



Rotary District 6670 Newsletter

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District Governor Updates..."Rotary Serving Humanity"



Thank you District 6670! It has been a blessing to serve as your District Governor this year. Melinda and I thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to gain a first-hand perspective on the wonderful work occurring in our District and even more so, to have been intricately involved!

We have made great strides in the areas of Membership, The Rotary Foundation, Public Relations and New Generations; nevertheless, there is more to be done. I genuinely appreciate your commitment, support and hard work this year. You epitomize our RI President's 2016-2017 theme of "Rotary Serving Humanity."

A number of you have asked me, "What will you do after this Rotary year is over?" Melinda and I will travel and enjoy our leisure time and get some much-needed rest. I will also spend time building my businesses, Right Path Enterprises and Kelly Financial Planning. Additionally, I will focus my efforts on supporting the Mason-Deerfield Rotary Club and other non-profits with which I am involved.

Melinda and I wish each of you and your families God's continued blessings and peace.

Thanks again, Mike

Highlights from the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta



Asst Governor
Sigrid Solomon
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Events

July 2017

07/04 - Wilmington Rotary Golf
Outing
07/23 - Rotary Day at the Dayton
Dragons Baseball Game



Farmersville and Germantown Rotary Clubs Sponsor RYLA Students



Three Valley View High School students were selected to attend the 2017 RYLA event at Camp Kern in Oregon. Samuel North, sponsored by Farmersville Rotary, Emma Hutchison, sponsored by Germantown Rotary, and Mya Shell, sponsored by the high school Rotary Interact club were among 100 high school students selected by District 6670 clubs to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) camp. This annual event features outdoor challenges, critical thinking exercises, and motivational speakers.

Greater Harrison Rotary Summer FUNdraiser

Greater Harrison Rotary Summer FUNdraiser This invitation comes to you from the Members of the Greater Harrison Rotary. Last Summer our Club hosted a 3-Way Triathlon Team Event starting with 2 Games of Scotch Doubles Bowling, followed by a canoe race down the Whitewater River, with an optional cornhole tournament to finish the afternoon. Money raised from the event will contribute to many causes within our community and allows us to continue our mission of Service before Self and Charitable Giving. We hope you will grab a fellow Rotarian, Friend or Family member, enjoy a beautiful summer day...(hopefully) and participate with us as a way of having a little fun in addition to giving to those causes worthy in our communities. Freda Huber

is our Event Chair and will be glad to answer any questions you have. She can be reached at 513-382-8388 or events@greaterharrisonrotary.org. We thank you in advance for your consideration of this Annual Event.

Cordially,

Members of Greater Harrison Rotary

Flyer - <http://greaterharrisonrotary.org/events/2017-3-WayChallenge.pdf>

Large and Welcoming Session at RI Convention



IPG

Bill Shula was invited to present at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta on Tuesday June 13. The topic "Large and Welcoming" was designed for clubs with 125 or larger membership.

Neil Phillips, DGE from Toronto-Ontario and Jay Ross, President-Elect for San Jose served as panelists with Bill. All three panelists represented their home large clubs: Toronto 220 members, San Jose 400 members and Cincinnati 320 members.

The 350 plus attendees were part of a discussion on the importance designing strategies to engage all members continuously in welcoming and inviting activities and meetings. The main purpose of the interactive session was designed for attendees to come away with actionable, successful, and proven "Welcoming" techniques to immediately put into practice when you return to your clubs.

New Rotary Club of Monroe Receives Charter from RI



DG

Mike Kelly is very pleased to announce that the Rotary Club of Monroe, Ohio was officially admitted to membership in Rotary International on May 15, 2017. The club chartered with 26 members. This is very exciting, and it is fantastic for our District and Rotary International! Please join DG Kelly in thanking Norma Berry PDG, Wendy Kissel, Stu Locke, Michael McNeil and the remainder of the Club Extension Committee for their dedication and tireless efforts. I also ask that you join me in welcoming the members of our newest club to Rotary International and our District.

Monroe Rotary Club-Charter Members

Name
 Christina R. McElfresh
 Carol Hosbrook-Cole
 Alexander Hosbrook-Cole
 Suzi Rubin
 Cloe Idle
 Connie Adam
 Michael G. Froehle
 Angela S. Wasson
 Robert E. Rouston
 Jason R. Frentzel
 Robert J. Routson
 Jennene P. Alexander
 Brian Powderly
 Robert O. Buchanan
 David Grant
 John P. Centers
 Joshua D. King
 Jesse Catanzaro
 Mardia A. Shands
 Katie S. McNeil
 Maurita Stueck
 Dr. Bryan Stephens
 Ashley M. Gould
 Rose Morgan
 David T. Morgan
 Stan R. Kappers



Centerville Rotary Club Presents Scholarships



Centerville Rotary Club has been making great strides this year in adding new members to the club, and young ones at that. There have been a number of initiatives, one being a monthly social hour at various local drinking establishments for new members and potential new members to get acquainted with existing members and their spouses. Our members committee, headed by Ann

Blackburn, whose enthusiasm and initiative and special invites have brought in new young members, has mushroomed the club from 50 members to 70-plus members in the past several years.

But that is just one aspect of the club's local outreach.

Thanks to the efforts of one club member's daughter, who used her energy, ideas, and marketing skill, to form an Interact Club was when she was a freshman at Centerville High School in 2010, the club grew from just two members, one being the club's advisor, to 40 members by the time she left for college. **Vineela Appalaneni**, daughter of club member Vas Appalaneni, is now a senior at the University of Michigan. She plans to apply to medical school this year.

The Interact Club meanwhile has grown to more than 70 students with three co-presidents, one of whom was among the five Centerville High School seniors awarded a \$2,000 scholarship for college this year.

These students are our future and were recognized by their school and at our June 1 Centerville Rotary Club scholarship winners' luncheon at The Club House at Yankee Trace, where the club meets every Thursday at noon.

Kim Senft-Paras, the Club's Youth Services Director and the executive director of the Education Foundation for the Club, welcomed our guests, both students and their parents, grandparents and friends, congratulating the graduates and their proud parents for everything the students have accomplished.

For the guests and new members, she gave a brief overview of the club's mission, noting that the Centerville Rotary Club's Educational Foundation provides scholarships to graduating seniors from the Centerville/Washington Township community. Criteria for these awards is based on financial need, participation in service oriented projects and potential for success in college or trade school.

Kim introduced the members of the Education Foundation Committee: Deb Dulaney, Ed Flohre, and Dick Hoback. Ray Merz, also a member, was absent due to illness.

Dick serves as secretary and Kim is the executive director. Rotary member Brad Thorp is the group's investment manager.

Centerville High School Counselor Kensie Everhart made sure the club's scholarship application was posted for the seniors and assembled the documentation for the Foundation Committee to review.

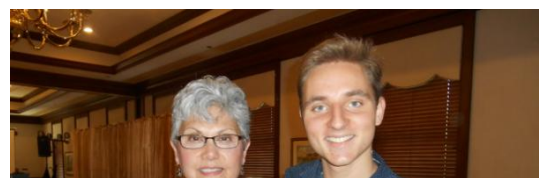
"For 42 years, the Centerville Rotary Educational Foundation has given scholarships to graduating Washington-Centerville high school seniors," Kim said. "Since 1975, we have awarded over \$210,000.00 in scholarship money.

Money for this project is raised from the club's annual Pancake Breakfast, held the fourth Saturday in October at Centerville High School. This year's breakfast will be October 28.

This year, 16 seniors applied to our Foundation and five \$2,000 scholarships totaling \$10,000 were awarded.

Rotary's motto, 'service above self' has been exemplified by the three students, Kim said. Each student received a book especially selected for them because of an interest, career or educational goal described to the committee during their interview.

Kim said **Chance Koogler** was an AP Scholar, an officer in the National Honor Society, the Captain of the Centerville High School Varsity Golf Team, and an



Academic All-Ohio State Golfer. His service projects included volunteering at Daybreak, collecting books for the Interact Club book drive, tutoring younger students in German and geometry, and assisting at the Americana



Festival. His personal references cite his exemplary leadership style, high moral standards and quiet confidence, all three of which were recognized by the committee during his interview. Chance will attend The Ohio State University to major in software engineering and hopes to find ways to promote peace through computer software. The Checklist Manifesto: how to get things right, by Atul Gawande, is the book selected for Chance. This book describes how the lowly checklist has made it possible for us to make some of the most difficult societal advances from flying airplanes to building complex skyscrapers.

Chance thanked the club for the scholarship and said that when first asked what his goals were, he had no clue. But he knew he wants to make a difference in every person's life. "There is a lot to be said about the way you do things," he said. He said that he was at the club with Casey before, one of his peers who helped him make his goals and decide what he wants to do to help world peace.

Kim said **Abigail Magoffin** is a Centerville High School graduate who will attend the University of Cincinnati to study social work. Her scholastic activities included National Honor Society, Scholar Athlete and AP Scholar. She volunteered with the school's Lunch Buddies program, served as co-president of the Interact Club; and assisted with several of the children's programs at Fairhaven Church. Abby has been employed at the Spring Valley Tree for the past two years. Her references detail her sincere and selfless desire to help others, quiet confidence, determination and tenacity, as well as her generosity and kind manner. Interact Club Advisor Liz Cameron writes: "*Abby embodies the Rotary mantra 'Service above Self.'*" Abby took the lead in mobilizing resources and volunteers for the Interact Club's refugee initiative. With this in mind, Abby is receiving the book titled A Long Way Gone: memoirs of a boy soldier by Ishmael Beah, the story of an orphaned Sierra Leone boy taught to kill by the government army, then rescued by UNICEF and brought to this country for rehabilitation and a chance at a normal life.

Kim said our third scholarship winner **Rose Minton** will attend Ohio University to study biological sciences. She intends to pursue a degree in physical therapy with plans to become a pediatric physical therapist. Rose was also a member of the National Honor Society, Scholar Athlete, OHSAA Cheerleading State Champion, an Associate Captain of Centerville High School's Mock Trial program, and a member of the Spanish Honor Society. Her references note Rose's strong work ethic, leadership skills, and exceptionally positive attitude. Her community service work included serving in all aspects of the children's department at her church and traveling to Ecuador to assist a local community. Mountains Beyond Mountains: the quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a man who would cure the world, by Tracy Kidder, was the book selected for Rose by the committee.

Rose, like the other two scholarship winners, thanked Rotary for the scholarship, which will allow her to pursue her goals at college. She said she actually cried in her interview, overcome with emotion, and didn't expect to receive the scholarship, but appreciates the opportunity it gives her and that her goal is to help kids grow up to be stronger.

Two of the scholarship winners, Madison Balsinger and Christopher Kang, were unavailable for the day's program, but will join us at our club meeting next week, Kim said.

Casey Swoboda, one of last year's scholarship winners, and **Vineela Appalaneni**, club member Vas's daughter, who was the former Interact Club president, also spoke during the meeting.

Casey said he never realized what freedom he would have at school, making all his own decisions and being on his own. He said he was surprised by the urban environment of Cincinnati, which was not like Centerville. Right outside the university area, two or three minutes from his apartment were homeless people, he said. He has always wanted to do something good. He said he got into the TEDX program at the university, a freshman leadership program. Then he did numerous things, from starting a philosophy club to being an RA next year on campus, and helping at a little school about 45 minutes away with health inequalities.

Vineela Appalaneni is in her senior year at the University of Michigan now where there is a Rotaract Club with people with all different majors, she said. When she started the Interact Club in Centerville High School in 2010 as a freshman, there were two people, and one of them was the advisor, she said. She did her best at marketing the program and by the time she graduated there were 40 members. She now studies cellular microbiology. She has volunteered at Hospice where she provides compassionate care and has volunteered at an orphanage in Nicaragua. This summer she is working at Miami Valley Hospital and has applied to medical school.

Club member Deb Dulaney, who attended the recognition ceremony at Centerville High School, told those assembled about Rotary and the high school's Interact Club, noting that the club advisor at the school is Liz Cameron. She also noted that the criteria for the awards are based on participation in service oriented projects, potential for success in college, and financial need.

She listed the five award winners:

1. **Christopher Kang – aspires to become a Cardiac Surgeon and is off to Michigan State University for Human Biology.**
2. **Chance Koogler – wants to pursue a career in Software Engineering – Ohio State University**
3. **Abigail Magoffin – pursuing a degree in Social Work at University of Cincinnati**
4. **Rose Minton – will attend Ohio University in their Biological Sciences to become a Physical Therapist**
5. **Madison Balsinger – wants to pursue a degree in Nursing - Univ. of Cincinnati**

Kim used the remaining time to read a letter from Kaarthika Thakker, a 2016 Rotary Scholarship recipient:

My first year at Rice University has been great, I am currently thinking of studying Computer Science with a minor in Poverty, Justice, and Human Capabilities or possibly a double major in Sociology or Art History. Some of the activities I'm involved with at Rice include KTRU, which is Rice's volunteer run radio station where I am on the board of directors and the end of the year concert Outdoor Show committee. This year was KTRU's 50th anniversary so I also worked on that committee. Additionally, I give back to my campus community by being a volunteer for the Rice Women's Resource Center as a Diversity Facilitator for the Office of Multicultural Affairs. My committee deals with the incidents of racism, sexism, ableism, et... .Her list of activities would astound you...and we are proud of seeing how successful these young people can be.

Play Golf and Make Money for Your Club!



Make this event a fund raiser for your club!

Join the Mason Deerfield Rotary Club for a day of golf, fun and food! August 28th at Four Bridges Country Club in West Chester.

Earn \$150 for each Birdie Sponsorship your club brings to the event! A Birdie Sponsor is \$900 and includes a sign for your sponsor as well as pays for four golfers!

Other sponsorships and potential fund raising earnings are available for your club. Just let us

know you have an interest.

For more information contact Roger Chudde at roger.chudde@gmail.com or Nicole Haake at nicole@choosereliance.com.

Moraine Rotary Participates in Beautification Program



The Moraine Rotary Club participated in the City of Moraine Dryden Road Island Beautification Program once again this year. Members removed weeds and litter, removed spent buds from flowers and adding mulch to an island located near the intersection of Dryden Road & Main Street just north of the Moraine Municipal Building. The beautiful island is a gateway to the business development occurring along the Dyden Road Corridor. Rotary members will maintain the island until the fall and may add a second Rotary logo sign to the site.

Cincinnati-Eastside Rotary Announces Scholarship Recipients: Five, \$1,000 Awards

Cincinnati Eastside Rotary announced that it has awarded five, \$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 2017-18 academic year were **Maria Cardarelli** (Amelia High School) attending Xavier University; **Kristina Cass** (Amelia High School) attending Brigham Young University; **Robert Duff** (Amelia High School) attending Ohio University; **Bradley Grosjean** (Miami Valley Christian Academy) attending Ohio State University; and **Kristina Hodges** (Amelia High School) attending the University of Cincinnati.

Award winners will study a broad array of discipline areas including engineering, communications and planning, and occupational therapy with a common bond to improve the communities in which they will study, work and reside. Recipients and their families were honored at a recent weekly luncheon meeting of Cincinnati Eastside Rotary.



Caption 1: from left, Kristina Hodges, Amelia High School; Bradley Grosjean, Miami Valley Christian Academy; and Maria Cardarelli, Amelia High School alongside Cincinnati Eastside Rotary President Eric Radtke, were honored recently for receiving one of five, \$1,000 scholarships provided by Cincinnati Eastside Rotary.

Caption 2: Kristina Cass (left), Amelia High School and Robert Duff (right), Amelia High School with Cincinnati Eastside Rotary President Eric Radtke (center) were honored recently for receiving one of five, \$1,000 scholarships provided by Cincinnati Eastside Rotary.



Troy Rotary Club Recognized by Troy City Schools in Appreciation



The Troy Rotary club was recognized recently by the Troy City Schools for its longstanding partnership with Heywood Elementary School. For several years, Rotary, the Troy Rotary Foundation, and volunteers have worked with the staff and faculty to provide many of the necessities a child should have to do well in school. From fully stocked backpacks to warm winter wear to reading Dr. Seuss books to classes, Troy Rotarians continue to encourage the students at Heywood to do their best each day.

Eric Herman, superintendent of the school district, presented the recognition to the club in May. Each year, the district thanks select partners from the business and nonprofit communities to express appreciation for their support and advocacy of students in Troy.

Moraine Rotary Donates to Youth Summer Camp



Photo: Moraine Rotary President Don Schweitzer (right) presents a check to Dave McAdams of South Community Inc.

The Moraine Rotary Club recently donated \$500 to South Community Inc. in Moraine to sponsor a Moraine youth in the HERO Project. The HERO Project is an intense summer program through South Community Behavioral Healthcare that is designed to decrease at-risk behaviors of children with severe emotional challenges ages 7 to 18. "South Community employs highly skilled staff, which includes mental health case managers and therapists to assist youth in overcoming their difficulties," stated Rotarian David McAdams.

Save the Date! For the Rotary District 4Way Test Speech Competition

I know you are all planning for our next Rotary year – and we are, also. The Rotary District 4 Way Test Speech Competition will be on Sunday, April 8, 2018, at Wright State University. Please make a note on your calendars now, to plan to attend. We will need volunteers for the day to work as timers, runners, judges and, of course, we will need Students to compete! If you want to be amazed by the youth in our district, plan to spend the day with us on April 8, 2018, to hear how these students are applying the Rotary 4 Way Test in their lives.

Information for the contest will be rolled out at Trilogy and then will be posted on the District Web Site. Make a note on your calendar to look for it there by early September. Getting this information to your school contacts early in the school year helps them plan for the contest. April 8 may see a long way off from September, however Students have a lot packed into their learning year and we want this opportunity to be part of it, so we need to plan early.

The four final contestant speeches from 2016 are available on the District Website to review and share with students and others. The 2017 four finalist's speeches will be available soon. The committee is looking forward to another great year – and we appreciate your help in making that happen.



Miamisburg Rotary Raises \$15,000+ at Annual Charity Auction

The Rotary Club of Miamisburg announced Wednesday, May 3, 2017 that it raised over \$15,000 at its annual Esther Philhower Charity Auction held on Saturday April 22, at the Baum Opera House in Miamisburg. Esther Philhower, was the club's first female president, and started the auction in 1997. It has been held annually since that time. Melinda Moore, the club's current fundraising chairman, said that proceeds from the auction would go to support the Rotary Foundation, and the Miamisburg Rotary Charitable Trust. The Rotary Foundation was started in 1917, "...for the purpose of doing good in the world." It supports such worldwide initiatives as clean water, education, promoting world peace, and fighting disease. The Miamisburg Rotary's Charitable Trust was set up through the Dayton Foundation for supporting local community projects. Most recently funds from the trust have been used to renovate the Miamisburg Plaza Theater, and support Campus Quest.

Farmersville Rotary Awards \$6,000 Scholarship



The Rotary Club of Farmersville has awarded their \$6,000 Eleanor Miller Memorial Scholarship to 2017 Valley View High School graduate and valedictorian, Andrew Valenti. Andrew is the son of Michael and Angie Valenti. The annual four-year scholarship has been awarded in Eleanor's memory since 1985. Andrew will attend Ohio Northern University where he will major in pre-med and physical therapy. Pictured are Michael, Andrew, Angie Valenti, and Rotarian Sally Miller.

Troy Rotary Successful Year at the Strawberry Festival



The Troy Rotary Club had a record-setting year at the 41st annual Troy Strawberry Festival June 3-4, 2017. Thanks to a new process and improved recipe, the club was able to sell nearly 3,000 drinks before running out of supplies prior the event closed on June 4th. None of it would have been possible without the wonderful festival guests who stopped by for a refreshing beverage...or two!

This booth is the primary fundraiser for the club each year. The money raised goes right back into the local community through scholarships, the club's shoe project, programs at Heywood Elementary School and the Lincoln Community Center, along with other programs and projects.

Dayton Rotary Holds Third Annual Rotary Ride to Support Youth Exchange



On Sunday, June 11 many Dayton Rotary Volunteers helped man rest stops and registration tables as riders gathered in Xenia to participate in a 50 or 100 mile bike ride whose proceeds help fund Youth Exchange Students.

The Rotary Ride Committee is already busy at work on next year's event with some changes and expansion plans so stay tuned for details...