



Rotary District 6670 Newsletter

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District Governor's Update..Rotary Serving Humanity



One of the real joys of this season is the special opportunity to consider all of our blessings and reflect on the many things for which we have to be thankful. It also provides the opportunity for me to say thank you to each of you for your focus on "Serving Humanity." Thank you for your commitment to Rotary and serving your respective communities. The District leadership team and I appreciate the many things that you do. The world needs each of us and the world needs Rotary.

DG Mike Kelly on the right, Rotary Sponsor and Mentor Bob Williams on the left

As we enter the mid point of the 2016-2017 Rotary year, we have made tremendous strides towards achieving our annual goals. Your focus on the areas of membership, new generations, leadership, public awareness, and The Rotary Foundation are noticed and appreciated. I look forward to

celebrating our progress and achievements with you at our District Conference April 28 and 29th at the Marriott Northeast in Mason, OH.

Regarding the conference, we are planning a tremendous celebration. Registration for the conference is officially open. Please go on-line to DACdb or in the next few days, the district website and register as soon as possible. This will be a fun and memorable celebration/party in honor of our Rotary International Centennial. We have a phenomenal group of speakers scheduled such as Sylvia Whitlock, the first woman Rotary International Club President. Additional information will be shared in the weeks to come. My hope is that every Rotarian within our district will attend and bring a friend.

I wish each of you and your families a safe, blessed and joyous Christmas and all the best during the New Year and beyond. My hope is that we will finish strong as we maintain our focus on "Rotary Serving Humanity" during the remainder of this Rotary year.

District Extends Point Match Program

The District Governor, with advice from the District Rotary Foundation Committee, has extended the point matching program to December 31.

Please make your checks payable to The Rotary Foundation.

There are no half points, so please round up to the next dollar. Please bear in mind the holiday season. Mail will be an issue so please donate early. We have



ASSISTANT GOVERNOR

Sigrid Solomon

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Events

September 2016

09/07 - District Trilogy

November 2016

11/05 - Rotary Leadership Institute

January 2017

01/25 - Selection of District

Governor 2019-20 at Wetherington

Country Club in West Chester

February 2017

02/24 - Rotary Foundation District

100 Year Celebration with RI Past

President Ray Klingensmith

April 2017

04/02 - District Four Way Test

Speech Contest

04/21 - RYLA Conference

04/22 - Rotary Leadership Institute

04/28 - District 6670 Conference

June 2017

06/10 - RI Convention and

Foundation Centennial Celebration,

Atlanta, GA

points left and we look forward to awarding them.

Remember, \$500 brings 500 points and a Paul Harris Fellowship.

As before, please send to:

Frank H Scott

c/o Laura Erbaugh

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Selection of District Governor 2019-2020

We are beginning the search for the Rotarian who will be our District Governor for the Rotary Year 2019-2020. This process ends with the announcement of the new District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) at the 2016 District Conference.

Rotary International requires that the person nominated will follow a two-year process of training and preparation before assuming the role of District Governor. During the 2017-2018 Rotary year, the selected individual will be the District Governor Nominee (DGN). This role includes observation and training, and participation at District events. It also includes participation at the Rotary Zone 30-31 training institute in Springfield, IL September 5-7, 2017, the All-Ohio Presidents-Elect Training Seminar in March 2018, and participating as a non-voting member of key district committees.

During the 2018-2019 Rotary year, the selected individual will be the District Governor-Elect (DGE). The official election will take place at the 2017 District Conference. Training and observation activities continue, including participation at the Zone training institute in September or October 2017, and at the Rotary International Assembly (an assembly and training program for District Governors-Elect from all 537 Rotary Districts in the world) in San Diego in January 2019. The DGE will also be the lead District participant for the All-Ohio Presidents-Elect Training Seminar in March 2019.

The elected individual will become District Governor on July 1, 2019.

Our district utilizes a Nominating Committee process. **Interested applicants must submit their completed application to Past District Governor Bill Shula, Chair of the Nominating Committee, prior to January 10, 2017.** The Chair must review the application to ensure that the required elements are included and that the applicant meets all of the requirements set forth by RI and our District. **Interviews of selected applicants by the committee will take place on Wednesday January 25, 2017 at Wetherington Country Club after 5pm.**

Your help in identifying those qualified applicants would be appreciated. Please look within your club and within your Rotary network to identify those Rotarians who met the qualifications and have the desire to get involved at the District level. Feel free to approach he or she or contact Bill Shula, PDG, your Assistant Governor or any other member of the District Nominating Committee and he or she will be glad to reach out and answer all of their questions. The work that we do today will reap benefits for our District, Clubs and Rotarians in the future. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

If you have questions, call Bill Shula at 513-739-8672, or e-mail him at billshularotary@gmail.com

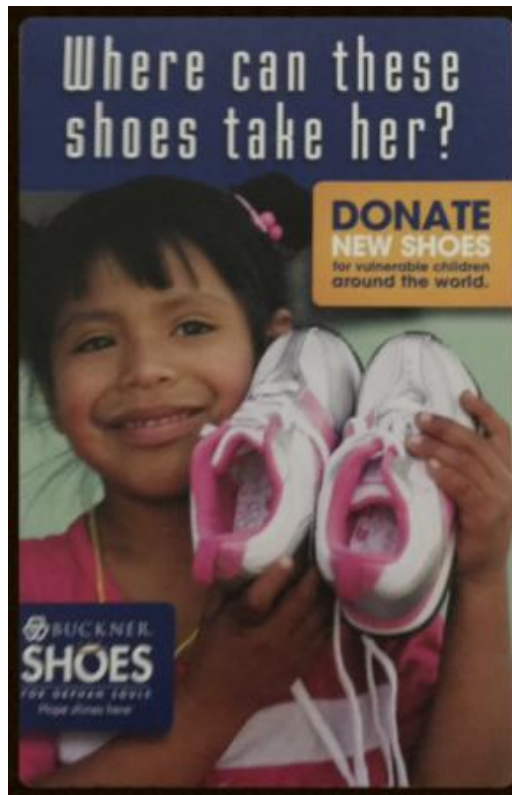
DOWNLOAD LINKS

[RI district governor-nominee form](#)

[District 6670 Governor Application](#)

The Qualifications, Requirements and Instructions can be found on the District website. www.rotary6670.org under the link Our District - then Nominating.

Shoes for Orphan Souls District 6670 Service Project



District 6670 is entering the 10th year of collecting SHOES! In 9 years we have collected almost 10,000 pairs of shoes for the underprivileged children in the world. Thank you to all Rotarians who were involved and celebrate this milestone! Let's make this our best year ever!

WHY? The need has increased in the past couple of years from 143 million to 153 million of children forced to live in extreme poverty. The shoes we collect provide the opportunity for a child to receive an education as most schools require them to have a pair of shoes to attend, and protect their feet from the rocky terrain the walk on to fetch water, eliminating cuts leading to parasites and disease.

Buckner SHOES For ORPHAN SOULS...not only providing shoes for orphans and children living in extreme poverty, but the connection with these children leads to further assistance through BUCKNER in various ways!

WE ALL make a difference and hope your club will engage in the business of collecting shoes and socks this year!

33 clubs participated last year collecting over 3000 pairs of shoes, almost 2500 pairs of socks, and \$1500! That is our Rotarian spirit to serve in a big way!

Consider involving your INTERACT and ROTARACT clubs. Several clubs are excited for the opportunity to engage in this important service project, and it also is a good way to connect the youth to your club!

PLEASE contact Wendy Kissel wckissel@gmail.com 513-267-9541 for more information..

Permanent Tee Pads Installed at Rotary Disc Golf Course



The Moraine Rotary Club and the Moraine Street Department began installing permanent concrete tee pads to four of the holes at the Moraine Rotary Disc Golf Course at Deer Meadow Park in Moraine. The 18 hole disc course is very popular since its opening in September 2015. Installation of additional concrete tee pads will continue through Spring 2017.

Mason Rotary Club Distributes Thanksgiving Meals

The Rotary Club of Mason-Deerfield took time off from their Thanksgiving celebrations to deliver meals to 66 less fortunate families on the holiday. The meals were paid for by the Rotary Club, Luxotica and Kroger. Families receiving the turkey dinners, complete with pumpkin pie and a sparkling beverage were located in the Kings and Mason School Districts.



Pictured: Left to Right
Rotarians Bill Kramer, Garry Kohn, Jane Conn, Scott Miller, Steve Cantrell

Moraine Rotary Donates to Christmas Smiles

The Moraine Rotary Club donated \$250 to the Moraine Christmas Smiles Program, an annual special holiday program which provides food baskets and toys for needy Moraine children. Moraine Rotarian Dave Miller presented the check to Christmas Smiles Director Kim Wallace. In addition, individual Moraine Rotarians adopted children from the program and purchased three gifts per child. Over 150 children benefit from the Christmas Smiles Program.



Piqua Rotary "Home for the Holiday" Fundraiser Raises in Excess of \$70K

The "Home for a Holiday" fundraiser sponsored by the Piqua Rotary Club on Dec. 1 kicked off earlier that day when an Edison State Community College student enroute to class stopped to inquire why AVI Chef Don Walters was constructing a brick house centerpiece for the reception that evening in the college's atrium. Walters replied it was the cornerstone for an event dedicated to raise money and build homes for Haitians displaced by the 2010 earthquake.

From the time the student handed Walters a \$5 bill to the end of the gala when a benevolent couple offered to purchase four homes at a cost of \$6,400 each, the day was a welcomed Christmas gift for Rotarians who generated in excess of \$70,000 or the equivalent of 10 homes for the Haitians who've remained in tent cities the past six years. And, even better, monies collected are being matched by an anonymous donor doubling the number of homes to be built in 2017.

Rotary's World Service Chair Sharon Semanie suggests the successful event, which was held in partnership with the international relief organization Food for the Poor, was "nothing short of a miracle" adding monies continue to arrive on a daily basis. An

updated report is expected soon.

"Nearly one and one-half years ago I was challenged by Ben Scott Sr. of Piqua to raise \$6,400 within the Piqua community to build a home in Haiti," began Semanie, who at the time had written a story in the Piqua Daily Call about Ben and Louise Scott's efforts to redevelop Haiti together with neighbors in Boca Grande, FL. Within the past six years the group has worked tirelessly with Food for the Poor to provide over 227 homes, community centers, clinics and farm animals for Haitians described as the "poorest of the poor".

Semanie turned to the Piqua Rotary Club whose motto "Service Above Self" and initiatives parallel with the needs of the Haitians. Together with a committee comprised of President Diana Davis, Kazy Hinds, Paul Gutmann, Melissa Leingang, Cheryl-Stiefel Francis, Scott Miller, Chuck Black, and Dr. Nancy Luce, Semanie and the World Service group focused their efforts on identifying sponsors and selling tickets for the Dec. 1 which attracted over 100 guests. Special guests included District Governor Mike Kelly and his wife, Melinda.

After enjoying Caribbean-inspired appetizers prepared by Walters and listening to a steel drum performance by Edison English Professor Brian Leingang, Rotarians and other attendees adjourned to the theatre where Scott emceed a program in tandem with Angel Alamo, executive director of Food for the Poor, who was as keynote speaker. Both provided an inspiring overview of Haiti's impoverished situation and a video taken there in September.

The evening culminated when Mark Murphy of Piqua auctioned a week-long stay on Block Island, R.I. donated by former Piqua native Terri (Snipes) Chmiel along with several membership packages to Anytime Fitness.

In addition to the fundraiser, students at Rotary-sponsored Interact Clubs at both Piqua High School and Lehman Catholic High School responded enthusiastically to a "Pennies for Haiti" campaign. They challenged classmates at both schools to donate whatever amount they could around the Thanksgiving holiday. PHS to date has turned over nearly \$750 with the winning fifth period class of Mrs. Kathy Hoying contributing \$97.12 and awarded a pizza party. The LCHS Interact members collected \$1,400 with the winning homeroom enjoying a breakfast prepared by Adviser Leah Bertke.

"We're overjoyed with the response to this fundraiser," noted Semanie, who attributes much of its success to generous sponsors and a healthy dose of "divine intervention". "Many individuals have asked how they can respond even though they were unable to attend. The Piqua Rotary Club has prepared cards for individuals who want to provide a gift in honor/memory of a loved one. These cards can be obtained by calling me at (937) 615-9335 or emailing sharon.semanie@gmail.com." Donations can also be mailed to the Piqua Rotary Club, P.O. Box 219 Piqua, OH. 45356.

When asked his response to the Rotary event, Scott replied "I am in awe of what has happened since the Piqua Rotary Club sponsored its fundraiser to raise money to build homes in Haiti. The generosity of so many people exploded, collecting to date over \$70,00, far exceeded my expectations. At the event I showed a video depicting the conditions in which the Haitian people are living and it is most horrific. No one should have to live like this. It must have touched many hearts because people responded generously. I want to thank all those kind and generous people who have given to this project and encourage others to consider helping. The money we have raised so far will build 10 homes for the Haitian people and for this they will be forever grateful. You cannot believe what a difference a home makes to a Haitian family."

President Diana Davis added "I am pleased that Piqua Rotary was able to team up with Ben Scott Sr. for this worthy cause. Rotary is an international organization committed to service, our local community and the world. We are a strong organization because, as members, we pool our resources and use our talents to serve our communities. These ideas are best expressed in our motto "Service Above Self". I am proud of our local club for its support in this Haitian project to help the citizens of this proud country to rise above the devastation of the many hurricanes which have ripped through one of the most hurricane-prone countries in the world. We are local Rotarians serving humanity and building homes in Haiti one block at a time."



Shown in photo (left to right) are Food for the Poor Executive Director Angel Aloma, Rotary President Diana Davis, Sharon Semanie and Emcee Ben Scott Sr., of Piqua.

Rotary Club of Cincinnati Honor Cincinnati Public School Teachers



For over a decade, the Rotary Club of Cincinnati has been annually honoring outstanding individuals who serve the public: Cincinnati Police Officers, Firefighters and Hamilton County Sheriff Officers and employees. Now a new annual program has been initiated to honor the excellent work of four Cincinnati Public School teachers, including principals. This program for educators was initiated by Rotarian Dr. Hux Miller, a former club board member. Dr. Miller works with another club member, Superintendent of Cincinnati Public Schools, Mary Ronan, who selects four honorees each year. The year 2016 marked the second year of the program, which included videos introducing each of the four honorees in their school settings. The videos are a great way to demonstrate why these educators were chosen including testimonials from other teachers, administrators and students. Each honoree is given an opportunity to say a few words at the podium. A donation is made to each of the honorees home schools. Amid standing ovations and a few tears, our club has thoroughly enjoyed letting these hard-working and wonderful educators know how much we, as Rotarians, value their public service.

Submitted by Rotary Club of Cincinnati Rotarian, Deborah E. Schultz

Troy and West Milton Rotary Clubs Kick Off 16th Annual Designated Driver Campaign

As 2016 draws to a close, social calendars will fill up with parties and get togethers across Miami County. It's a time for laughter and joy, not for dangerous driving and potential harm on the area highways and byways. To help residents make smart decisions for celebrating the holidays, local Rotary clubs will kick off the 16th annual "Designated Driver" button campaign to help promote safe, sober driving during the final weeks of the year.



On Tuesday, December 6th, Troy Rotarian Dr. Michael Pope will host the official kickoff at the Troy Country Club, 1830 Peters Road, at 10:30 AM. Representatives from the Troy and West Milton Rotary clubs, the Miami County Sheriff's Office, and the Ohio Highway Patrol will be there to help support the launch. The gold and blue "Designated Driver" buttons will be distributed to area bars, restaurants, banks and drive-thru businesses during the holiday season. The State Liquor store will hand out 1,000 to customers while thousands more will be available in Troy, Tipp City and West Milton establishments.

According to area law enforcement, there have not been any alcohol-related fatal accidents during the holiday season in Miami County in the past 15 years. It's due, in part, to programs such as this Rotary campaign. The buttons are a visual reminder of the need to have a sober, designated driver instead of getting behind the wheel of a car after consuming alcohol at parties or celebrations. The button program is Pope's brainchild. "It has been a privilege for Rotary clubs to help our friends in Miami County have a safe holiday season through this campaign," he noted.

Bellefontaine Rotary Holds First Annual Scholarship Pancake Breakfast



On November 5th, the Bellefontaine Rotary Club served over 668 meals at their First Annual Scholarship Pancake Breakfast!

The event was held at Ohio Hi-Point Career Center in Bellefontaine and there was face painting and a balloon artist for the kids, as well as local school entertainment including the Benjamin Logan HS Jazz Combo, Indian Lake HS Meistersingers, and Ohio Hi-Point Acapella Group.

Moraine Rotary Sponsors Annual Police/Fire Luncheon



The Moraine Rotary Club sponsored its 9th annual Moraine Police/Fire Appreciation Lunch held November 12 at the City of Moraine Payne Recreation Center. Rotary Club members and community residents and businesses provide entrees, side dishes, deserts and refreshments for the Moraine Safety Service Staff. "We are proud of our fire fighters and police officers who put their lives on the line every day to protect and to serve our community," stated Moraine Rotary President Don Schweitzer. In addition, students from two local elementary schools and the teens from the Moraine Reach Program wrote cards thanking the police and fire staff. After the lunch the extra food was taken back to the three fire and police stations so that second and third shift staff could enjoy the great food.

Rotary Clubs of Farmersville and Germantown Donate Dictionaries



The annual project of donating dictionaries to all 3rd. grade students at the primary school in the Valley View School District was recently completed. Copies of Webster's Dictionary for Students were purchased by the Rotary Clubs of Farmersville and Germantown. Dictionaries were presented to students by several members of both clubs.

Mason Deerfield Rotary Reverse Raffle

Looking for a great time! Register now for the Saturday January 28th 2017 Mason Deerfield Rotary Club Reverse Raffle. This will take place at the Cincinnati Marriott Northeast. We will be allowing more participants this year so more fun will be had by all. For more information and to receive a brochure please email nicole@choosereliance.com. This event is always an awesome night!



Justice Kennedy Speaks to Mason-Deerfield Rotary about Veterans Issues The Rotary Club of Mason/Deerfield Township recently welcomed Ohio Supreme Court Justice Sharon Kennedy who spoke about the Ohio justice system and the growing number of specialty Veterans Treatment Courts.

Kennedy said that, according to a U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Labor Statistics report, in 2004 there were approximately 200,000 veterans in prisons and jails, representing about 10% of the total U.S. inmate population. Kennedy also noted reports showing that an estimated 1.5 million members of the U.S. Armed Services will have served in combat theaters of Iraq and Afghanistan, many with up to 3 or 4 deployments each. Up to 300,000 of those men and women find themselves returning home with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), or major depression.

Kennedy stated that combat trauma can make it difficult for service members to readjust to civilian life, and many find themselves in the justice system as a result. "Service members and their families who have given so much deserve our help. We have an obligation to help make them whole by connecting them to services available to them," said Kennedy.

As a result there has been a growing recognition within the justice system of the need for special Veterans Courts programs. As of 2014 there are 220 Veterans Courts nationwide, and 15 in Ohio as of 2016.

Kennedy said that Veterans Courts put together a collaborative interdisciplinary team including the prosecutor, defense counsel, treatment provider, probation department, and Veterans Health and Benefit Administrations. "Treatment courts fundamentally understand that veterans are struggling with issues of substance abuse in self-medicating PTSD, TBI, and sexual trauma. [There is an] assessment process to establish a wrap-around treatment plan for the individual," she said.

In addition Justice Kennedy spoke about two resources available to those with prior military service: the Ohio Military/Veterans Legal Assistance Project, which provides legal assistance to Ohio's veterans and service members; and the Veterans Justice Program, a division of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in which Veterans Justice Outreach specialists work to connect justice involved veterans and service members to benefits and treatment. More information on these resources can be found by calling 614.387.9070

Piqua Interact Club Holds Pennies for Haiti Drive



Darby Bubp and Vice President Jordan Booker.

Members of the Interact Club at Piqua High School launched a "Pennies for Haiti" drive in an effort to help build a home for Haitian residents left homeless by an earthquake in 2010. The drive was held in conjunction with Piqua Rotary Club's "A Home for the Holidays" fundraiser which generated in excess of \$70,000. Here PHS Interact officers are seen with canisters containing \$775, an amount matched by an anonymous donor.

Pictured from left to right, are Interact Adviser April Watson, President Maryssa Kuhn, Secretary

Troy Rotary Foundation Supports Science Day in the Schools

Troy students are excited about STEM—science, technology, engineering and mathematics—programs. Already this year, more than three dozen students from the school system have signed up to participate in the February 9, 2017, Miami County Science Day fair at Tippecanoe High School. Troy Rotary Foundation has provided a grant to help support the countywide event.

The program allows students to learn how to conduct independent research and engineering skills before they attend college or trade schools. They started doing research in October and will provide a poster presentation of their work at the February event. What began in 2005 as a Science Day program in Tipp City as grown to include students from seven Miami County schools. In 2015, the event hosted more than 120 students in grades 5-12, and 49 projects won superior awards. Those who achieved such honors were invited to participate in the District Number 1 Science Day at Edison State Community College where they competed with 19 different schools in Champaign, Darke, Miami and Shelby counties. Projects that earned top awards at district proceeded to compete at the state level at The Ohio State University later in the year. For more information on the event, visit www.ohioumvsd.com.



Dayton Rotary Nigeria Project Nearly Complete in Partnership with Nigeria Club, District 6670 & RI Grants and Clubs in District 6670



Dayton Rotary, with financial support of other District 6670 organizations, has undertaken a project in Abia State in Southeast Nigeria and has received both a Rotary International Global Grant and District Funds. Dayton Rotary is partnered with the Rotary Club of Eziukwu-Aba for this project. The total value of the project is \$55,350 with \$21,780 coming from RI and \$10,000 from District 6670. The remainder comes from Dayton Rotary and the generosity of the Rotary Clubs of Kettering, Moraine, Northmont, Cincinnati, and Springboro and the Interact clubs of Centerville, Springboro and the combined efforts of the Interact clubs of Bellfontaine, Benjamin Logan and Riverside.

The project has four major elements: providing clean and safe water via a solar powered borehole; providing sanitation with flush toilets replacing an open pit latrine; making a community clinic operational with medical equipment, medicines, and a source of clean safe water; and introducing an effective science curriculum (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) to the Nvosi School. We will also be forming an Interact Club at Nvosi High School - one of their responsibilities will be providing training in the "WASH in Schools" program supported by Rotary's WASRAG and the UN.

While we take handwashing as a normal activity, when water is a scarce resource this is not the case. The combination of water sourcing, the sanitary facilities and the

operational clinic is expected to have a major impact on the overall health of the community of about 1000 people. The change in this community reaches into areas that most Americans don't even think about in addition to the adding of handwashing as a routine activity: reduction in attacks and rapes as women and girls no longer have to go over a kilometer for water from a stream and better school attendance by adolescent girls who routinely miss up to a week per month due to lack of sanitary facilities at the school. Kettering Rotary adopted the borehole, Centerville Interact adopted the solar power system that runs the pump, Moraine Rotary adopted the Water storage tank and plumbing, Northmont Rotary adopted the entire clinic portion of the project, Cincinnati Rotary adopted the new septic system, Springboro Rotary and Interact adopted the Biology Program, while the combined Logan County clubs adopted the Physics Program. Dayton Rotary adopted all other aspects including the toilet block, washrooms, and Chemistry Program at the School. Those adoptions will be recognized with plaques at the specific sites within the project. Below is a picture of the borehole tower.

We anticipate the project will be complete before Spring. The borehole is fully operational as is the clinic where the Eziukwu-Aba Rotary Club recently held a health fair for the entire community. The books and lab equipment have been delivered and the toilet block is nearing completion.



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