



# Rotary District 6670 Newsletter

## January 2017

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## District Governor's Update..Rotary Serving Humanity



Club Member

### Happy New Year Fellow District 6670 Rotarians!

I hope that you had a safe and joyous holiday season. Not only is the month of January a new year, it is actually midpoint of our 2016 -2017 Rotary year. Thus far, we have made great progress towards our very important annual district goals. Thank you for your leadership and commitment. Let's finish the year strong! The remainder of the Rotary year, and 2017 in general, will offer us many opportunities to make a difference and to have a significant impact on families, friends, local communities and the world.

DG Mike Kelly with Thomas Hall, a Rotaract and new Middletown Rotary

In January, we often make resolutions and set meaningful personal and professional goals for the year. As you develop your 2017 goals, I ask that you consider setting a few related to Rotary International. Membership is the number one internal priority of our organization and district. I ask that you establish an individual goal or two in the area of membership, such as inviting at least one person a month to visit your club as a guest. If each of us could set a goal of attracting and retaining one new Rotarian or a Rotary alumni - someone currently inactive and not a member of a club - it would make a tremendous difference in strengthening our organization.

In order to remain a viable organization in the future, we must continue to attract and retain committed Rotarians. As we all know, however challenges abound in this area. Some of the challenges that we face are very consistent with other non-profits and service organizations. I found a lot of great background, insight and suggestions highlighted in a couple of books that I read relatively recently. The books are "Race for Relevance" by Harrison Coerver and Mary Byers, and "Bowling Alone" by Robert Putnam. The authors did a wonderful job of identifying and explaining challenges related to membership. They also shared thoughts and suggestions on ways to address this very important area of focus.

With this being vocational service month, I encourage you to continue to live out the principles of Rotary in your businesses or places of employment. A mentality of "service above self" can be a great way to have success in your vocation and model the principles of Rotary. A great source of potential members may be found in our businesses or places of employment. Rotary is an organization that offers many opportunities for personal and professional development. Those looking to grow and be stretched while serving their local communities and the world will find a lot to like here.

Enjoy the remainder of the Rotary year and please remember to set a few Rotary related goals in the area of membership. We have made great progress but have more work to do in the area of membership attraction and retention. As I mentioned, we have accomplished a lot thus far this year, but we have more work to do. I look forward to

**Robert C Young II**  
Asst Governor  
**Sigrid Solomon**  
Training Coordinator  
**MICHAEL SCHATZMAN**  
DCO-District Comm. Officer

celebrating our Foundation Centennial and what will be many accomplishments with you at our 2016-2017 District Conference on April 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now open and more information can be found on our District 6670 website. Thanks for all that you do and again, Happy New Year, and all the best in 2017 and beyond.

## Shoes for Orphan Souls...our District 6670 Service Project

### Events

#### 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

Happy New Year fellow Rotarians!

Shawn Spurrier at Buckner Shoes will be mailing each club a packet of information and tools for your successful shoe drive.

In the packet you will be receiving:

- Welcome Letter
- Packing forms
- Posters (Customized with District 6670 and Rotary Logos)
- DVD

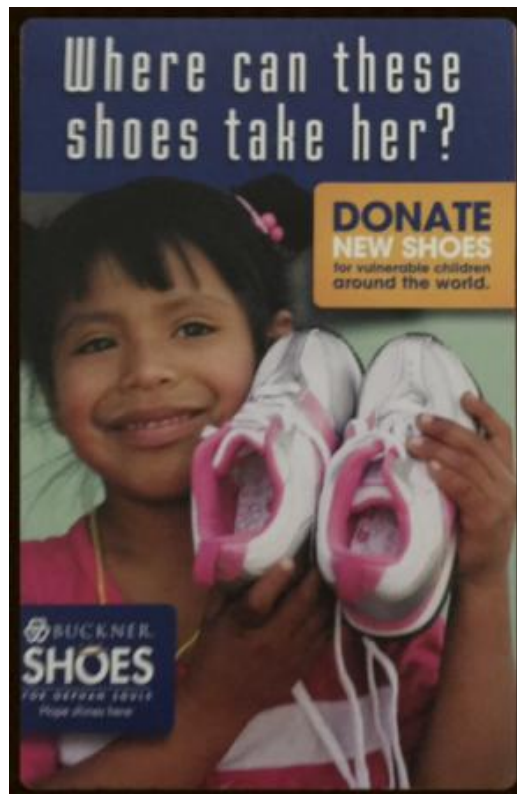
Please remember we are also collecting socks and shoe laces along with shoes.

Also offer the project to your Interact sponsored clubs. It is an easy way to connect your club and can serve as their International Project required by Rotary International.

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. Clubs can bring shoes in bags or larger boxes, but please no individual shoe boxes! Shawn Spurrier will be in attendance and is looking forward to sharing stories with us, how WE, as a district, teaming with Buckner, have made a difference in the lives of so many children and families! 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.

And remember to register for the district conference! This year, we are celebrating 100 Years of THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ! You don't want to miss the opportunity to join in with YOUR fellow Rotarians celebrating this milestone!

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## Membership, Keeping the "Old" and Bringing in the "New"

**By Sigrid Solomon, District Trainer, 6670**

Happy New Year! Membership is very similar to that resolution you made to lose weight. You work really hard on it for a few months then the technique gets boring or the results are not what you desired. Much like the pounds you shed, retaining and recruiting new members to your Club takes serious dedication, will power and focus/a plan.

Here are a few thoughts, however more ideas and information can be found at [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) in the membership section:

**M- Membership Satisfaction Survey**

The power of your club lies in your members. By asking them for feedback regularly, you are demonstrating your openness to change and empowering them to help craft an ideal club experience. Link [Membership Satisfaction Survey](#)

**E- Engage potential Rotarians**

Visit/spend time with the prospective member; remember this is the courting phase. During the visit, the prospective member should hear a description of:

- Community service efforts and successes
- The international scope of Rotary service and fellowship
- Rotary's emphasis on high standards of character and integrity
- Rotary's broad-based community representation
- Rotary's attendance requirements and the club's dues structure

As with any encounter you should be well prepared and should consider ahead of time the personal interests and abilities of the prospective member in order to highlight areas of potential personal involvement.

**M- Membership Assessment Tool**

This tool will help you grow and diversify your club's membership. You will clearly see which professions are represented in your club and what skills and expertise it's missing. Each gap you identify presents an opportunity to target your recruitment efforts. It will also make the best use of members' expertise and skills. Your club's collective knowledge and talent can help it make a more significant impact in your community. Link- [Membership Assessment Tools](#)

**E- Educate**

It's important to educate your current members about what it means to be a Rotary and make it Club specific. This can be done several ways but a few are to complete a checklist for membership, most often within the first six months to year for a new member to assist them in solidifying their role in the Club. In addition to attending new member orientation meeting(s), the club must make certain it has a continuing Rotary education policy in place. This education process is essential for older members as well as newer ones. Research has shown that a positive program of continuing education can help increase a club's overall retention rate.

Link- [Introducing New Members to Rotary: An Orientation Guide](#)

**R- Rotaract**

Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18-30 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. Remember these folks are Rotarians in the making...

**S- Social Media**

Is your club on Facebook? Is your website up-to-date? Are you sharing information about your club's activities and projects with your community? An active social media presence can attract new members and inspire current ones. [See how one club used social media to grow its membership.](#)

**H- Help others**

Service is our middle name...Service Above Self- What type of unselfish service does your Club provide to your local community, district and world?

### **I-Involve**

Involve new members in club committees, activities, fundraisers, board meetings, weekly club meetings, and social activities. An involved member will feel a part of the club and make Rotary a personal priority.

### **P - Partnerships**

What sort of partnerships has your Club established? Remember when you partner with Rotary, our 1.2 million members amplify your impact, elevate your brand, advance important causes, improve communities, and gain access to global connections.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Troy Rotary Club Sponsors Free Breakfast with Santa**

It was a busy morning for Santa Claus as the Troy Rotary Club and Lincoln Community Center hosted a free breakfast with the man in the red suit on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Each child who sat on his lap and shared their wishes for the holiday received a candy cane and a stuffed animal to take home. They also received a photo of the visit that their families can keep. While Santa has been to these events for several years, this was the first time it was provided free-of-charge to anyone who came to the center. Santa was happy to hear from nearly 80 children who came with their families for the meal. More than 120 people filled their bellies with all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage. By the time he had to leave, Santa had a list of toys that the elves need to finish before he comes back to Troy on Christmas Eve. He thanked all the families who came to breakfast, the volunteers, the center staff and the Rotarians who hosted the event.



Located at 110 Ash Street in Troy, Lincoln Community Center provides educational and recreational facilities and tools that cater to patrons of all ages. The center offers many programs for children as well as adult and senior citizens. For more information, visit [www.lcctroy.com](http://www.lcctroy.com)

### **Save the Date for the District Golf Outing**

# 50-50 Raffle Mulligans



Men & Women Putting Contests  
Closest to Pin Contests

## DISTRICT 6670 2017 GOLF OUTING

Friday, April 28  
Shaker Run Golf Club  
1328 Golf Club Dr.  
Lebanon, OH 45036  
(513) 727-6897  
www.shakerungolfclub.com

### 9:00 AM Start

Breakfast, hole assignments,  
course and journey instructions  
and begin at 8:30 AM.



Entry fee is \$100 per player, which includes continental breakfast, range balls, golf, cart and lunch. Cash drinks are available. The format will be a four-person scramble. **Deadline for registration is April 28th.**

To compete for the coveted District 6670 Governor's Cup, two members of the foursome must be from the same Rotary Club. Individual entries are welcome and we will assign you to a foursome. There will be prizes for both men and woman players. Please note: soft spikes only, collared shirts and no denim.

Contact Jim Perry (203-414-9400)/Orville Bantz hole sponsorships of \$100 are requested.  
Contact Orville Bantz (937-545-9782) foursome of golf donations.

All proceeds from the Golf Outing will be contributed to The Rotary Foundation.

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District 6670 Sanctioned Entry Form:

Cost: \$100 per entry payable to: <b>District 6670 Golf Outing</b> Mobile: 203-414-9400 Home: 513-836-3746		Mail Entry Form and Check To: <b>Jim Perry</b> <b>1481 Shaker Run Blvd.</b> <b>Lebanon, OH 45036</b>		
Name	Club (If member)	\$125 Donated to The Rotary Foundation	Mulligans \$10 ea. Max 2	Total Each Player
1.		\$100		
2.		\$100		
3.		\$100		
4.		\$100		
Contact Pl. #:			Total	

## Springfield Rotary's 94th Children with Disabilities Christmas Party is an Outstanding Success!



A note about the 2016 party from Laura Brown, Teacher at Perrin Woods:

*"I wanted to express my thanks and gratitude to...all of the Rotarians! You have made my students so happy. They cannot express their delight verbally, but the look of joy on their faces say it all.*

*You truly embody your motto – Service above Self*

*Thank you again for the wonderful things you do for our children and the*

*community."*

**THANK YOU** for your wonderful service at Monday's 94th Annual Children with Disabilities Christmas Party! Thanks to each and every one of you who hosted a student! **Over 520 individuals** were in attendance! With **136 Rotarians**

volunteering (due to illness, work, there were 130 at the party) and **182 children** with disabilities (due to illness, hospitalizations, etc., 177 children were at the party), this beat last year and thus, was our largest party! **Thanks to YOU**, our Club's signature event was outstanding!

**District Governor Mike Kelly, his wife, Melinda, and Assistant District Governor Michelle Sherrill** were truly amazed! Assistant District Governor Michelle attended last year and wanted to make sure she was present again this year.

**Deepest gratitude** goes to **Wittenberg University**. We couldn't do this party without them! Our partnership together goes back at least 66 years!

**Special Thanks** to **Parkhurst Food Service** for providing the children's meals free of charge; **Ambience** for the beautiful decorations; **an anonymous individual who attended these parties in the 1960s** and donated \$100; **Developmental Disabilities of Clark County (Clark DD)** for providing the shuttle bus, as well as personnel who volunteered at the Holiday Carnival; **Home City Tent & Awning Company**, corporate partner **Meijer**; **David & Carolyn Kuss Patterson**, daughter & son-in-law of the late Rotarian Dick Kuss for their monetary donation; **Springfield-Clark CTC Culinary Arts class & David Hay**, Instructor; **Police Chief & fellow Rotarian, Steve Moody & Springfield Police**; **Fire Chief C. Nicholas Heimlich, Springfield Fire & Rescue**; **Springfield Foundation**; **Sysbro Design**; and **The Turner Foundation** for lending us the beautiful, intricate, vintage ornament located in the Show & Tell station, handmade for the Children's Christmas Party by the **late Rotarian Dr. Bob Beam** and to **Eric Samuelson** for ornament delivery to and from the party.

#### **Additional Special Thanks to:**

*The Children with Disabilities Christmas Party Committee:* **Pete Noonan, Chair; Dave Estrop, Steve Field, Gus Geil, Bonita Heeg, Bob Hill, Wendy Kobler, Mary Alice Neely, Jenny Rousculp-Miller, Lorann Rue, Tom Rue, and Bob Warren.**

*North Pole Elves* (those that bought & wrapped the children's gifts): **Bonnie Bartos, Andy & Cathy Bell, Mary Brandstetter, Bill & Deanna Bougher, Shashi Chadha, Jane Deer, Diane Ericksen, Dave & Linda Foley, Bill Hallmark, Kathie Hellmuth (friend of Bonita Heeg), Cheryl Hesson, Horton Hobbs, Andy Irick, Jim Kreckman, Ed Leventhal, Mary Jo Leventhal, Mike McDorman, Steve Moody, Steve Neely, Sherry Nelson, Charlie Patterson, Lou Ross, and Joy Rogers.**

*Shuttle Bus Hosts* (before & after party): **Bob Warren and Dave Estrop**

*Registration:* **Leigh Anne Lawrence, Club's Administrative Assistant; Deanna Brougher, Donna Field, Vikki Hazelbaker, and Mary Lou Loftis** (friend of Bonita Heeg)

*Curbside Greeter Elves:* **Steve Field, Manager; Keith Applegate, Andy Bell, Charlie Patterson and Roger Storer**

*Bus Arrival Announcers:* **Jenny Rousculp-Miller and Bob Hill**

*Coat Check Elves:* **Lorann Rue, Manager; Cathy Bell, Linda Foley, Sandy Hackett, Peggy Noonan and Judy Roediger**

*Lobby Hosts* (Moving Rotarians from lobby to gymnasium to wait for students): **Pete Noonan, Gus Geil and Tom Rue**

*Holiday Character Costumes Pick Up/Return:* **Linda Foley**

*Holiday Characters' Manager:* **Kathie Hellmuth**

*Holiday Characters:* **Melissa Hobson, Aubry Vantress and Jill Stewart**, Developmental Disabilities of Clark County personnel, (Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman & Gingerbread Man); **Reese Turner**, Cindy Lou from How the Grinch Stole Christmas (granddaughter of Tom Rue); and **Riley Turner**, Elf ( granddaughter of Tom Rue)

*Clowns:* **Local Masonic Grotto Clowns**

*Pocket Lady:* **Cathy Bell**

*Roving Juggler & Ventriloquist:* **Mike Hemmelgarn**

*Paramedic/Firefighter:* **Lt. Jeff Lyday**

*Party Entrance Doorkeeper:* **Bob Hill**

*Santa Claus:* **Pete Noonan**

*Santa's Personal Elf:* **Peggy Noonan**

*Santa's Chief Elf:* **Tom Rue**

*Workshop A & B Elves:* **Mary Lou Loftis and Bethany Gray** (daughter of Bonita Heeg)

*"Time to Visit Santa" Announcer; Workshop "A" Doorkeeper & Bus Departure Announcer:* **Gus Geil**

## Xenia Rotary Club Christmas Auction and Gifts for Area Children in Need



The Xenia Rotary Club recently held its annual Christmas Auction allowing it to purchase and deliver gifts to 97 children in need this year. The children live in Xenia, Cedarville and Yellow Springs. The Auction is just one way the club raises money to support projects in the local area. This year's event was a lively one, with a special lunch and lots of items up for bid. Father and son, Keith and Bart

Sheridan, of Sheridan & Associates handled the auctioneer duties.

In addition to raising \$10,000 to cover the expense of the children's gifts, the club made a commitment to help those affected by the recent wildfires around Gatlinburg Tennessee. The club is making a donation of \$2,400 to Rotary District 6780 that is based in Sevier County Tennessee. The five Rotary clubs that are a part of District 6780 and closest to the fire damaged area will use their relationships with county schools to identify children and families most in need of assistance. The donation by Xenia Rotarians is in line with this year's theme-



“Rotary Serving Humanity”.



Organizers for the auction and Christmas program were Denise Davis and Diane Dixon. Special items for the auction were provided by a number of area businesses including Mills Park Hotel, One Bistro, Two Glass Girls, 3F Coaching, Anderson Williamson Insurance, Hospitality Center for Rehabilitation & Healing, Reickley Insurance, Dayton Dragons, and Clean Energy. Individuals who provided special

items included Jeanie Hughes, Cathy Geyer and Christy Fielding.

#### Photo Captions

1. Xenia Rotarians Laurie Fox, Greene County Health District (l) and Christy Fielding, Xenia Community Schools (r) with gifts ready for delivery.
2. Xenia Rotarians Bart Sheridan, (l) and Keith Sheridan, (r), Sheridan & Associates taking bids
3. Xenia Rotarian and Organizer, Denise Davis, thanks the club for their participation in the Christmas Auction and Program

## Moraine Rotary Club Donates to Pirate Pack

The Moraine Rotary Club recently donated \$2,000 to the Pirate Pack

Organization to support the program's effort to provide weekend food for needy youth in the West Carrollton School District. Moraine Rotary Club President Don Schweitzer presented a check to Joe Cox of Pirate Packs at the December 14th Rotary Club Meeting at the Payne Recreation Center. Pirate Pack serves all seven schools in the school district and currently over 120 kids are served. Many local churches, businesses, individuals and organizations support the program as the 2017-2018 goal is to feed 200 children.



## Troy and West Milton Rotary Designated Driver Program a Success in its 17th Season



The news from the Ohio Highway Patrol and Miami County Sheriff's Office is good. For the 17<sup>th</sup> straight holiday season, there were no alcohol-related deaths in the Miami County area. The Troy and West Milton Rotary clubs helped drivers remember to make smart transportation decisions while out celebrating the holidays through their gold and blue "Designated Driver" buttons. Law enforcement has cited this program as one of many that

combine to raise awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving, especially between December and January each year.

Dr. Michael Pope is the chairman of the Designated Driver program that is led by Troy Rotary. He works with Rotarians from West Milton and Troy to distribute thousands of buttons to local banks, bars and state liquor stores. "Since the first year of the program, we have worked hard to help area residents stay safe when they celebrate the holidays," said Pope. He noted that many establishments are anxious to have the buttons to hand out each December and normally run out of their inventory by New Year's Day. That's a good problem to have, especially when it helps people on the roadways reach their destinations unharmed.

West Milton and Troy Rotarians embrace this annual service program as an excellent example of Rotary International's motto of "Service Above Self."

## Union County Rotary has Busy Holiday Season

The Union County Rotary club had a busy and exciting holiday season! We welcomed a new member, had a rowdy white elephant gift exchange, and most importantly provided Christmas gifts to two local children in need by partnering with Care Train in Union County. We are excited for the new year!



## Moraine Rotary Christmas Smiles Program for Needy Families



On December 17th members of the Moraine Rotary Club helped load food boxes and toys into cars as part of the Moraine Christmas Smiles Program. Needy Moraine families and children benefitted from this annual program. The Moraine Rotary Club volunteered in many stages of the program. "It is wonderful to give back to the community through this program," stated Moraine Rotary President Don Schweitzer.



