Administrative Specialist, Wright State University
Mike Kelly, Rotary District Governor Elect, Mason-Deerfield Rotary Club
Mark Mabelitini, Rotary District Governor Nominee, Sidney Rotary Club
Eric Marcus, Past Rotary District Governor, Beavercreek Rotary Club
Mary Rucker, PhD, Professor and Chair, Communication Department, Wright State University
Rich Sears, West Chester/Liberty Rotary Club
William Shula, EdD, Rotary District Governor, Cincinnati Rotary Club
Sigrid Solomon, Rotary Assistant Governor, Wilmington AM Rotary Club
Peter Weiglin, Past Rotary District Governor, Batavia Rotary Club
Susan Wilkinson, EdD, Cincinnati Rotary Club.

We are planning for and looking forward to our 2017 Competition and hope to see all of you there.

Bellefontaine Rotary Presents Distracted Driver Simulators

The Bellefontaine Rotary Club was able to present not one but TWO Distracted Driver Simulators to the Bellefontaine City Police Department and the Logan County Sheriff's Office! These departments will work together to bring the simulators into Logan County schools to reach as many teenage drivers as possible. The Rotary Club learned of the Maria Tiberi Foundation and Maria's Message in the Fall of 2015. The Rotary Club decided it was an important message to support and take into our schools. As a club, we were able to quickly raise the \$15,000 needed for the simulator through generous donations of Rotarians and the following businesses: BelleTech Corporation, Alan Galvez Insurance, Bob Pallenshus State Farm Insurance, David Dailey State Farm Insurance, Stolly Insurance Group for the Ohio School Plan, Hill & Hamilton Insurance, Liberty National Bank, The Bellefontaine Examiner, V-Teck Communication and Wren's Towing & Recovery for donating the trailer to store and transport the simulators. The Maria Tiberi Foundation was so impressed with the Rotary Club's quick fundraising efforts and the support of

our community that they donated a second simulator to Logan County!

Tipp City Rotary and Interact Clubs Clean up Great Miami River Bikeway



The Tippecanoe High School Rotary Interact Club had their first activity with the Tipp City Rotary Club. The two organizations teamed together to clean up the Great Miami River Bikeway both north and south of City Park. Students helping out were Mitchell Poynter, (not pictured) Adam Buynak, and Bridget Dahlinghaus. Rotarians who helped with the cleanup were: Paul Broerman, Tim Eggleston, Nathan Rentz, Doug Thompson, Bradley Vath, Corey Vaughn, Lori Willoughby, & Mike Winblad.

Moraine Rotary Supports Pirate Packs Food Assistance Program



President Martin Fitz of the Moraine Rotary Club presents a check for \$400 to Joe Cox of the Pirate Pack organization to cover the costs of weekend snacks for one weekend for all of the children in the program. Pirate Packs is a non-profit organization with a desire to meet nutritional needs of children by providing weekend food assistance to elementary students throughout the West Carrollton School District. "The public can support Pirate Pack by donating food, money or gift card donations," stated Cox. Food items (all individual serving sizes) such as

mac & cheese or vegetable microwave cups, fruit, applesauce or jell-o cups, cereal boxes and juice drink pouches can be dropped off at the following Moraine locations: Moraine City Baptist Church, 2748 Gladstone; Whitman's Ride Shop, 5410 Springboro Pike; Miami Shores Baptist Church, 4000 Vance. For more info go to www.piratepacks.org

Mason Deerfield Rotary Activities

The Mason Deerfield club is proud and honored to have Mike Kelly as a Rotarian. He has been a member since 1998 and served as President in 2010 2011. In addition to other club leadership roles, he served as Vice Chair of the club Foundation. At the district level, he has served as an Assistant Governor and on various committees. Mike is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. We are excited to have him as our district Governor for 2016-2017 knowing what a great leader he is.



The winner of Dayton Dragons Suite Raffle was Allen Mickellson. He will enjoy a luxury box for a Dayton Dragons a \$700 value and he only spent \$20. Thank to those who supported fund raising raffle.

Time to Register! Our annual Golf outing will be Monday August 29th 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



Troy Rotary Supports Students at Van Cleve School



On Tuesday, May 3rd, two Van Cleve students, their principal, a school counselor, and the executive director of The Future Begins Today attended Troy Rotary Club's weekly meeting to say thanks to Rotarians for their ongoing support each year.

The Future Begins Today's Natalie Rohlfs shared that, through the support of Troy Rotary Club members, 360 students at Van Cleve were able to attend WACO Air Museum for a day. This annual field trip gave the students a chance to design and launch rockets, sit in a real airplane, learn the history of flight and the WACO plant, and many other activities. Students Margaret Snee and Henry Johnston talked about their participation on the trip and how the hands-on experience was so important. They each said how exciting it was to see how things worked, not just be told how things worked.

Highlights from RYLA 2016



RYLA 2016 took place at Camp Kern on April 15-17, a beautiful sunny and dry weekend for our 88 Participating high school award winners. Representing 29 Rotary Clubs in District 6670, and over 40 High Schools, the students participated in adventure challenges, critical thinking exercises, project planning, fun motivating activities, and heard from 3 really awesome speakers.





