



# Rotary District 6670 Newsletter

## February 2017

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Asst Governor

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



### DG Mike Kelly with the Springboro H.S. Jazz Choir

Our Rotary International President's theme of "Rotary Serving Humanity" is a perfect description of what is happening within District 6670. It was a great privilege to travel around and visit with the 52 clubs made up of wonderful Rotarians in our district. Our clubs are filled with individuals who are individually and collectively making a tremendous difference in the lives of people, young and old, in our communities and around the world.

Many of the projects that we execute focus on making life better for the next generation of leaders, our children. This is very worthwhile and an investment that will pay dividends for generations to come. Each Rotarian can probably remember a time when someone invested in them. Investments of time and resources are all meaningful. On a personal note, in addition to my family, a number of people invested in me at church, school and in my community. I can clearly remember them and will be forever thankful that they took an interest in me.

As we prepare for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and our annual Four-Way Test Speech Contest, I encourage each club to sponsor and send as many students to RYLA as possible. I also encourage each club to conduct a speech contest. It would be fantastic to have winners from each club represented at Wright State University during the district competition.

RYLA is a program that helps high school students develop qualities of leadership, and citizenship as well as promote overall personal development. These qualities are important for young people and those of us who are not so young. The world needs more strong leaders. What better place to develop leaders than Rotary? The Four-Way Test Speech Contest involves high school students who are required to give a 4-6 minute speech addressing all aspects of the four-way test, and they are expected to do this without notes or a podium. With each of these events, RYLA and the Four-Way Test District competition, students get to meet other young people from throughout our district, and they have the opportunity to develop friendships and learn from each other.

ASST GOVERNOR

**Sigrid Solomon**

Training Coordinator

**MICHAEL SCHATZMAN**

DCO-District Comm. Officer

## Events

### 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 & 04/29 - District 6670

Conference

### June 2017

06/10 - RI Convention and

Foundation Centennial Celebration,

Atlanta, GA

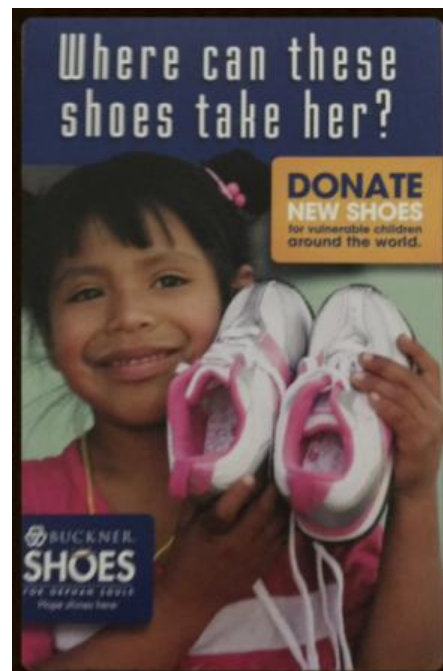
Let us continue the great work of Rotary in the area of New Generations, our young people. We have the opportunity to introduce students to our organization while doing a great deal of good. We also have the opportunity to invest in and nurture the next generation of Rotarians. What I learned and in some cases witnessed as I visited various clubs was impressive and encouraging. The work that you are doing and the impact that you are having on our young people is important and truly matters. Keep up the great work and please do not forget to send students to RYLA and conduct a Four-Way Test Speech Contest this year.

## SHOES for Orphan Souls, our District 6670 Service Project

Our project is underway! In January, Shawn Spurrier at Buckner Shoes mailed each club a packet of information and tools for your successful shoe drive.

We request each club participating send the name of their project chair to Wendy Kissel [wckissel@gmail.com](mailto:wckissel@gmail.com)

Thank you for your interest and participation in this important project. Shoes will be collected at District Conference held this year at The Manor House Banquet and Conference Center in Mason on April 28-29. We prefer shoes collected bound with rubber bands and delivered in boxes to ready for shipping. Last year 33 clubs participated and we collected over 3000 pairs of shoes. Let's set a goal of all 52 clubs participating this year! It's a small way we can make a big difference in the life of a child! Thank you for making a difference in the world along with our communities.



## 2017 District 6670 Conference

Registration is now open for our District Conference, which will be held at the Manor House in Mason, OH on April 28th and 29th. Please go to <http://bit.ly/2kx0Cz4> to register today! (Note: Dress for the conference will be business casual)

Clifton Taulbert, who is a community servant and tremendous speaker, will be one of our Keynote Speakers.



**Clifton L. Taulbert:**  
International Thought Leader on the  
Power of Community

**Consultant, Entrepreneur, Author**

Focus: Leadership, Entrepreneurial Thinking, Diversity, Community

According to Clifton L. Taulbert, noted author and entrepreneur businessman, he could have failed had he not encountered community builders and entrepreneurial thinkers early on in his life. Taulbert was born on the Mississippi Delta during the era of legal segregation—causing him to travel over one hundred miles daily to high school where he completed his secondary education. Never missing a day of school, Taulbert graduated as valedictorian of his class. Though opportunities were few and barriers were plentiful, Taulbert managed to dream of being successful, not knowing the shape that success would take. One thing he did know was the “unselfishness” that surrounded his life.

Along his journey while serving in the United States Air Force, Taulbert discovered a writer living inside of him. Stories about this soldier’s small hometown would eventually become the foundation for his award-winning trilogy and the very first book of the trilogy, “Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored” which took the world behind the southern curtain of legal segregation. In this book which became a “Two-Thumbs Up” major motion picture, Taulbert invited the world to the front porches of his small hometown and introduced the people who populated those front porches—his Porch People. Taulbert’s book and movie would eventually impact audiences around the world. From the German hunting lodge built by Adolph Hitler to the town hall financed by Marcus Garvey in Costa Rico’s Puerto de Lemon.

According to Taulbert, his porch people were his builders of community. In spite of the harshness of legal segregation, they bravely and continuously kept their focus on the future—their children. They saw their future through the lengthening steps of each child—pushing young Taulbert and so many others to continue their education beyond high school, college and on to graduate school. Taulbert would follow their advice. The actions of the hearts of these ordinary people would eventually become Taulbert’s fourth book, *Eight Habits of the Heart*—a book read by former Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O’Conner. Her embrace of the book and its’ powerful message led to Taulbert’s invitation to address members of the court and their invited guest at the nation’s Library of Congress.

Taulbert’s view of community undergirds all his speaking and consulting work around the world—from Europe to Australia to Mexico and throughout Central America. For him, building community is the starting place. This was his gift from the Mississippi Delta.

According to Taulbert, his dirt road from the Mississippi Delta has taken amazing turns, from being a retirement home administrator, to being a banker, to eventually owning his own businesses. Taulbert is the author of fourteen books including the internationally acclaimed and Pulitzer-Nominated, *The Last Train North* and most recently, *The Invitation* ( a look at the lingering impact of the lessons of race and place on America)and *Shift Your Thinking: Win Where You Stand* (an entrepreneurial conversation—breaking the code). Did you know that Taulbert was part of the initial team that introduced Stairmaster Exercise System to the world?

Taulbert as the President and CEO of the FREEMOUNT CORPORATION-a human capital development company—serves clients nationally and internationally. Taulbert has lectured at a NATO gathering in Brussels, spoke at the United States Capitol and has been a guest for Voice of America. Taulbert has

delivered an entrepreneurial speech at the United Nations, lectured at business schools in Australia, and consulted and facilitated workshops with Fortune 500 Companies, Federal Agencies, community colleges and universities including Harvard University, Johns Hopkins and the United States Air Force Academy. Taulbert has also taken his transforming conversations to many of our incarcerated men and women. He also serves as the President and CEO of ROOTS JAVA COFFEE-the only nationally certified African-American owned national coffee brand.

To pass his life lessons along, Taulbert shares his entrepreneurial journey with others as a mentor for THRIVE 15.COM joining such luminaries as basketball great, David Robinson, former Walt Disney World executive, Lee Cockrell and the noted P.R. Guru, Michael Levine and scores of others waiting to share their knowledge 24/7.

Taulbert is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and has been inducted in the Enlisted Airmen Hall of Fame. And has been recognized for his contribution to literature by the NAACP and the Library of Congress. Taulbert is a content professor for Korn Ferry International and has contributed to Leader to Leader, an international leadership journal founded by the Peter Drucker Institute. Additionally, Taulbert serves on the boards of the University of Tulsa, the Tulsa Historical Society, the Tulsa Area Salvation Army, the Indian Nation Council of Boy Scouts, ONB Bank, the Oklahoma Foundation for Academic Excellence, and on the National Advisory Boards of the Eudora Welty Foundation, the National Character Education Partnership and the Natchez Film and Literary Festival.

## District Nominating Committee has Selected 2019-20 District Governor



As District Nominating Committee Chair, Bill Shula would like to introduce to our District 6670 our District Governor for 2019-20, Sigrid Solomon.

The District Nominating Committee met and interviewed candidates on January 25 to make the selection.

Sigrid Solomon was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY until she was fortunate enough to attend boarding school at the age of 15. She holds a BS in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University and her M.Ed. from East

Carolina University. Sigrid has been working in higher education since 1993 at various colleges and universities; North Carolina State University, North Carolina Wesleyan University, Emory and Henry College, Southern Vermont College and now at Wilmington College where she has served as the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students/ Title IX Coordinator over the past eight years. Inspired by her experience as a Group Study Exchange participant in the fall of 1998, she began her Rotary journey in 2000 in Abingdon, VA then later joined Wilmington AM club in 2007. Between the two clubs she has served as Programs Co-chair, Social Co-chair, Club President in 2011-2012, President Elect in 2010-2011, Co-Chair, Wilmington Cardboard City Committee in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015, Chair, Rotary



Vocational Scholarship Committee in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 and Chair, Rotary 4-Way Test Committee in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015, member, 2014 and 2015 Rotary District 4-Way Test Speech Competition Committee. She is also a Paul Harris Fellow. She has two sons 26 and 17 year old and a host of former foster children.

## Lebanon Rotary Inducts Three New Members



The Lebanon Rotary Club inducted three new members on January 12, 2017. Pictured above from left to right are Michael Geygan, sponsor for Gary Kuntz; new member Gary Kuntz; Greg Davis, sponsor for Jeff Nelson and Patrick Thayer; new member Jeff Nelson; new member Patrick Thayer; and Club President Megan Manuel. The Lebanon Club is excited to welcome our new members!

## Rotarians Gather to Celebrate Good News

Rotarians from District 6670 recently met at Austin Landing in Miamisburg to gather information about "A Home for the Holidays" fundraiser recently sponsored by the Piqua Rotary Club in partnership with the international relief agency Food for the Poor. World Service



Chair Sharon Semanie reported the club raised \$98,000 to assist Haitian families impacted by the 2010 earthquake which ravaged their country. Semanie indicated an anonymous donor is matching funds which will enable FFP to build 30 new homes in Haiti in 2017. Featured speaker at the Piqua fundraiser was FFP Executive Director Angel Aloma. District Rotarians attending the recent luncheon were (left to right) Melinda Kelly, District Governor Mike Kelly, Assistant District Governor Jim Perry, Sharon Semanie, Piqua Rotary President Diana Davis, Dave Hafenbrack, former District Governor Richard Adams and Foundation Committee Chair Frank Scott.

## Moraine Rotary Members Help Pack Weekend Food Bags for Needy Students



Moraine Rotary Club members help the West Carrollton Pirate Pack organization prepare over 100 bags for the weekend filled with nutritious food for needy students. Food included cereal, mac & cheese, pudding, vegetables, fruit drink and granola bars. Moraine Rotarians will continue to help fund and help prepare bags throughout the year.

## Cincinnati-Eastside Rotary Club Supports Youth Programs

### Charity 4 Children Gala Proceeds Awarded

The Cincinnati-Eastside Rotary Club presented a check totaling more than \$11,000 to several local initiatives serving youth in eastern Hamilton and western Clermont Counties. The award came from proceeds raised by Cincinnati Eastside Rotary through its Charity 4-Children Gala that took place in October.

This annual gala featured dinner, music, and live and silent auctions to support four worthy area organizations: **Boys & Girls Club of Clermont County, Court-Appointed Special Advocates for Clermont County (CASA), Inter Parish Ministry, and Stopping the Abuse Before It Ever Starts.** Proceeds will impact the community by:

- Providing food, clothing and communal support to youth in need
- Changing lives and building great futures for young people who require a safe place to spend time outside school hours
- Enlisting and training volunteers to make a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children
- Educating high school students before they have children to be good parents and to never hurt, abuse or neglect a child.

"Since our Club's original charter in 2013, we have focused on youth who are served by the unique talents and leadership of Rotary." said Cincinnati Eastside President Eric Radtke. "We are grateful for the Rotarians and friends who helped make this event a success and gratified to learn from each organization the impact this support will have in our community."



Caption: Cincinnati Eastside Rotary presents a check totaling more than \$11,000 through proceeds from the Charity 4-Children Gala to support youth initiatives in the local community.

## Moraine Rotary Prepares for Dictionary Distribution

Moraine Rotary Club members place labels on over 500 dictionaries which will soon be distributed to fourth grade students in six local elementary schools. Moraine Rotary has donated dictionaries for almost ten years helping nearly 5,000 students with their education.



## You Are Just in Time! Don't Wait Any Longer!



The Rotary 4 Way Test Speech Competition is getting underway but it is not too late to get involved. We are looking for:

**CLUBS** who want to invite high school students to participate and then to support a candidate at the District Contest;

**STUDENTS** who are willing to prepare an original, four- to six-minute speech demonstrating how they have applied the Rotary 4 Way Test in their lives;

**ROTARIANS** who are willing to spend some time on Sunday, April 2, evaluating student speeches. Is that you? Can you help?

Please visit

<http://rotarydistrict6670.org/get-involved-2/four-way-test-speech-contest/> to find out more.

Each club planning to participate should send in the form to let our Committee know to expect your student.

Clubs should hold contests locally by the end of February.

Students, Teachers, Coaches and mentors – and YOU – can access the web site to learn more about the rules of the contest.

Rotarians are needed to help judge the speeches at the District Contest on April 2, 2017, at Wright State University. If you can help us – please contact me.

Still have questions? Contact me and we will get those answers to you.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED!**

Rotary 4 Way Test Speech Chair: Beth Huber. [bhuber@cinci.rr.com](mailto:bhuber@cinci.rr.com).

Thank you for your Rotary Service.



## Troy Rotary Club Recognizes Recipient of Annual Service Award

Charles "Charlie" Doyle (1949-2007) was a dedicated Rotarian, serving as the club's secretary for more than 25 years. His commitment to Rotary, and to the Troy community, represents a standard of service by which others are compared. At their January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, Troy Rotarians named Kathleen Moore as the recipient of the annual "Charlie Doyle" service award for the public relations work she does for the club.

Since accepting the challenge of raising the public's awareness of the Rotary programs and activities in 2014, Moore has worked with her fellow Rotarians to issue press and news releases, arrange for radio interviews and TV coverage, and increase Troy Rotary's social media presence and engagement. In February 2015, the club's Mutinda Wildlife Education Center program was featured in the international magazine *The Rotarian*. "I am honored to be given such recognition but know that it takes the entire Rotary club to share the good news of the programs we support that benefit the local community," said Moore. She added that her PR Committee includes all the club's members as they represent the face of Rotary every day.

Moore is Director of Marketing at TriVista. She holds a bachelor's degree from Miami University, an MBA from Wright State University and will complete a master's degree in Strategic Public Relations from The George Washington University in May.



## Piqua Rotary Participates in Toothbrush Give Away

The Piqua Rotary Club participation in Miami County Dental Clinic toothbrush/toothpaste "giveaway" on February 8 at Washington Primary School in Piqua. All kindergartners and first graders were provided with instructions on how to properly brush their teeth, floss and instructions on which sugar-laden foods/beverages to avoid. Piqua Rotarians have supported the Dental Clinic since its inception and helped distribute dental supplies as well as assist with dental visits at Piqua schools.



In photo (left to right) are Rotarians Jim McMaken and Sharon Semanick along with Dental Clinic staff, Washington students and Piqua Rotary President Diana Davis.



