

## Rotary District 6670 Newsletter August 2016

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# District Governor Updates..."Rotary Serving Humanity"



As I have traveled around to the clubs in our district thus far this year, I have been impressed by the passion of our members for the work of Rotary and serving our communities. As we all realize, the needs in our local communities and around the world continue to grow. In addition to resources, to meet these needs. it will take even more caring hearts, hands and talents. We need more Rotarians. August is membership month.

Let us celebrate this month by reflecting on our own Rotary experiences and inviting others to join us in fellowship and service.

Membership is currently the number one internal priority of Rotary International. We are fortunate to have approximately 1.2 million members serving 35,000 communities around the world; however, we are challenged. We attract 100,000 members and unfortunately, 100,000 members leave our organization every year. In District 6670, we have 3,000 members in 52 clubs, and our attrition rate is relatively close to the Rotary world average. As with other service clubs and associations, we have competition from other organizations, busy schedules, television, Internet, etc. It is very important that we elevate our focus on attracting and retaining more committed Rotarians.

My story involves being invited to attend the Rotary Club of Mason Deerfield's weekly club meeting in May of 1998 without a clear understanding of what the organization was all about. I attended and realized that the values and focus of the members

Asst 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 Wetheringron 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 and organization aligned with my own. I joined and, over the years, came to realize that my life has changed for the better. I have made new friends, and I have had opportunities to serve locally and internationally. Additionally, I have experienced significant personal and professional growth. There is tremendous value in being a Rotarian. What is your Rotary story? Who invited you to join, and why did you make the decision to do so? Why have you remained a Rotarian, and whom have you invited to visit or join a club in fellowship and service this year?

Our district membership committee is very active and seeking to partner with you and your clubs. We are currently planning two membership seminars for later in the year. Our district's membership attraction and engagement related goals for the year are as follows.

- Achieve a net gain in membership | small clubs (up to 50 members) at least one new member; large clubs (51 or more members) at least two members. Our focus is on diversity in age, gender, race and ethnicity.
- Attract a former Rotary club member back to Rotary. We each know at least one.

Let us all share our Rotary moments and stories at every opportunity, and let us be intentional about inviting someone to visit and ultimately join us in fellowship and service. I assure you that if we do this well, the lives of the new members, our lives and the lives of those we serve, will be better as a result.

# Rotary International Zone 30-31 Institute October 11-16, Cincinnati, Ohio

Engagement Chair: PDG 2015-16 Bill Shula

Convener: Rotary International Director Karen Wentz

### **Sponsorship Opportunities**



In 2016-17 year, Rotarians worldwide will be celebrating the centennial of the Rotary Foundation and the near-eradication of polio throughout the world. Zones 30 and 31 will be celebrating in Cincinnati and is offering a range of sponsorship opportunities that are open to District, Club, Corporate and Individual sponsors. Sponsorships can be tailored for specific, mutually beneficial arrangements. Contact the Engagement Chairs for more information.

## Gold Sponsor: VIP Speaker Sponsorship \$2,500

Gold sponsors are recognized as VIP Speaker Sponsorships are available for the presentations of the following keynote speakers:

**John Germ,** Rotary International President, 2016-2017

**David Forward,** Past Rotary District Governor and author of Doing Good in the World: The Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years and A Century of Service

Captain Paul Chappell, Author of The Art of Waging Peace and The Road to Peace book series

### **Aziz Memon,** Past Rotary District Governor and **Chairman, Pakistan National Polio Plus Committee**

**Ann Lee Hussey**, Past Rotary District governor and polio eradication activist and advocate

- Logo/signage in House of Friendship
- Logo inclusion on the Program
- Logo inclusion on AnyEvent App
- Logo on the Zones 30 and 31 website
- Sponsor appreciation from the podium at the session
- Opportunity to participate in presentation of speaker gift

### Silver Sponsor: House of Friendship Sponsorship \$2,000

- Acknowledgement and participation in Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Complimentary table within the House of Friendship
- Recognition from the podium
- Logo/signage in House of Friendship
- Logo/Name inclusion on the Program
- Logo/Name inclusion on AnyEvent App
- Logo on the Zones 30 and 31 website

#### **Bronze Sponsor: Institute Reception Sponsorship \$1,000**

Institute sponsors help to support and celebrate Rotary at the Zone Institute.

- Logo/signage in House of Friendship and reception
- Logo/Name inclusion on the Program
- Logo/Name inclusion on AnyEvent App
- Logo on the Zones 30 and 31 website

#### **Institute Champion: \$500**

Institute Champions support the Institute by helping to underwrite operating costs. Institute Champions are recognized on the Institute website, program and on House of Friendship signage.

#### For more information, contact the Cincinnati Institute Engagement Chairs:

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**Zone Institute Literacy Service Project--** We will be collecting books for elementary school libraries for Cincinnati Public Schools. We are asking attendees to the Zone 30-31 Institute or attending the lunch with Rotary International President John Germ on October 14 to contribute elementary school library books. Please bring them to the Hyatt Regency from October 11-16. This project is chaired by Cincinnati Rotarian Susan Wilkinson and Rotarian Mary Ronan, Superintendent of Cincinnati Public Schools.

Zone Institute Airport Transportation Drivers— We have a tradition of helping transport attendees to the Institute to and from the airport. We need volunteer drivers to assist in bringing Rotarians who are flying into Cincinnati airport to the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Fifth Street. The Cincinnati Rotary Club will be renting vehicles to be used to transport. We will need volunteers on October 10, 11, 13, 16 and 17. Please email Bill Shula atbillshularotary@gmail.combilshularotary@gmai

# A Personal Message from PDG Norma Berry in Regards to the Zone Institute Event

A personal message from me to each of you. I am serving our District and Zone as Sergeant at Arms for the upcoming District Governor, District Governor Elect and District Governor Nominee training sessions as well as our Zone Institute being held in Cincinnati for the first time in many years. The total event(s) runs from October 11 thru October 16 th. I am asking for your consideration and help. The Institute is open to all Rotarians. It begins on Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday morning with breakfast and a Memorial Service and is being held at the Hyatt Hotel downtown. This year we have some extraordinary speakers that include Rotary International President John Germ, Peace Scholar Paul Chappell and the Chair of the Polio campaign in Pakistan, one of the two countries with active polio cases. Many of us heard Paul speak at DG Eric Marcus's District Conference and he is excellent. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to hear him speak again.

You have several ways to get involved.

Register for the Institute and take advantage of a wonderful learning and training experience. Hear from International Speakers interact with Rotarians from other districts and share and receive ideas.

Register for the Friday only lunch event. Cost is \$20.00 and our lunch speaker is Rotary International President John Germ. Hear his message and get your picture taken with him.

Volunteer with me to serve as one of my Sgts at Arms. I need people both during the training sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and throughout the weekend until Sunday morning.

Contact me, Norma Berry, PDG at 513-683-2173 with questions or for additional information.

### **Registration is Open!**

For Institute and hotel information and online registration, click here:

http://www.rizones30-31.org/institute/rotary-institute-2016/

Stay connected to Zones 30 and 31 - The Heart of America! Like our Facebook page at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/RotaryZones3031/

We look forward to celebrating with you in Cincinnati!

**Karen Wentz**, Rotary International Director **Elizabeth Usovicz**, General Chair, Zones 30-31 Institute

### The Rotary Foundation 100th Year

Contributed by: Your District Rotary Foundation Committee Members



We have just entered the year that is the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary International Foundation. The celebration of this event will be at the Rotary International Convention in June, 2017 in Atlanta. The District Rotary Foundation Committee has already met and we are anxious to get the word out.

At the 1917 convention, Arch C. Klumph, the outgoing President of RI, proposed an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." This endowment was renamed in 1928, The Rotary Foundation, at which time it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

Arch Klumph began the Foundation with a contribution of \$26.50. RI is asking each Rotarian to donate at least \$26.50 to the Rotary Foundation this year. If you regularly contribute more please continue your normal level of giving. If RI has not been on your list for donations this would be a great time to start with \$26.50 or more.

The RI Foundation has done many good things with its financial resources. Based on independent analyses of Foundations, RI administers its programs and its distribution of your donations very responsibly. You can be confident that this record of being a good shepherd of its assets will continue. Those assets come from you.

No gift is too large or too small. Just think if all the Rotarians in District 6670 could all give \$26.50 as a minimum, we would be well on our way to a record year for giving.

Please consider giving at least \$26.50 this year to the Rotary Foundation. You can contact your own club Rotary Foundation chair for more information. You can also give on line at My Rotary.

# Be Sure to "Like" the District 6670 Rotary Facebook Page

Our district has embarked on a Social Media campaign this Rotary year,

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designed to inform both Rotarians in our district and the community at large. Over the last few years, social media such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and others have changed how people communicate and how they use their phones. No longer do we automatically call some one on the phone: we Tweet, we post on Facebook or we text.

The main focus of our campaign will be Facebook. If you are not familiar with

Facebook, here is a very quick lesson. Facebook is the largest social media platform in the world, with more users in more countries than the next two platforms combined. If you do not have a Facebook "page", making one

is extremely simple. Go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a>, fill in your information and you are ready to go. Find a nice photo of yourself and upload it as your picture. Find a scene that is "you" and make it your cover photo. Don't worry, you can always change it later.

Those of you who are already on Facebook, should check out our district Facebook page, which is easy to find at:

https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict6670/. Once there, "Like" our page and then, invite all your Facebook friends to "Like" it, too.

You may ask "How will the District 6670 Facebook page help my Rotary Club?" The answer is simple. We will help by providing a place to post pictures and short stories of all the great projects our clubs are involved in, and be seen by 1,000's of people in our local communities. To do this, we will need your help. Send your pictures along with a brief description to your Assistant Governor or to rotary6670facebook@gmail.com. We will schedule your post to appear on our district page.

So, don't delay. Join in the fun. Go to our page. Read and "Like" our posts. Tell your friends. Let's make our Facebook page the place to go every morning and evening to see the good news in our district. Happy posting.

## Cincinnati Rotary to Host the Wage Cincy Peace Summit

The Rotary Club of Cincinnati will be hosting the Wage Cincy Peace Summit, taking place on September 9-10, 2016. It will include a dinner, social event and speaker on Friday night aboard the Celebrations Riverboat, followed by a service project and lunch on Saturday at Taft High School in OTR, where we will be redesigning and building a courtyard for the school, and packing clothing for poor families.

### http://paulkchappell.com/

Our headline speaker for this event is Paul K. Chappell. Paul graduated from West Point in 2002, was deployed to Iraq, and left active duty in November 2009 as a Captain. He is the author of the Road to Peace series, a seven-book series about waging peace, ending war, the art of living, and what it means to be human. Click HERE to visit the Rotary Club of Cincinnati Wage Cincy Peace Summit.web page to learn more about this exciting weekend of events.

# District Club Extension Committee Searching for Areas to Extend Rotary's Reach



The district's Club Extension Committee is hard at work researching areas

within the district for new Rotary Clubs. We have met and determined to focus on three areas at this time, Monroe, Waynesville, and a club geared to young adults that would rotate, meeting at local eateries and/or bars around I-275 between West Chester and Loveland.

We need your help in locating possible members for these clubs. Please talk to your friends, co-workers and family



members who may live or work in the targeted areas. More information will be coming as it becomes available but do not hesitate to contact Norma Berry at 513-207-8982 or <a href="mailto:naberry@att.net">naberry@att.net</a> with questions or leads.

### Cincinnati-Eastside Rotary Announces Scholarhip Recipients

Cincinnati Eastside Rotary awarded ten, \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors at local high schools. The awards are intended to help defray college expenses.

The scholarship recipients exceeded eligibility requirements through their outstanding academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities, and strong commitment to service and the tenets of Rotary. Receiving awards for the 2016-17 academic year were Maria Ciampone (McNicholas High School), Kyle Costa (Turpin High School), Chad Evans (McNicholas High School), Luke Fickenworth (Anderson High School), Breanna Gabbard (Goshen High School), Isaac Gilbert (Williamsburg High School), Bradley Herndon (Turpin High School), Adam McCoy (Miami Valley Christian Academy), Dakota Polly (Turpin High School), and Elizabeth Simmons (McNicholas High School).

"The accomplished and deserving young men and women who received awards clearly share in the principles of Rotary," said Cincinnati Eastside Rotary President Eric Radtke. "We believe these awards will inspire a continued interest in leadership and service as these talented students continue their education and pursuit of their career goals."

Award winners will study a broad array of discipline areas including business, science and the arts with a common bond to improve the communities in which they will study and work. Recipients and their families were invited to be honored at a weekly luncheon meeting of Cincinnati Eastside Rotary.



Caption: Adam McCoy (left), Miami Valley Christian Academy, and Bradley Herndon, Turpin High School, were honored recently for receiving one of ten, \$1,000 scholarships provided by Cincinnati Eastside Rotary.

## Centerville Rotary All-Club Service Day Held in July

The Centerville Rotary Club decided to devote a second day in July to an all-club service day at five local charities they helped out in March.

July 23 was chosen as the day. No one knew how hot it would be, but the stalwart Rotarians met the challenge.

Some 33 volunteers, 27 of them Rotarians and six family members, participated. The members chose where they wanted to volunteer from the five choices: the Centerville-Washington Park District, Daybreak, Hannah's Treasure Chest, the House of Bread, or Project Read.

A total of 2,100 volunteer hours were spent that day.



Club member Arnie Biondi, team leader for the park district group, said his team did mulching and painted and fixed up a grill. He figured each lost about five pounds due to the hot, humid temperatures.

The group included Ray Merz, Peachy Metzner, new member Rebeccca Quinones, Dan Johnson, and Dale Berry, with his expertise on oven cleaning.

To help out Daybreak, a shelter for homeless youth and youth with parental or other home issues, another

group of Rotarians helped make dog biscuits, a program Daybreak uses to teach youth some of the skills needed to get and keep a job. That group's team leader, Dick Hoback, said they worked in an air-conditioned setting "with good smells." They cut the small bone-shaped biscuits by hand using small cutters, he said. His group included Shelley Fisher, Raj Grandhi and his son Rishi, and Vas Appalaneni.

The club's newly installed president Ron Hollenbeck headed up the volunteers at Hannah's Treasure Chest. In March they had climbed ladders to fix and install light fixtures and new bulbs, among other things, while July 23 they got on their hands and

kneew to put down floor tiles, and one member worked outside in back fixing a large cabinet. Hannah's Treasure Chest collects clothing and household goods to help families with children in need and the club has provided several hundred new winter coats for children each winter for the past several years. Ron brought the idea for the coat giving from another Rotary Club he belonged to before moving to the Centerville area.

His group included member Jim Hester and his son and wife Edna, Jack Workman, Rick Terhune and Lee Hieronymus. They worked from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. cutting up meat and preparing other items for the meal, then served it and cleaned up afterwards.

Boyd Preston was the team leader at Project Read, which promotes literacy by tutoring adults and those who need help learning the language, and/or learning to read, and providing books to schools and organizations to give to students in need.

Chip Houghton, owner of Look-at-a-Book, and his wife Laura and son George, along with Laura Mlazovsky, executive director of Project Read, worked alongside the volunteers, in Chip's office next to the Antiques store and his book store in Centerville.



That group included Harvey Smith, Carrie Lifer, Brian Hayes and his wife Erica, Mike Gentile, Mike Weir, and Kitty Ullmer and her mom Irene, who turned 93 July 31.

They packed about 2,500 children's books (with some adult books mixed in). Laura said 2,500 books were collected since the beginning of March with the help of donation boxes supplied by our Rotary club, and she thanked us for that. Boxes were put out at local Starbuck locations, senior centers, and Y's..and are rotated monthly. You will find them now at other locations, such as Bill's Donut Shop and Graeter's in Centerville and Oakwood and the Dorothy Lane Markets in Centerville and Oakwood.

The club plans to continue with this twice yearly all-club service day among the other volunteering and local and international projects it is working on. The charities have expressed their gratitude for our help and look forward to seeing us again. This multi-talented group doesn't mind getting down on their knees or working in the dirt to get the job done, whatever it is. Unfortunately, Fred Weir, an outstanding carpenter and one of the club's long-standing volunteers, passed away in early July, and we and those he helped over the years, will dearly miss him.



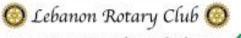
Centerville Rotarians help make dog biscuits at Daybreak facility.

### Moraine Rotary at Moraine National Night Out



Moraine Rotary Club participated in the Moraine Police Division's National Night Out event on Tues., August 2nd at Wax Park in Moraine. Moraine Rotary gave out free hot dogs, pop corn and ice cream to patrons who attended the community event. Rotary President Don Schweitzer's "Weird Food Tasting Challenge" raised money for the local Pirate Pack Program. The Police Awareness event gives the community a chance to meet Moraine police and fire staff and participate in games, bike raffle, bike rodeo and more.

### Lebanon Rotary 4-H Project





Warren County Fair 4H Livestock Sale 2016



The Lebanon Ohio Rotary Club is pleased to announce that the 4-H livestock purchase project exceeded our goal of helping deserving young people in the agriculture arena in Warren County. With a budget of \$2,500.00, the Rotary Club added to the purchase price of 7 livestock animals. Of the 7 young people that Lebanon Rotary purchased from, 4 were enjoying their last Warren County Fair sale and were going on to higher education. The Lebanon Rotary Club feels that the mission of 4-H is on the same path with the Rotary Clubs motto of Service Above Self and the young people are being prepared for service to the community.



## Rotary Club of Farmersville Selects 2016 Memorial Scholarship Recipient



Farmersville Rotary awarded their \$6,000 Eleanor Miller Memorial Scholarship to 2016 Valley View High School graduate and valedictorian, Dylan Hadley. Dylan is the son of Tim and Cynthia Hadley. The annual four-year scholarship has been awarded in Eleanor<sup>i</sup>s memory since 1985. Dylan will attend Wright State University to major in Biological Science and Religious Studies. Pictured are Orville Bantz, 2015-16 President of Farmersville Rotary, Dylan Hadley, Tim Hadley, Cynthia Hadley, and

Sally Miller.

Farmersville Rotary Club 4-Way Test Essay Contest Winners

Valley View fifth grade students, Riley Hodson and Ellie Reed were selected by the Rotary Club of Farmersville as the winners of the Rotary 4-Way Test Essay Contest. Riley, her mother Michlele Hodson, and Ellie and her parents Jason and Jenny and brother Bryce visited the club for dinner. Riley, the 1st. place winner and Ellie, the 2nd place winner read their essays and received a monetary gift. The essay contest is open to all fifth grade students and compositions are based on the Rotary test of ethics.



(group photo, L to R) - Jason, Jenny, Bryce and Ellie Reed, Riley and Michele Hodson and Rotary Club President and Essay Chair, Mark Williams

## Troy Rotary to Help Sponsor Back to School Bash on August 21st



Have you noticed that the summer is nearly over? That means plans are ramping up for Troy's youth to get ready for the new school year. On Sunday, August 21st, Troy Rotary Club will help sponsor the Lincoln Community Center's annual Back to School Bash from 2-4 PM to help students be all set when the bell rings on August 24th. The bash is free for all area pre-K through 12th grade students and their families.

This annual event offers food, refreshments, free haircuts and school supplies so each student can look and feel great about the year ahead. The supplies include book bags, highlighters, boxes of tissues, notebooks, binders, markers, paper, pens, erasers, hand sanitizers and bottles of glue. A new feature of the event will be information booths sponsored by area nonprofits and youth-centered services to discuss what is available for families. "It takes a village to raise a child, and we want to help families know how to access important local resources to raise healthy, successful children," shared Shane Carter, executive director of Lincoln Community Center. For more information on the event, contact the center at 937.335.2715.

Located at 110 Ash St. in Troy, the center provides educational and recreational facilities and tools that cater to patrons of all ages, including senior citizens. To learn more about other programs available, visit the center's Web site at <a href="https://www.lcctroy.com">www.lcctroy.com</a>.

# Troy Rotary Sponsors Brukner Nature Center Summer Camp

Summer fun was in full swing this week for 15 children from Garden

Manor as they attended the annual summer nature camp at Brukner Nature Center. Sponsored by Troy Rotary, this weeklong event combined outdoor fun with hands-on education to understand the importance of wildlife and wild places. The children, ages 5-11 spent their time learning about preservation and conservation as they met wildlife, like owls, snakes and toads, in their own habitat.

This is the fourth year for the camp. As in the past, Troy Rotarians provided transportation to and from Brukner Nature Center for the campers each day where they enjoyed breakfast and healthy snacks. The



hours were filled with a variety of activities, including a fun wade through the creek on the property while wearing new pairs of Crocs provided to each child. Every camper got to take home butterfly nets, field guides, crafts, bug jars, a special camp journal and a commemorative T-shirt. Before camp finished up on August 5, each



child received a new pair of athletic shoes and socks they can wear to school when classes begin 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 Monday - Saturday, payable by cash or check. Admission is free on Sundays. To learn more about Brukner Nature Center, visit www.bruknernaturecenter.com.