



# Rotary District 6670 Newsletter

## September 2015

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**Be a gift to the world**

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



Thank you all for the great hospitality when visiting your clubs! Proud to be a Rotarian and serving as your District Governor. There are great service projects and community based fundraising events throughout the District 6670. Please communicate with your public and share with the district.

**Trilogy** on September 9 was outstanding. We had over 110 Rotarians and students registered. Normandy Church graciously shared their facilities with us again. We learned about the Rotary Foundation, Polio Eradication and our Next Generation Programs. The high school students and district chairs shared information about RYLA, Interact, Rotaract, Four Way

Test Speech Contest and Youth Exchange. Please mark your calendars: RYLA April 15, 16, 17, Four Way Test Speech Contest April 10, Interact/Rotaract mini conference April 30 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

**Matching Gifts Campaign**-Rotary District 6670 is making a special offer. We will match your personal donation from \$100 on up to \$50,000 to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation. This is your opportunity to become a Paul Harris Fellow and earn a multiple Paul Harris Fellow! Mac Hickman, major donor chair, will be coordinating the program beginning September 9 and concluding October 15, 2015.

**Celebrating-Sharing your Gifts to the World!** This will be our theme for the April 29, 30, 2016 District Conference at the Marriott Hotel at Mason/Deerfield. We would like to celebrate our Rotary year and recognizes Rotarians and Clubs for their "Service above Self." We will, also, have a Interact/Rotaract mini-conference on Saturday April 30 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Please watch for more information and mark your calendars.

**Presidential Citation.** Please review President Ravi's criteria for the 2015-15 Presidential Citation. He challenges us to be World Class Districts, Leaders and Clubs. All of our 52 clubs are eligible. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2016. We will recognize our Clubs who receive this award at the District Conference.

**Strategic Planning and Vision.** As I mention during my visits, would like to complete a strategic plan and vision for the District this year. Our District Governor Elect Mike Kelly and District Governor Nominee are assisting me in the process along with the District's Strategic Planning committee.

Thank your for your service! "Service above Self"

## Moraine Bike Program for Project Congo

The Moraine Rotary Club partnered with the Kettering-Moraine Branch Library on a bike donation week with new or gently used bikes going to Project Congo which benefits Congolese refugees living in the Dayton area. The following is the story of one recipient. Roger and Daniel, a father and son each received bicycles. Daniel, who is from Congo and now lives in East Dayton, walks approximately two miles to Belmont High School each day. The bicycle helps him commute easier especially as temperatures drop. His father, Roger, who currently does not have a job but is a skilled tailor, uses his bike to get him to ESL classes and important orientation meetings at CSS.

## Rotary Club of Mason-Deerfield Happenings

### Upcoming Events

[District Trilogy](#)

September 09

[Rotary Leadership Institute](#)

November 14



It was great hearing from Haley Chalk, a graduate of Kings High School and one of our scholarship recipients. Haley is a fifth year engineering student at the University of Cincinnati. She is majoring in mechanical engineering and minoring in finance. She is in a five year program, which includes five semesters of co-op, in which she works for a company in her area of interest. Although students

usually do all five co-op semesters at the same location, Haley did two semesters at Biomet, one at GE Aviation, and two at P&G Cover Girl in Baltimore. Haley also told us about her trip to Costa Rica, where she worked with other students to help in community projects there.

Danette Miller also spoke in August. Danette recently went on a trip to Haiti with a group from her church. Haiti is the poorest and the hungriest nation in the world. We learned that it is difficult for outside groups to help Haiti, because the Haitian government seems to put roadblocks in the way. We found out the best way to help Haiti recover from the devastating earthquake, and the systemic poverty is to empower the local groups that are already there. Her trip was spent building these relationships with these organizations, and learning how they can help them.

We held another successful food drive for the Kings Food Pantry in August. Kroger's graciously allowed us to hold this event and we able to help fill up the pantry during a time where donations are slow.

## The Experience of a Youth Exchange Participating Student's Family

**by Sheena Liu (Mother of Sean Wang, Youth Exchange Student)**

I can hardly express my appreciation for all the effort of the people involved in the 2014-2015 Rotary YEP, but I'll try. First, I'd like to thank the host families, Kim and Connor Bramlage and Sarah Fields and Mike Carey. Kim and Connor were such good hosts. Kim encouraged Sean to participate in many activities, allowing him to immerse himself in the experience and Connor was like a brother to him, introducing Sean to all his friends and helping him feel a strong connection with his school. Kim pushed him out of his comfort



zone, with classes and typical American activities, and she was able to pull strings if necessary. Sara and Mike are both well-educated and sophisticated. They also brought my son along on family trips, enabling him to visit Cleveland, Pittsburgh, and the Great Lakes region and to try those areas' local specialties. This gave him a sense of the size and geography of America. This year that Sean spent in America certainly expanded his horizons was a character-building experience for him. I can feel a change in Sean's personality. He is more confident, independent and mature. Besides that, living in a multicultural society has awoken curiosity in him and he is now looking forward to higher education in America. Next, I would like to thank every Dayton Rotarian for putting in a

lot of effort to make the YEP such a success and I would like to thank all the YEOs from District 6670 for completing the paperwork and arranging wonderful excursions to Florida, New York, and a cross-country trip to California and all over the American West. I was very impressed by their online newspaper "Smile" published by Rotary Club of Dayton. Finally, I would like to thank the Rotary staffers and counselors, particularly Heath MacAlpine, who did such a good job with matching the participants and their Rotary sponsors, Past President Steve Naas, Brady Kress, Mona Vollmer, Michael Roediger, Brad Eaton, and particularly Carolyn Rice, who provided us with food and lodging. I also have to mention that we had so much fun at the baseball game and banquet with the local Rotarians. They are so funny and fun to hang around with. Our family especially enjoyed the vacation at the end of it. It was nice to meet many Rotarians face-to-face. Kim arranged a fun-filled itinerary around Dayton, introducing us to local culture and taking us to visit a few local universities. Sara and Mike were great hosts. We had a wonderful dinner party at their house. We also enjoyed a pleasant afternoon conversation when we visited Chen Ya and David Lightle. Everyone made us feel like family. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite the people that we met to stay at our house if they visit Taiwan. I would be happy to show them around La Isla Formosa. All in all, this has been such a great experience for my family that I will encourage other students to try to participate in the YEP.

## Sidney Rotary Upcoming Programs

We will be having a joint meeting with Sidney Kiwanis club on Tuesday, October 6. Time is 11:30 at Sidney Moose (same location we currently meet but different time). Guest speaker is U.S. Representative Jim Jordan. Since we are meeting on Tuesday, there is no meeting scheduled for Monday, October 5.

October 12 – meeting is offsite and will not be held at Sidney Moose – Meeting is scheduled for noon at Dorothy Love Retirement Community (DLRC); 3003 Cisco Road; Sidney, OH – program is to showcase DLRC new state of the art short term rehabilitation center-one of a kind in our region.

October 19 – meeting is offsite and will not be held at Sidney Moose – Meeting is scheduled for noon at Tawawa Park (Bertsch Shelter House); 12 Tawawa Drive; Sidney, OH - The Sidney Rotary Club is supporting a project to perform upgrades at the Bertsch Shelter House at Tawawa Park; the goal is to have enhancements complete by May 2016; we will hold a meeting at the shelter house in October and next spring so members have the opportunity to see the "before" and "after" images of the shelter house.

## Troy Rotary Helps Sponsor Lincoln Community Center's "Back to School Bash"



Looking good and being prepared to learn helps any child head back to school feeling confident and ready to succeed. It's this philosophy that pervaded Lincoln Community Center, 110 Ash Street in Troy, on Sunday, August 16 as the staff and local sponsors offered the third



annual "Back to School Bash" for Troy area students. A total of 172 school-aged children enjoyed the fun filled afternoon, getting haircuts, collecting school supplies and celebrating the end of summer together before heading to class on August 19.



As they return to school, the students now have book bags, notebooks, calculators, paper, pencils, protractors, compasses, binders, index cards and tab sets supplied by Troy Rotary Club. "In the three years that we've hosted this event, we have seen the number of participants continue to grow," said Rotarian Shane Carter, executive director of Lincoln Community Center. "We are very excited that Rotary helps us get these students ready to head back to school with the supplies they will need, starting day one," he added.

Along with Rotary, the event is supported by Omega Psi Phi - Xi Iota Iota Chapter, Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, Troy-Miami County Public Library and Trojan Insurance Agency in Troy. "All our sponsors continue to be very generous in their support of this program," said Carter. "It's with their ongoing assistance that we continue to help more and more local students be ready for school each year," he noted. To learn more about programs offered at the center, visit their Web site at [www.lcctroy.com](http://www.lcctroy.com).

## Miamisburg Rotary Donation to Campus Quest

Several members of the Miamisburg Rotary took to the field Friday night, August 28<sup>th</sup>, during the half-time of the Miamisburg Vikings football home opener. In a special presentation, the Rotarians presented a check for \$51,633.65 to the Miamisburg City School District Campus Quest Project. The Campus Quest Project is intended to be a privately funded plan to construct a new sports complex, including a 5400 seat stadium, on the Miamisburg High School grounds. Phase I of the project is set to begin this fall.

The donation to Campus Quest is the largest single contribution ever made by the Miamisburg Rotary Club. Earlier this year, The Miamisburg Rotary Club made another significant donation of \$40,076.00 to the Plaza Theatre Project. Additionally, the Rotary has donated over \$12,000.00 to several community organizations. These donations were raised through their member base, supporters and friends of the Miamisburg Rotary Club.

Other fund raising efforts include the Annual Esther Philhower Charitable Auction in the spring and the upcoming River Blast on Saturday, September 5, 2015 where volunteers will be selling cotton candy, water and soft drinks. The oldest fund raising program is the Annual Pancake Day Breakfast which is held on the first Saturday in December at Miamisburg High School. Funds raised through the efforts of Miamisburg Rotarians, families and friends provide an opportunity to give back to the community.

The Miamisburg Rotary Club is a service organization made up of business people and professionals that has been an integral part of the Miamisburg Community since 1922. Their motto is, "Service above self".

If you would like to learn more about the Miamisburg Rotary, you can visit their website at [www.miamisburgrotary.org](http://www.miamisburgrotary.org). Weekly meetings are held at the Baum Opera House on Wednesday at Noon for those interested in joining the Rotary. Great things are happening in Miamisburg and the Miamisburg Rotary club is proud to be a part! Go Vikings!!!!



From left to right: Rotary Past-President and Mayor of Miamisburg Dick Church, Rotarian Bob Nicholas and son, Rotary Past-President Tom Nicholas, Rotary Community Services

Director Niels Winther, Rotary Youth Services Director Bob Adams, Rotary Club Secretary Barry Barnhart, Rotary Past-President Keith Basinger, Rotary Club Treasurer Judy McCartney, Rotarian Bill Skudlarek, Rotary Past-President and Fund Raising Chair Debbie McLaughlin, Miamisburg City Schools Athletic Director Jason Osborne, Rotarian Jeff Nestor, Rotarian and Miamisburg City Schools Superintendent Dr. David Vail, and Miamisburg City Schools Board of Education President Danielle Kuehnle

## Rotary Youth Exchange Students from Bosnia Herzegovina Coming to Dayton

November 21, 2015 will be the 20 year anniversary of the signing of the Dayton Peace Accords. There will be a series of events commemorating this important historical event and several Dayton Rotarians have been involved in the planning process for nearly a year. Last winter when the University of Dayton created three fellowships in collaboration with the US Embassy in Bosnia Herzegovina to bring university students to Dayton to study and participate in the 20th commemoration event ([DPA@20](#)), Dayton Rotarian Carolyn Rice was inspired to see if Rotary Youth Exchange could possibly recruit some high school students from Bosnia Herzegovina to come here for the 2015-2016 school year and also participate in the [DPA@20](#).



The Dayton Rotary Board and club leadership agreed it was a great idea worth pursuing so the next step was getting approval from District 6670 and the Ohio- Erie Rotary Youth Exchange leadership. Despite starting the process late in the year and requesting students from a specific country to come to our District, the request was approved. The next challenge was to figure out what clubs, what specific individuals in Bosnia Herzegovina (District 1910) needed to be contacted to find out if they would be interested and able to sponsor a

student or students to come to District 6670? Carolyn went to the Rotary International website and began to identify and send out emails to Rotary Clubs in District 1910. Several clubs responded right away and fortunately all contacts in Bosnia Herzegovina were very proficient in English which aided our communication efforts immensely.

As a result, the Rotary Club of Dayton is sponsoring both students from Bosnia Herzegovina for the coming school year. Carolyn and Mike Rice are hosting Lana Kovacevic, a 16 year old girl from Mostar, in their home this fall. Lana is attending the Dayton Early College Academy (DECA). Ashley and Emily Webb are hosting Armin Ljescanin, a 17 year old boy from Bihac, and he is attending Kettering Fairmont. Both Lana and Armin will soon be getting acquainted with the three Bosnian students who are attending the University of Dayton this year because all five will play an important role by representing the youth of their country during the upcoming [DPA@20](#) events.



The Rotary Club of Dayton will be hosting an overnight during these events for all the inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students so they too can participate in these important events. The exchange students will be attending the screening of the documentary "The Diplomat", a film highlighting the life of Richard Holbrooke who is credited with bringing all parties together in order to reach the Dayton Peace Accords twenty years ago.

## District Governor Visits Farmersville Club



Rotary International District 6670 Governor Bill Shula made his official visit to the Rotary Club of Farmersville on August 10th. He was accompanied by Assistant Governor Wendy Kissel. DG Shula shared his District goals for the 2015-2016 year and emphasized the Rotary International theme of "Be a Gift to the World." During the meeting Club President, PDG Orville Bantz, installed Marilyn Thomas as the newest member of Farmersville Rotary. Sandy Gebhart, a recent new club member and Beth Pryor, one of the Interact faculty

advisors were introduced to the District Governor. Interact, a Rotary sponsored service club at Valley View High School is jointly supported by the Farmersville and Germantown Rotary Clubs. Interact faculty advisors are Beth Pryor and Heather Keating.

## Batavia Rotary Offers Networking Night

Union Township, Clermont County, Ohio -- The next Rotary Networking Night will take place on Tuesday, September 29, at the Holiday Inn and Suites, Eastgate. This event is sponsored by the Batavia Rotary Club and gives the community an opportunity to learn about Rotary's motto "Service Above Self" and how to become involved with service projects in Clermont County. Club members will be available to discuss the organization's mission and the many charities they support each year.



A short business meeting will take place before a keynote presentation by Nico Straathof of Operation Main Street Speakers Bureau. This is a free speakers' bureau that offers trained, experienced volunteer speakers who talk about how food is grown and raised in America today. Straathof is the owner-manager of Holland-Pyke, LLC in New Holland, Ohio, specializing in pork production. He is originally from The Netherlands and has been a member of the Ohio Pork Producers Council since 2007.

The Batavia Rotary Networking Night begins at 5:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and Suites Eastgate on September 29. For more information or to RSVP, contact (513) 201-7707 or [RotaryClub.Batavia@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryClub.Batavia@gmail.com)

## 70th Annual Rotary United Nations Day

Miep Gies, an ordinary secretary in Germany during World War II, was asked to host two families in her home. She said yes. The Guardian wrote that in an email to the Associated Press, shortly before her 100th birthday, Miep Gies who hosted two Jewish families in her home in Nazi Germany, wrote, "This is so very unfair. So many others have done the same or even far more dangerous work."

Writing about Miep Gies and her household in her diary, Anne Frank said, "Never have they uttered a single word about the burden we must be, never have they complained that we were too much trouble."



In 1997 Geis told schoolchildren: "I don't want to be considered a hero. Imagine young people would grow up with the feeling that you have to be a hero to do your human duty. I am afraid nobody would ever help other people, because who is a hero? I was not. I was just an ordinary housewife and secretary."

Anne Frank wrote in her diary, "They come upstairs every day and talk to the men about business and politics, to the women about food and wartime difficulties and to the children about books and newspapers."



When I attended my first Rotary International United Nations Day two years ago, with a couple thousand other Rotarians all over the world, we were all introduced to officials of the United Nations who would start their address to us by thanking us for their experience as a Youth Exchange Student. Everyone of them said their Youth Exchange experience added to their commitment to seek peace and freedom for everyone in the world through a career in diplomacy. I thought of Anne Frank's host family.

I've been a Youth Exchange Host Family twice. Once for Pui, a girl from Thailand; and once for Daniel, a boy from Paraguay. Never did I think of myself as a peacemaker. But many, many diplomats and staff members working at the United Nations tie their Rotary Youth Exchange experience directly to peacemaking and diplomacy.

This year Rotarians celebrate the 70th anniversary of Rotary's involvement in chartering the United Nations. It began in 1942-43 with London hosting 22 countries sending Rotarians who were also diplomats to discuss how to "build peace in the minds of men and women." The result was the United Nations Education Scientific and Cultural Organization. At the end of World War II, 50 Rotarians, 11 recruited by the US State Department, gathered in San Francisco to write the charter. The UN is not a government, it does not make laws. And, when you read the preamble of the UN Charter, you can hear the Rotary human rights legacy of cooperation for the sake of world peace and understanding "to make social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom," as well as, "to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples."

So this year consider recommitting yourself to the ideals of peacemaking and human rights in business and society for which Rotary and the United Nations stand. What could you do? For starters you could volunteer at the district level. If 20% of the membership do 80% of the work, the district needs 800 volunteers. Youth Exchange needs an incoming and outgoing chairperson as well as committee members. Youth Exchange has been around since 1929 beginning in Europe. It didn't make it to the states till 1935. The District Rotaract and Interact Committees need volunteers. Early Rotaract started in Great Britain in 1914 and were called Round Table Clubs. Have a passion? The District could use your help.

Finally, the new District Rotary United Nations Relationship Committee is promoting RI UN Day, always the first Saturday in November in Manhattan at the UN Headquarters. You could also join the UN Global Compact if your business has ten employees or more, or if you work at a university, municipality or non-profit. The Global Compact is a voluntary initiative of the UN Economic and Social Council inviting business and their stakeholders world wide to align their business around human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption. For more information go to [http://empathysurplus.com/rotary/?recruiter\\_id=2](http://empathysurplus.com/rotary/?recruiter_id=2)

## Moraine Rotary Club Participates in Moraine National Night Out

Moraine Rotary Club members participated in the City of Moraine's "National Night Out" on Tuesday, August 4th at the Payne Recreation Center in Moraine. The event was organized by Moraine Rotary Past President Grace Neal and featured a bike rodeo courtesy of the Moraine Police Department and Moraine Walmart, a taser demonstration, K-9 demonstration, educational booths and the Fire Safe House for kids. Moraine Rotary provided free hot dogs and ice cream for the large crowd.



## Troy Rotarians Host Miami County Visitors &

## Convention Bureau

The Troy Rotary Club hosted Diane Thompson, executive director of the Miami County Visitors & Convention Bureau at our meeting on Tuesday, August 18. She reviewed the vision and strategic planning involved with growing shopping, visiting, touring and staying in the surrounding area. She also highlighted how the brand, slogan and logo of [Home.Grown.Great](#) will continue to help promote Troy and the Miami County through videos and other promotions.



## Union County Rotary Welcomes Exchange Student



The Union County Rotary club is excited to introduce our incoming exchange student, Leslie, from Mexico!

She is pictured here with our club president, Pete Emmons, and our District Governor William Shula and Assistant Governor Brent Ross.

She will be attending Fairbanks High School this year and assisting our club in various service projects.

**Welcome, Leslie!**

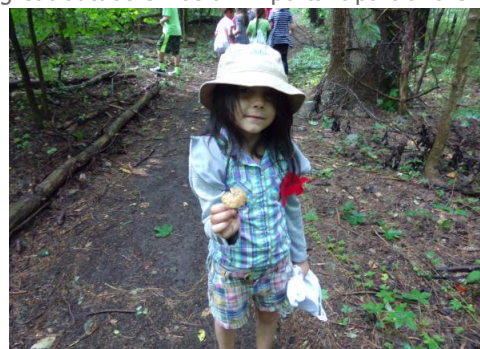
## Troy Rotary Sponsors Summer Camp at Brukner Nature Center



School was still a few weeks away but, for 16 children from Garden Manor, combining summer fun and learning new things was easy at a weeklong camp at Brukner Nature Center offered August 3-7, 2015. Thanks to the support of Troy Rotary, the 16 children, ages 6-11, had hands-on education to understand the importance of wildlife and wild places. Throughout the week, they spent time learning about preservation and conservation by meeting wildlife in their own habitat.

Now in its third year, Rotarians provided transportation to and from the center for the campers each day where they enjoyed breakfast and healthy snacks. After spending hours filled with fun activities at the center, the children took home butterfly nets, field guides, crafts, bug jars, a special camp journal and a commemorative T-shirt. Having the right equipment to explore the great outdoors was an important part of the

experience, so each child received a pair of Crocs for wading in the creek. Every camper also received a new pair of athletic shoes and socks they can wear back to school later this month, all provided through the Rotarians' support. Located at 5995 Horseshoe Bend Road in Troy, Brukner Nature Center offers various programs throughout the year, and the public is always welcome. Members enjoy free admission every day, and admission for nonmembers is \$2.50 per person or \$10 per family most days, payable by cash or check.





Admission is free on Sundays. To learn more about Brukner Nature Center, visit [www.bruknernaturecenter.com](http://www.bruknernaturecenter.com).

## Wilmington AM Rotary Invites you to Participate in Cardboard City Fundraiser



The Wilmington AM Rotary Club and the Clinton County Homeless Shelter (CCHS) would like to invite you to participate in CARDBOARD CITY 2015! The event will be held on Saturday, September 19th at 6 p.m. to Sunday, September 20th at 5 a.m. at our new location of the Clinton County Courthouse parking lot.

CARDBOARD CITY is the largest fundraising event of the year for the Clinton County Homeless Shelter and the Wilmington AM Rotary Club is proud to have sponsored this event for the past 16-years. Participants will be building houses from

cardboard and then sleeping in them for a night to gain perspective on what it may feel like to be homeless. They will also participate in a community exchange of ideas, goals, and facts.

If you are not up to spending the night in a cardboard box, you, your family, your business, church, club or organization can still participate in this wonderful event:

- Donate to CARDBOARD CITY to support the shelter in the important and necessary services to less fortunate individuals and families of Clinton County. Checks should be made payable to Clinton County Homeless Shelter and mailed to Cardboard City 2015, c/o 253 Linkhart Road, Wilmington, OH 45177.
- Form a team to build a structure in our CANstruction Contest at CARDBOARD CITY! This year's theme is movie characters! So start planning your structure of your favorite movie character and remember your structure needs to be built out of can goods, box goods, toiletries, etc. and at the conclusion of the contest, all items will be donated to CCHS. The winning team will receive a traveling trophy and bragging rights for a year.
- Join us at 8:00pm at CARDBOARD CITY for the first annual "Hands Together for Homelessness" event. We are hoping to form a human chain around the entire block of the Clinton County Courthouse to raise the awareness of homelessness in the area and the work being done by the CCHS.

The CCHS provides emergency shelter, compassionate care and support to the homeless and underprivileged in Clinton County while remembering each resident is a person of worth. Each night they can house up to 38 men, women and children. In 2014, were home for 226 individuals including 48 children. They called the shelter home for 7,314 nights and nights and were served 36,570 meals/snacks. They also offer a 24-hour food pantry for those in need which served over 3,800 individuals and families in the community last year. In addition to providing shelter, CCHS offer counseling and resources to the families they serve to help them regain their independence and dignity. They not only assist them in finding affordable housing, but also help them acquire the tools needed to turn their lives around.

Our objective is to raise funds to keep the shelter open through the generosity of the Clinton County community leaders, individuals, businesses, churches, youth, and civic organizations. We are sure you agree that the shelter provides important and necessary services to less fortunate individuals and families of Clinton County.

Don't miss out! We invite you to participate as an individual or form a team! Contact Sigrid Solomon at 937-382-6661 or Denise Stryker at 937-382-6272.

## Middletown Rotary Activities

July and August proved to be quite busy for the Middletown Club. The transition for Dora Bronston into her new Presidential role was dynamic. Her college Organizational Behavior course became useful to apply.

New member, Marsha Robinson, was inducted within a month. Then Pres. Dora brought in three new members in during the month of August: Todd Moore, Tina Whitaker, and Patty Caldwell. Because her focus is on retention, she made every effort to not only recruit new members but place the new members into leadership roles with the wisdom and guidance from older members.

An Interact program is evolving in both the Monroe and Middletown School Districts. Middletown is geared up to launch the Roteract program at Miami University.

The speakers continue to add valuable insight to what's happening in the Middletown community. Author Richard Adams spoke and made his book available to the public. Other speakers like Adrienne Scheerer, Jeff Diver, Sam Ashworth, Mallory Greenham, and Dana Oakley presented with business savvy.

The first Club Assembly spotlighted the committee leaders and plans for the year. Special Projects Chair, Kip Moore, is proposing an evening club meeting to attract young professionals. Membership Chair, Dan Flory, compiled a new member packet and reviewed the recent member survey. Despite numerous excellent markings, there is still room to improve according to written personal comments which were forwarded to the club Board. One club member is a local news reporter and produced a well written article in the Middletown Journal News Thursday September 3, 2015 which is worth your reading.