



Rotary District 6670 Newsletter

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District Governor Updates..."Rotary Serving Humanity"



A centennial is defined by Webster Dictionary as a "100th anniversary or its celebration". This definition is applicable to Rotary International as we celebrate the Centennial of our Rotary Foundation in 2017. In many respects, this is a once in a lifetime occasion. We have the opportunity to celebrate and support the work of our Rotary Foundation that has and continues to impact lives in the United States and around the world.

The seeds were planted for the Rotary Foundation at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta in 1917. Arch

Klumph, an Ohioan, who was the sitting Rotary President, was the catalyst for the development of our Foundation. The first contribution was \$26.50 and since that time, the Foundation's assets have grown to almost \$1 billion. The Foundation has distributed more than \$3 billion dollars since its inception in support of various programs and projects in the United States and around the world. The Foundation has consistently been recognized by well-respected organizations such as Charity Navigators for its financial responsibility and stewardship of resources. The Foundation received a 4 out of 4 star rating from Charity Navigators.

"It seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world."

- Arch C. Klumph, Founder of the Rotary Foundation, June 1917

I encourage you to make a donation to our Foundation in honor of the centennial and in recognition of the great work of our organization. My hope is that each member of the clubs within our district will support the Foundation with a minimum contribution of \$26.50 with a goal of \$100 per member. It would also be great if each club could attain a five-year high in total club giving to the Foundation (combined giving by all members under any designation, with a minimum contribution of \$26.50 per member) in honor of our Foundation's Centennial. We play a very important role in ensuring that The Rotary Foundation continues to "do good" in the world for another 100 years. Through our gifts and support this will occur.

On April 28th and 29th, we all will have the opportunity to join in the celebration of The Rotary Foundation's Centennial at our 2017 District Conference at the Manor House in Mason. We have been working diligently on our program, which includes some inspirational speakers and built in time for fellowship and celebration. I encourage you to register today! Almost 100 Rotarians from our District have already registered and made a commitment to attend.

There will also be another opportunity to celebrate the work of the Foundation. At the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta on June 10th – 14th, almost 100 Rotarians from our District have already registered to attend this event as well. I consider this a "once in a lifetime" opportunity with the convention being so close within distance. Thank you very much for all that you do for others in your communities, our District and around the world. It matters a great deal.

Asst Governor
Sigrid Solomon
Training Coordinator
MICHAEL SCHATZMAN
DCO-District Comm. Officer

Events

March 2017

03/13-03/17 - Rotary International
Rotaract Week
03/17- Rotaract International Day
03/24 - 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

06/09/ & 06/10 - Rotary Club of
Wilmington Banana Split Festival
Denver Williams Park
in Wilmington, Ohio.
www.bananasplitfestival.com
06/10- 06/14 - RI Convention and
Foundation Centennial Celebration,
Atlanta, GA

July 2017

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

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)

Kathy Beecham, who is a community servant and inspirational speaker, will be one of our Keynote Speakers.



Kathleen Beechem

Retired, Executive Vice-President, US Bank

kbeechem@fuse.net

Kathy Beechem is originally from Cincinnati, Ohio and returned to that area after several years in Washington DC. She is a graduate of Thomas More College and completed her master's degree at Indiana University in Bloomington Indiana as well as doing graduate study in business at George Washington University in Washington DC. Beechem is a graduate and former faculty member of the Consumer Bankers Association Graduate School of Retail Banking at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Kathy retired from US Bank as an Executive Vice-President. She was responsible for the management of US Bank's metropolitan markets branch offices in seventeen states and managed more than 11,000 employees in 1200 retail banking offices including traditional branches, grocery store branches and branches within corporate sites. Beechem was honored for her achievements by YWCA Career Woman of Achievement in 2002, one of "The 25 Most Powerful Women in Banking" by US Banker trade magazine in 2004, receiving the New Century Leadership Award by the Greater Cincinnati United Way in 2006, The Alumni Association Citizenship Award from Thomas More College in 2009 and being chosen as one of the Cincinnati Enquirer Women of the Year in 2011. In 2012 She was the first recipient of the "Live the Legacy" award from United Way.

Before entering the field of banking, Beechem spent more than 10 years in the retail industry. Originally trained as an educator, she spent several years teaching at the secondary and post-secondary levels. She has also consulted in human resource management for a variety of clients.

Kathy is very involved in the community and especially has a passion for "kids at risk" and for the overall empowerment of women. She was named to the United Way of America's Woman's Leadership Council and co-founded the Greater Cincinnati United Way's Women's Leadership Council. She is former Chair of the Board of the Greater Cincinnati YWCA as well as the Chair of the Cincinnati Brain Tumor Center Community Advisory Board. She is former Board Chair of Jobs for Cincinnati Graduates, member of the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Board and the 4C's.

Kathy's husband, Pete Nadherny, was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2005 at which time both Kathy and Pete retired from their jobs. Pete died in January of 2008. Kathy took his place as a school board member at Alliance Academy of Cincinnati, a Charter K-8 school. She started the grief support group at Crossroads and wrote a book *So Far, So Good* about Pete's journey and her role as his caregiver. The book is published by Strategic Book Group and can be found at spbra.com/kathy-beechem. Kathy went back to work and is currently a pastor and the Multi-Site Director at Crossroads Community church.

SHOES for Orphan Souls, our District 6670 Service Project

We hope your club is engaged in the business of collecting NEW shoes supporting the district's service project Shoes for Orphan Souls.

Last year our district collected over 3000 pairs of shoes, along with socks and shoe laces. 33 clubs participated in this effort!

In January, Buckner International sent you and your club a packet of information and tools for your successful shoe drive.

Our district service project is now underway! We have heard from 26 clubs so far with the name of your club project chair. If you have not contacted me yet, please email wckissel@gmail.com with the information.

Why Shoes? Shoes are foundational to good health, they help a child walk to school to receive an education that can lead to every opportunity for success; a good sturdy pair of shoes protects their feet from parasites where most diseases enter the body thru the feet, and they provide hope for tomorrow knowing someone cares.

Buckner Shoes requests canvas or athletic shoes

Shoe collection will be during district conference at Mason House Banquet and conference center on April 28 and 29.

Please plan to deliver your shoes bound with rubber bands and in boxes. Please, no bags

Thank you for your interest and participation.

Wendy Kissel 513-267-9541 wckissel@gmail.com



District 4 Way Test Speech Contest Scheduled for April 2nd



Wait! Stop! You have almost missed it! By this time next month, it will be over.

The District 6670 Rotary 4 Way Test Speech Contest is scheduled for April 2 at Wright State University. Presently 29 students are planning to attend. They are practicing their speeches, watching the clock, watching themselves in the mirror to master good eye contact, and gathering feedback from friends, teachers, and Rotary members like you.

The District Committee also is planning to attend on April 2. And – you should be planning to attend, too. The Committee needs your help. We need timers. We need runners. We need judges. And we

need you to spend the afternoon being absolutely amazed by the variety of topics, presentation styles, and personal stories the students will share.

If you have helped a student to be part of our day on April 2, please be sure to get all the paper work in to the committee. We will need the registration form AND a release form. Please download the NEW release from the website. If you

downloaded it before 3/1, please go back and get the new one as it was updated.

If you can help us by being a judge or a runner or timer – we would need you to be at Wright State University by 11 a.m. and we will be wrapped up by 5 p.m. Please contact me (bhuber@cinci.rr.com) with any questions or to volunteer. Don't miss this!

Rotary Day at the Dayton Dragons Game



We will have a Rotary Day at the Dayton Dragons game on Sunday, July 23 against the Burlington Bees. Tickets are \$15 (with \$3 coming back to the District) and in addition to your seat for the game you get a hat and a chance to win other merchandise. Our group will be announced on the PA and displayed on the videoboard! This is one of number of family-friendly events we have planned so bring the family and enjoy an afternoon of baseball and Rotary fellowship!

Order forms are available from your Club President-elect. Order early as we only have 200 seats reserved for us.



**Rotary Club Day**
at Fifth Third Field
Dayton Dragons vs. Burlington Bees
Sunday, July 23, 2017, 2:00PM
Come out and have a great time with colleagues, friends, and family taking in a Dragons game in our Group Seats!
What's included?

- Game ticket for a stadium seat
- Dayton Dragons Hat
- Your group is announced over our PA system and displayed on our videoboard
- Great entertainment
- A chance to win Dragons merchandise through a private group raffle

DEADLINE TO ORDER: Friday, June 16th

- Mail: Dayton Dragons, Fifth Third Field, PO Box 2107, Dayton, OH 45401
- Fax: to (937) 228-2284
- Email to: dragons@daytondragons.com

For more information, please contact:
Dan Slaton, Corporate Marketing Manager
(937) 228-2287 x. 121
Daniel.Slaton@daytondragons.com



Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Daytime Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____

OF TICKETS: _____ x \$15 = TOTAL: \$ _____
Cash: _____ Check: _____ AMEX: _____ Discover: _____ MasterCard: _____ VISA: _____
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Please make checks payable to Dayton Dragons Professional Baseball
   [DAYTONDRAGONS](https://www.facebook.com/daytondragons) daytondragons.com

 
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Wilmington Rotary Has Nationally Recognized Expert Speak

Gary Kersey, owner of Kersey Realty, a member of the Wilmington Rotary Club, and a nationally recognized expert on Abraham Lincoln, gave an outstanding talk on President Lincoln's letter to Major General Joseph Hooker. Kersey's annual presentation around the President's Day holiday has become a tradition and a highlight of the year's Rotary programs.



Past and current "Students of the Month" from local high schools were also in attendance at the presentation and included in the attached photo. A special thank you goes to Gary for sharing his historical knowledge with us.

Cincinnati Rotary to Host 6th Annual Believe-2-Achieve Event

The Rotary Club of Cincinnati is getting ready to host the trifecta of parties.



Where can you entertain and mingle with friends or business colleagues, have a wonderful meal-by-the-bite that is prepared by Montgomery Inn along with an open bar, and most importantly attend an event that benefits three great organizations that work with special needs children?

The answer is easy. Come to the 6th Annual Believe-2-Achieve event on

Saturday, June 24, 2017. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. and will take place at the Montgomery Inn Boathouse near downtown Cincinnati. The event features dinner, open bar, a silent auction, and a super silent auction. The net proceeds from the event benefit three very worthy organizations. They are Stepping Stones for Camp Allyn, Autism Society of Greater Cincinnati, Down Syndrome Association of Cincinnati. Last year there were 400 people in attendance and nearly \$100,000 was distributed between the three organizations.

The cost for the event is \$125 per person or a table of 10 can be purchased for \$1,000. Last year the event was sold out so order your tickets early. Tickets can be ordered by calling Linda Muth at the Cincinnati Rotary Club at 513.421.1080.

We would love to have you attend to help benefit these three great organizations who work so hard to help special needs children and their families.

Meet Dulce

A Gift of Shoes Can be the First Step in a Family's Transformational Journey



When Dulce slipped on her brand new pair of sneakers in front the Buckner Family Hope Center in Jocotenango, Guatemala, the colors – bright pink and silver – shone in stark contrast to the state of her family's situation. Alcoholism was consuming Dulce's father, making it impossible for him to keep a job. And while her mother, Maria Elena, had work cleaning houses, it wasn't enough to keep her four children fed or the rent paid for the shack where they lived.

But hope comes in many forms. And those pink and silver sneakers were a connecting point to critical resources for Dulce's family, the first step on a journey of transformation. Maria Elena began coming to the Family Hope Center for parenting classes and counseling, working toward a change for her family. The wider Buckner "village" rallied around Dulce's family – from local staff in Guatemala to donors and volunteers from the States – buying land and building the family a new home. Family Hope Center staff helped Oscar enroll into a rehabilitation program and visited him regularly, and today, he's home with his family – a changed man.

Today Dulce's family has a spring in their steps, and the tools – and hope – they need to keep moving forward. Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls is the largest humanitarian aid project of Buckner International. Since 1999, Buckner has delivered more than three million pairs of shoes to children in 82 countries. When you donate a pair of shoes through Buckner, they will be received by one of the world's most vulnerable children. And while Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls serves children all over the world, 30% of our shoes stay in the U.S., offering hope to children in communities just like yours.

Rotary Club of Wilmington Sponsors Second Honor Flight

The Rotary Clubs of Wilmington have begun 2017 by working to send a second group of Clinton County veterans on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Please see the attached newspaper article regarding this project. This effort is a collaboration with Honor Flight Dayton, local veteran organizations, city and county governments, and the local schools. It has enhanced the visibility of Rotary to the general public, and allows us to continue doing good things for the communities we serve.



Honor Flight No. 2 seeks vets, 'guardians'

Preparing for take-off April 29

For any veteran. Therefore, the Clinton County Honor Flight Committee would like to send some of the county's "Post 9-11 Veterans" on the next flight as guardians. By doing so, these veterans will have the opportunity to not only visit the various monuments and memorials, but also enhance their mutual bond by sharing the experience with a veteran of another era.

To make inquiries or to obtain either a veteran and/or guardian application, contact: Richard James, 937-382-7871, rjames001@yahoo.com; Paul Butler, 937-283-5995, pbutler@hotmail.com; or Jack Powell, 937-725-3412, jack.powell@libertysavingsbank.com.

To sponsor a World War II, Korean or Vietnam veteran or a Clinton County veteran guardian, mail your tax-deductible donation of \$425 (veteran) or \$375 (guardian) to: Honor Flight Dayton c/o Jack Powell, 3435 Airborne Road, Suite B, Wilmington, OH 45177. Sponsorship of a veteran or guardian may be made in honor or memory of another veteran.

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Rotary Clubs in conjunction with the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars are grateful for the service and sacrifices of all veterans. And thanks to the generosity of Clinton County residents and businesses, more than 130 of the county's World War II, Korean and Vietnam War veterans received a sponsorship, 80 of whom made the trip to Washington, D.C. last fall with Honor Flight Dayton on the first Clinton County Honor Flight.

Chairman Jack Powell announced that there are 55 seats reserved on Flight #2, scheduled for April 29, and the committee is now in the process of filling them.

It has also been noted that participation in an Honor Flight is truly an emotionally gratifying and rewarding experience

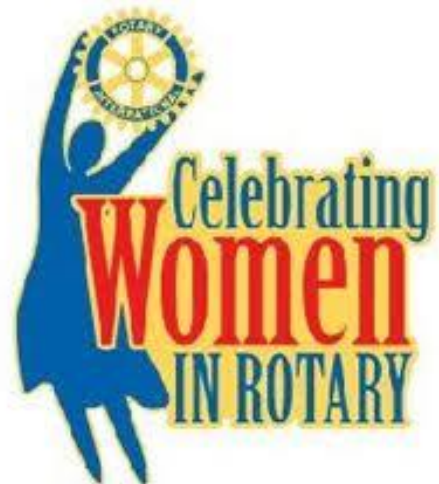
Courtesy photo
Young veterans with older ones at the World War II Memorial during another Honor Flight.

Women in Rotary

By Sigrid Solomon, District Trainer, 6670

The Month of March is widely noted as Women's History Month. Women have impacted American history for centuries. They have led labor movements and run successful business. They have spoken out against oppression, fought for rights, and caused change. Women have used a variety of methods to break barriers and promote equality.

Let's take a look at the history of women in Rotary, please note this information can be found on the Rotary.org website- The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary. The response to the decision was overwhelming: By June 1990, the number of female Rotarians had skyrocketed to over 20,000. By 2010, the number of women was approaching 200,000. Below is a timeline of events, fellow members of District 6670- How have we contribute to this international history?



1950 - An enactment to delete the word "male" from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is proposed by a Rotary club in India for the Council on Legislation meeting at the 1950 RI Convention.

1964 - The Council on Legislation agenda contains an enactment proposed by a Rotary club in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to permit the admission of women into Rotary clubs. Delegates vote that it be withdrawn. Two other proposals to allow women to be eligible for honorary membership are also withdrawn.

1972 - As more women begin reaching higher positions in their professions, more clubs begin lobbying for female members. A U.S. Rotary club proposes admitting women into Rotary at the 1972 Council on Legislation.

1977 - Three separate proposals to admit women into membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation for consideration at the 1977 RI Convention. A Brazilian club makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members.

The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admits women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the

club's membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978. (The club was reinstated in September 1986.)

1980 - The RI Board of Directors and Rotary clubs in India, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States propose an enactment to remove from the RI and club constitutions and bylaws all references to members as "male persons."

1983-86 - In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club, the California Superior Court in 1983 rules in favor of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reverses the lower court's decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in California. The California Supreme Court refuses to hear the case, and it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

1987 - On 4 May, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership.

The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, California (formerly Larkspur Landing), is chartered on 28 May. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members.

Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first female Rotary club president.

1988 - In November, the RI Board of Directors issues a policy statement recognizing the right of Rotary clubs in Canada to admit female members based on a Canadian law similar to that upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

1989 - At its first meeting after the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Council on Legislation votes to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men. Women are welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world.

1990 - As of June, there are about 20,200 female Rotarians worldwide. The Rotarian runs a [feature on women in Rotary](#).

1995 - In July, eight women become district governors, the first elected to this role: Mimi Altman, Gilda Chirafisi, Janet W. Holland, Reba F. Lovrien, Virginia B. Nordby, Donna J. Rapp, Anne Robertson, and Olive P. Scott.

2005 - Carolyn E. Jones begins her term as the first woman appointed as trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

2008 - Catherine Noyer-Riveau begins her term as the first woman elected to the RI Board of Directors.

2010 - More than 199,000 women are members of Rotary clubs worldwide, with an increasing number serving as district governors.

2012 - Elizabeth S. Demaray begins her term as treasurer, the first woman to serve in this position.

2013 - Anne L. Matthews begins her term as the first woman to serve as RI vice president.

Xenia Rotary Hosts Alex Sheen, Social Activist

Xenia Rotary hosted Alex Sheen, founder of the non-profit "**because I said I would**" at a special presentation for students at Xenia High School on January 31, 2017. Alex, a native of Cleveland, started this organization shortly after his father died in 2012. The elder Sheen, was an immigrant who was "old school" and he would always make good on his promises. This prompted his son to educate others on how important it is to keep your promise. He is now making presentations to students and others around the country with this simple message of making a promise and keeping it. He began sharing "promise" cards, where individuals could write down a promise they would keep. To date, he has distributed over 5 million promise cards, and reached nearly 100,000 students through his public appearances. Alex strongly believes that individuals can make a difference in the world if they keep their word. Those tasks can be simple, such as promising not to hit your brother or something far more serious such as helping someone who is battling addiction. The organization has launched 6

chapters, including 3 in Ohio.

Diane Dixon, treasurer of Xenia Rotary, who knew of Alex's work, gained support from the club's board of directors to invite Alex to speak to students in Xenia. With Denny Morrison, superintendent of Xenia Community Schools, as a member of the club, assisted with the scheduling. Alex was well received, with the students listening attentively during his entire presentation. Joining the students for the talk were several members of the club. More about Alex and his work can be found at <https://becauseisaidiwould.com>



From left to right: Christy Fielding, Matt Bennett, Diane Dixon, Denise Davis, Xenia Mayor Marsha Bayless, Alex Sheen, Xenia Rotary President Neil Fogarty, Laurie Fox, Eric Soltis and Denny Morrison

Fairfield Rotary Christmas Project for Needy Families



The Fairfield Rotary Club provides a very special Christmas for some of the most needy families in the Fairfield School District each year. Club funds are used to buy Christmas gifts for children under 16 in the family. These gifts are brought

to the Fairfield Community Arts Center the night before distribution so they can be Christmas wrapped with the help of our Fairfield High School Interact Club.

On distribution day, all the presents, bags or boxes of canned food provided via a cooperative arrangement with the Fairfield Food Pantry and donated turkeys are loaded in our cars and we descend in mass upon Jungle Jim's to do fresh food shopping.

This year we added a special touch having our Rotarians create some interest with 40-50 of us shopping all over Jungle Jim's wearing Santa Hats. We were hopeful that some customers might ask us why, so we could tell them about Rotary and our Christmas project plus get publicity in the news and on-line.

Our Christmas project not only benefits many needy families and children but also reminds us of how important it is to provide this "service above self" at Christmas time.

Pictured above are Rotarians John Brunner and Elise Spears-Nighting with Rotary President Jeff Owens in the center.

Mason Deerfield Rotary Highlights

Dayton Dragons Raffle We have raffle tickets for a chance to win a luxury box at a Dayton Dragons game on Sunday May 21, 2017. The Luxury box holds 15-20 guests, includes exclusive ball park entrance. Semi-private restrooms, Heating and air conditioning, A mini-refrigerator, LCD flat screen TV with Cable, Leather furniture, High-top tables with bar stools. And includes \$100 Food/Beverage Cert. An \$800 value. Raffle Tickets are \$20 each. Contact Jon if you are interest at gbruno@masonagora.com or any Mason Deerfield member.



Ray Campagna of [BrightView](#) an outpatient drug rehabilitation service, spoke about how drug addiction is on the rise in our communities often beginning with a prescription containing opiates that escalates rapidly to a full blown addiction. Deaths associated with drugs is rising rapidly, in the US they have even surpassed motor vehicle accidents in yearly numbers of deaths. Through treatment and education people can be helped.

Farmersville Rotary Plans Fish Fry



The Rotary Club of Farmersville invites everyone to their Annual Fish Fry, Saturday, March 25 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Farmersville-Jackson Twp. Center, 14440 Farmersville-Gratis Road, Farmersville, 45325.

Carry-out dinners are available from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and in-house dining hours are 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.. In addition to all-you-can-eat fish, the menu includes green beans, slaw, baked beans, applesauce, coffee and lemonade. Desserts will also be available.

The Rotary Club began the Fish Fry in 1987 to help fund the Rotary International Polio Eradication Program. Proceeds from the 2017 dinner will support and fund projects in the Valley View area and international communities. Our Valley View High School Interact members will assist as servers. Advance ticket purchase is recommended. Tickets may be ordered from Farmersville Rotary members or by calling 937.696.2004. Tickets will also be available at the door. Donations - \$10 for adults and \$5 for children (under 12).

Moraine Rotary Continues Tradition of Outstanding Student Program



The Moraine Rotary Club began the Student Recognition Program for the 2016-2017 school year a program Moraine Rotary has administered for over 15 years. Moraine Rotary will recognize outstanding students from ten local elementary, middle and high schools. On February 23rd fifth grade student Noah Wilburn from C.F. Holliday Elementary School in Moraine received the award

presented by Moraine Rotary President Don Schweitzer (far left) and Moraine Rotarian Andrea Varabkanich (second from left) from Cannarozzi & Associates Insurance, the corporate co-sponsor of the award. All awards are presented at a Moraine City Council Meeting which is televised. Also in the photo is Noah's teacher and Moraine Mayor Elaine Allison.

Rotary Leadership Institute

Are you new to Rotary? Have you been in Rotary for a while and never really had the opportunity to learn all about the organization beyond your club? Are there things about Rotary International and the Foundation that you would like to have more information on? Have you ever really asked yourself any of these questions? How do I fit into the bigger picture of Rotary International? I wonder how other Rotary clubs handle membership issues? My club has always done some of the same projects. Where can we get some fresh ideas and grow our projects?

Over the course of three days, you can find the answers to all of those questions and more.

Why not get started with day one on April 22?

District 6670 hosted a session in November, and those members will be coming back for part two in April. One of the really powerful things about Rotary Leadership Institute is the opportunity to meet Rotarians from all over District 6670. You'll share ideas and take home lots of new ones.

Are you already a leader in your day job, dealing with strategic planning, attracting new employees and dealing with staff communication and team building? Great! We need you! Leading a volunteer organization is very different from what you may be doing, but those transferable skills are priceless.

It's time to sign up now! **Register on-line at www.hoa-rli.org.** At the top of the page, click on RLI Upcoming events. Scroll down until you find District 6670, **April 22, 2017**. It's being held at the Greene County Career Center, about halfway between Xenia, Fairborn, Beavercreek and Yellow Springs. The cost went down last year to only \$50. The \$50 includes breakfast, lunch and the materials necessary to be a successful participant. Most clubs will pay the cost for you and a friend to participate. Come alone if you like, but feel free to get a fellow Rotarian to join us.

Come join us on April 22! What a great way to get truly informed and network with other Rotarians. Find one or two people in your club to join us. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call Dottie Meade, District 6670 RLI Coordinator at 937-477-5109. Or send her an email at dameade518@gmail.com.

See you at RLI on April 22, 2017!!!



Moraine Rotary Participate in Annual Chili Cookoff



The Moraine Rotary Club participated in the Pirate Pack annual Chili Cookoff on February 17 at West Carrollton High School. Firefighters from Moraine, West Carrollton and Miami Township cooked chili and participants voted on who had the best tasting chili. The Pirate Pack organization provides food to select needy students to help them keep fed on weekends. Moraine Rotary participates with Pirate Pack not only through monetary donations but also packing the food bags. At the chili cookoff, Moraine Rotary donated the large stuffed gorilla which was dressed in "pirate" attire and raffled off, raising hundreds of dollars for the organization.

Bellefontaine Rotary Holds 4-Way Test Speech Contest

Three Logan County high school students put serious topics to the Rotary's 4-Way Test Speech Contest during the Bellefontaine club's annual contest on Monday, March 6th held at the Don M. and Margaret Hilliker YMCA. Bellefontaine High School's Trey Henderson considered the topic of your life legacy, while Derek King from Calvary Christian High School tackled terrorism and Mia Printz from Calvary looked at self-respect.

Students had to consider their chosen theme against the standards of Rotary's 4-Way Test: Is it the truth? It is Fair? Will it build goodwill and friendships? It is beneficial to all involved? Each presentation was required to be four to six minutes in length and memorized.

Trey Henderson won locally for the second year in a row. He will represent the Bellefontaine Rotary Club at the district competition at Wright State University on April 2nd. Printz was second, followed by King.



Photo: (left to right) Derek King, Mia Printz and Trey Henderson.

Piqua High School Students Sweep Rotary Speech Contest



Three

Piqua High School students swept top honors at the Four-Way Speech Contest held this week at the Piqua Rotary Club noon meeting, according to Dr. Nancy Luce, who coordinated the event.

The contest is open annually to high school students whose speeches answer questions to things we think, say or do: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? And will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Top prize winners included Junior Darby Bubp, daughter of Brad and Maria Bubp, first place, \$350; Senior Tere Hogston, daughter of Bill and Maria Hogston, second place, \$250; and Senior Hannah VanGorden, daughter of James and Julie VanGorden, third place, \$150. Bubp will now advance to Rotary district competition at Wright State University on April 2.

Other PHS competitors included Kadale Atkins, Jordan Booker, Julia Hsiang and Allie Popp. Kate Hemm represented Lehman Catholic High School.

Photo (l-r) Hannah VanGorden, Darby Bubp and Tere Hogston.

Moraine Rotary Dictionary Project

Fourth grade students at Frank Nicholas Elementary School in Moraine enjoy their free dictionaries distributed by Moraine Rotary Club members.

Nicholas Elementary was one of six schools that received free dictionaries. "I have them look up the word service," stated Rotarian Dave Miller. "We read the definition and then I ask the students to tell me ways that they can perform service in their community, at home and at school".



West Chester/Liberty Rotary Leads Water Filter Distribution Efforts



The Rotary Club of Puerto Vallarta Sur just conducted a program to provide 226 families with clean drinking water. The program was funded by a grant from our District plus funds from West Chester/Liberty, Oxford, Miamisburg and a Club from Onalaska, Wisconsin. Each family is asked to bring a 5-gallon plastic bucket to a distribution location where we install a water filter into the bucket that will provide a family of five clean drinking water for 10 years. Participating in the water filter distributions were members of the West Chester/Liberty and Onalaska Rotary Clubs as well as other Rotarians from various parts of the U.S. and Canada. We are working in the small villages outside of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico where they have no potable water. Each filter costs less than \$45 and literally changes lives. Anyone interested in finding out more about this program can contact Ken Rieser at ken@memorablejourneys.net

As you know Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene is a focus area for the Rotary Foundation.

Centerville Rotary Enjoys Hosting Youth Exchange Students



Centerville Rotary Club has had the pleasure of hosting a number of foreign exchange students over the years, Mato Palovic of Slovakia, in 2015-16, and Saloni Bagwani, of India in 2016-17. The club is also acting as host for an outgoing exchange student from Stivers School for the Arts in Dayton, Robin Grigsby, who will be traveling to Brazil sometime this summer.

Our current exchange student, Saloni Bagwani, arrived at the beginning of the 2016-17 school year and began visiting the Centerville Rotary Club at frequent intervals starting in August. She has introduced

Club members to popular snacks sent by her mother in India, and showed pictures of the central part of India

where she lives, in an area known for growing oranges.

Arnie Biondo and his family hosted Saloni for the first part of her stay. Here is what he had to say about their guest student: Saloni is from Nagpur, Maharashtra, India.

She is the youngest of three children. She lives with her mom and dad, and brother, his wife, and their little boy--Saloni's nephew.

Saloni has been an outstanding student in India, where she attended a high school that

is called a women's college. She continues to be a top student at Centerville High School where she has excelled not only in academics, but also on the competitive speech team. She competed at the Ohio State Speech Tournament on March 4.

Saloni hopes to study engineering at a university when she returns to India.

Also, Biondo has learned:

- She is vegetarian
- Loves cheese pizza and ice cream
- Enjoys Indian music and dancing
- Likes little kids
- Is learning to speak "American English"
- Is on the CHS Track and Field team throwing shot put
- She's outgoing and enjoys the spot light
- Does not like dogs!

Another Centerville Rotary Club member, Jim Hester, also associated with the Rotary Youth Exchange, learned while having dinner with Saloni, that, according to her, her father has spoiled her. She does not have a U.S. driver's license but has one in India where she rides her motor scooter.

The club has helped support Saloni in her sports endeavors, acting like family in buying entertainment books and donating funds to help her participate in the local teams. She has rewarded us by honoring us with her many accomplishments. The Rotary Youth exchange works both ways, promoting leadership among the youth that come, and bringing back youth to those of us in the club who are getting older.

In her words....

As Saloni says: " The dream of coming here was not mine. It was my parent's dream. My dad never visited abroad. He always wished he could work hard and send his children abroad. When the Rotary Youth Exchange opportunity came to my doorstep, I saw my Dad's dream getting fulfilled. Therefore I decided to accept this adventure.

Before coming here we had all kinds of orientations. I did not have a particular expectation with the country but through orientations I planned my year. My plan broke immediately after the journey began. The exchange experience has been different than any I have had. The time by now has been exceptional and it has passed all my expectations.

The best so far are the connections I have made by now. These connections are with my first Rotary host family, Mr. and Mrs. Biondo, whom I addressed as Mom and Dad, with my counselor, Mrs. Kim Senft-Paras, who has always been my support system, with Mr. Bruce, Rotarians , teachers, coaches and friends..

The only disappointment I had was I got so many opportunities and it was so difficult to choose between them, I never had an actual disappointment as Rotarians near me took good care of me .

The life here is completely different. I am actually more independent here. I still remember I thought that there is no term like cultural shock, as according to me, if I could communicate, then I could survive. But on the first day of school I got one. I missed my bus. In India when a student got out from school it was the driver's responsibility to make sure everyone's present, while here, on the other hand, the bus leaves you if you are not on time. It took me time to understand but I got it.

I will go back to India at the end of the school year, as I am very close to my family. I cannot be away from them for more than year. I will visit to see my host families, teachers, Rotarians and friends in the future..

The biggest challenge is to maintain all the expectations of an exchange student. I always make sure that I manage my time for academics, sports, and host families.

My biggest help has been Mom and Dad (Mr and Mrs, Biondo), Mr and Mrs Paras, and Mrs Neidhard.

The school is kind of similar with back at home. The only thing different is that here I tried sports.

My plan is to become a mechanical engineer after going back home.

Bio: Saloni Girdhari Bagwani

Birth date: 10th August 1998 (18 years old)

Parents names: Girdhari R. Bagwani, Meena G Bagwani

Siblings: (both married): Sachin Bagwani, Sapna Gangwani

I came in August 2016.

In school I am a active member of the Speech and Debate team, India club. Interact club, Model UN, and Track and Field. I participated in 10 speech tournaments and qualified for Varsity State. The most special moment in speech was when I became Tournament Champion at the biggest speech tournament, Sylvania Invitational, and when I was among the top 12 in the whole state. I have participated in all activities of Interact to provide service to the community. The track coach, Mr, Somerlot, has been an encouraging coach and always motivated me to join track and field for fun.

It was not hard to make friends but it took time to enrich that friendship into a memorable one. My best friends are Noe, Nadja , Mirisha, Abigail and the speech-mates , track-mates and club-mates.

Rotary club of Centerville is a happy club and a very supportive club. IT IS BEYOND ANY RATINGS.

As for India: It is a land of unity and diversity,"