

# Rotary District 6670 Newsletter

## May 2017

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



Our 2016 – 2017 District Conference was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at the Manor House, which proved to be a phenomenal venue. For those of you who attended, I hope that you had a great time. For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed a memorable event. The conference was highlighted by a tremendous group of speakers, an exemplary and memorable memorial program, a Foundation Centennial celebration for the ages, an exceptional performance by our youth, super plenary sessions, and tremendous fellowship and sharing of best practices. The

District Conference Committee worked tirelessly to plan a great conference for our District, and based on the survey feedback results received thus far, we succeeded. I genuinely appreciate their commitment and all their efforts. It was a blessing to serve with them. I also appreciate the support of all of the other volunteers who served but were not on the formal committee.

### 2016-2017 District Conference Planning Committee

Norma Berry, PDG, Conference General Chair  
Rotary Club of Mason-Deerfield

Arne Almquist, DGN  
Rotary Club of Cincinnati

John + Karen Applegate, Registration  
Rotary Club of Cincinnati Northeast

Orville Bantz, PDG, Golf Outing  
Rotary Club of Farmersville

Delanie Buck, Silent Auction  
Rotary Club of Bellefontaine

Sean Dennedy, Printing  
Rotary Club of Cincinnati

Pat Edwards, PDG  
Rotary Club of Franklin-Springboro-Carlisle

Mac Hickman, PDG, The Rotary Foundation  
Rotary Club of Batavia

Melinda Kelly, Memorial Service  
Rotary Club of Cincinnati

Mike Kelly, District Governor  
Rotary Club of Mason-Deerfield

Wendy Kissel, AG, Shoes for Orphan Souls  
Rotary Club of Middletown

Michael Kramer, Media & Production  
Rotary Club of Mason-Deerfield

Aliana Mabelitini, Silent Auction  
Rotary Club of Sidney

Mark Mabelitini, DGE

ASST GOVERNOR

**Sigrid Solomon**

Training Coordinator

**MICHAEL SCHATZMAN**

DCO-District Comm. Officer

## Events

### June 2017

06/09/ & 06/10 - Rotary Club of  
Wilmington Banana Split Festival  
Denver Williams Park  
in Wilmington, Ohio.

[www.bananasplitfestival.com](http://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

Rotary Club of Sidney

Eric Marcus, PDG, Marketing

Rotary Club of Beavercreek

Mike Morehead, Sergeant of Arms

Rotary Club of Moraine

Linda Muth

Rotary Club of Cincinnati

Jim Perry, AG, Golf Outing

Rotary Club of Lebanon

Frank Scott, The Rotary Foundation

Rotary Club of Dayton

Bill Shula, PDG, New Generations

Rotary Club of Cincinnati

Sigrid Solomon, DGND

Rotary Club of Wilmington AM

We now have another opportunity to celebrate a historic year at our upcoming Rotary International Convention, which will be held in Atlanta, June 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. Atlanta is relatively close to us, and RI President John Germ and his team are planning a great event! I hope to see you there.

As we enter the final days of what has been a wonderful Rotary year, I encourage you to continue the great momentum that we have established in the areas of giving to the Rotary Foundation and attracting and retaining members. In order for the work of Rotary to continue for generations to come, we must remain focused on both areas. Thank you for all that you do and for your commitment to "serving humanity."

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

### District Totals: A team of 37 clubs collected:

Shoes 3473 pairs

Socks 2035 pairs

Laces 129 pairs

Funds to Buckner for shoe purchases \$7905

### Most shoes collected:

Middletown/Monroe Interact 375 pairs

Cincinnati 349 pairs Most funds collected \$1911

Mason/Deerfield 316 pairs

Williamsburg 306 pairs

### Most Socks collected:

Xenia 309 pairs

Beavercreek 245 pairs

Middletown/Monroe Interact 236 pairs

Bellefontaine 187 pairs

### Most laces collected:

Batavia 80 pairs



TEAMWORK !!! SUCCESS!! Each club chair was sent a detailed list of our collections per club. Thank you to each club for your participation. Your efforts will be life changing for many children in the United States and throughout the world. Thank you for your generosity to donate and serve.

## District Conference Highlights



## Building Friendships and Strengthening Cincinnati Rotary

For the past five years, the Cincinnati Rotary Club has been building good will and bettering friendships through an annual fundraiser called ***Festival of Dinners***. Individual members or small groups of Rotarians host events that tap into their interests or talents. Events are held at their homes or local establishments, with guests paying a fee which is donated to the club.

Being a large club provides many opportunities to expand our circle of friendships and professional relationships, yet it is also easy to simply come to meetings, participate in committees and service projects, and suddenly realize there are many Rotarians who remain strangers. These dinners create intimate settings where we really get to know each other.

This year's events include: Bunbury Festival for 24; Chianti Farm to Table Dinner for 12; Bowling Party for 20; Green Acres Farm to Table for 6; Chillin' and Grillin' BBQ Dinner for 6; Burgers,



Beers & Cigars for 20; Run for the Roses Derby Party for 30; FC Cincinnati Soccer Game suite for 8; Lobster Bake for 26; Rajun Cajun Party for 50; Kentucky Derby Hat Making & Tea Party for 20; Nine and Dine at Cincinnati Country Club for 6.



To date in 2017, we have had 166 attendees and raised over \$8,000 with seats still available. We post pictures on our Rotary Facebook page and create memories that remind us that being a Rotarian is like being a member of an interesting, talented, and often changing family. Developing meaningful friendships is a core value of Rotary. Events like these

help support the club financially, but more importantly, provide the connections that inspire us to reach out to each other in times of need and celebration.

## RYLA 2017 a Success

This year we had 94 students attend RYLA at YMCA Camp Kern from Friday April 21 - Sunday April 23. Thanks to all the Rotary volunteers that helped out, Grace Neal (Moraine), Mark & Alaina Mabelitini (Sidney), Mike Kelly (Mason Deerfield), Tina Whitaker and Wendy Kissel (Middletown), Shannon Graham (Beavercreek), and Mac Hickman (Batavia).





PHOTOS BY MAC HICKMAN



## Springfield Rotary Helps Feed Local Children



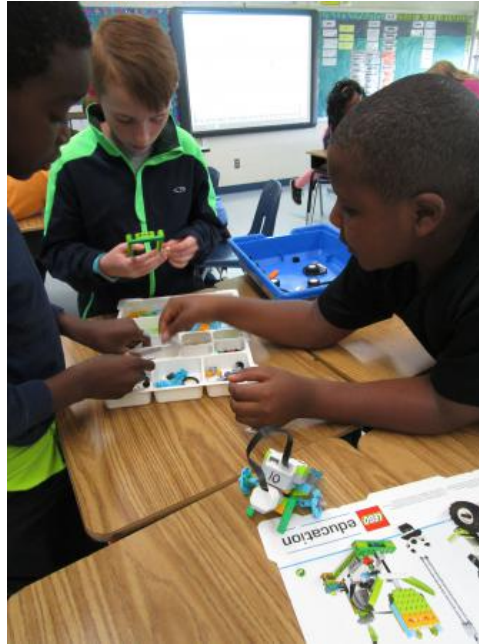
The Springfield Rotary Club, local projects committee is partnering with the Second



Harvest Food Bank and the Backpack Buddy Program to feed local children who are food insecure. In November of 2015, the Backpack Buddy Program handed out around 70 bags of food for school children to be fed on weekends. Now the program is helping feed around 750 children and has combined resources with the Second Harvest Food Bank. The bags of food go home with children at Fulton Elementary and Clark Preschool each week so the children have meals for the weekend.

Foods like Spaghetti O's, juice boxes, milk, cereal, applesauce, cookies and pudding are purchased from local wholesalers at low prices. Volunteer groups pack the bags each week and the Second Harvest Food Bank delivers the bags to participating schools. The cost for each bag is around \$4.00.

## Moraine Rotary Teacher Grant Promotes Robotics



The Moraine Rotary Club Teacher Grant in Memory of Robert Rosencrans for the 2016-2017 school year was awarded to fifth grade teacher Joy Feola at Frank Nicholas Elementary School. Mrs. Feola's grant was titled "LEGO Education PBL Projects". The Moraine Rotary Grant of \$500 covered a partial amount of the overall grant which purchased ten LEGO robotic kits to serve 40 students. The kits consisted of lego pieces, motion sensors, wheels, smart hubs, small camera and tilt sensors. The kits are a small scale of what NASA is doing. Feola can create her own problem for the class and students design the robot to solve the problem, document it and write a lab report. Students can in effect build

LEGO rovers that move and perform functions. Frank Nicholas Elementary School is the only West Carrollton school district elementary school offering a form of robotics until students can join the robotics club in high school.

## Rotary District 6670 Golf Outing Results

The winners of this year's golf outing are:

### Place/Club/Players

1st. - Hamilton - Wally Zancan, Robert Weigel, Alex Counts, David Mancuso

2nd. - New Carlisle - Mike Stafford, Walt Wordley, Jim Snyder, Brian Clayborne

3rd. - Kettering - Mark Schwieterman, Jim Gitory, Brad Ballom, Chris Stewart

4th. - Ed Schaffer, Jeff Whitehead, John Vetter, Jim Bond

5th. (tie) - Lebanon/Middletown - Jim Perry, Dave Harrison, Lee Pudvan, Tom Way

5th. (Tie) - W. Milton/Troy - Robert Johnston, Cliff Poling, Andrew Johnston, Jason Johnston

Golf Committee Co-chairs: Jim Perry & Orville Bantz



## Springfield Rotary 29th Annual Excellence in Teaching Awards

The Excellence in Teaching Award celebrates outstanding educators from city and county, public and private schools, who are nominated by students, colleagues, administrators or members of the public. The Excellence in Teaching Awards program, marble apple mementos, plaques and the four \$1,000 prizes for the recipients are generously sponsored by: Columbia Gas of Ohio, Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, Springfield Foundation, Springfield News-Sun and Springfield Rotary. Additionally, each recipient received Recognition from the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate.

**Melinda Clark** is in her ninth year of teaching at Roosevelt Middle School and currently teaches math. She is a graduate of the Springfield City School District and of Wittenberg University. Her nominator and former student says she would not have explored advanced math opportunities without the knowledge and confidence Ms. Clark instilled in her. Ms. Clark believes teaching is about making memories that allow students to enjoy learning. She often uses song, cheers and chants so that students have positive memories about learning Algebra 1.

**Justin Scott Hambrick** currently teaches 10th grade government at Springfield High School in the Springfield City School District. A colleague writes that Mr. Hambrick is the epitome of an excellent teacher; his students, colleague's and administrators gain so much from working with him. Mr. Hambrick encourages his students to be agents of change and to be empowered to get involved in their community and city. He wants his students to better the community and be culture changers.



**Pictured: Justin Scott Hambrick, Aubree Kushmaul, Melinda Clark and Steve Walters**

**Aubree Kushmaul** is in her fifth year of teaching 7th grade English Language Arts at Hayward Middle School in the Springfield City School District. Her nominator describes her as caring, passionate and a genuine teacher. Mrs. Kushmaul has found teaching rewarding because she can bring a sense of positivity and support to students lives. She feels she has a responsibility for shaping students to be kind and make good choices. Being a teacher is often challenging but she strives to make sure students are inspired to learn.

**Steve Walters** is in his 26th year of teaching Auto Services at Springfield-Clark Career Technology Center. His nominator writes that Mr. Walters is a caring and compassionate teacher who makes a positive impact on his students. Mr. Walters is a JVS/CTC graduate and says it is with definite pride that he has the privilege to instruct the very career education area of which he was a student. He has always had a love for cars and has been fortunate to have a career doing what he loves. Mr. Walters has had many caring mentors to inspire him and allow him to carry on their traditions.

## Wilmington Noon Rotary Supports Lunch Program in Haiti



The Wilmington Noon Rotary Club has fully funded a lunch program serving the Piton Community School in rural Haiti for the 2016-2017 school year. This is the second year Rotary has supported this program.

- ? Program provides a hot lunch and a children's multivitamin each day of class to approximately 100 students with ages ranging from 4 to 16.
- ? For many students, this lunch will be the only full meal they receive that day.
- ? The children are visibly healthier than they were two years ago.
- ? By providing this service, Wilmington Rotary is directly affecting the lives of each and every student in the Piton Community School, each and every day.

*If other Rotary clubs are interested in an international project, there may be opportunities to get involved with this program. Please contact [jack.powell@libertysavingsbank.com](mailto:jack.powell@libertysavingsbank.com) or [katherine@aidtoinfrastructure.com](mailto:katherine@aidtoinfrastructure.com).*

**About Aid to Infrastructure:** Aid to Infrastructure is a local nonprofit organization formed in 2014 by Dr. Tom Tigar and Katherine Harrison Tigar. Aid to Infrastructure primarily serves the mountaintop village of Piton, Haiti, via medical support for the village and surrounding area and support for the community school. For more information, go to [www.aidtoinfrastructure.com](http://www.aidtoinfrastructure.com).



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President Jack Powell presents  
a check to Aid to Infrastructure's Katherine Tigar.

## Moraine Rotary Club Donates Used Eyeglasses



The Moraine Rotary Club donated over 150 pairs of used eyeglasses to Sears Optical for OneSight, a global effort to provide permanent access to vision care. Since 1988, OneSight has helped more than 8.7 million people in 41 countries see clearly. For the past decade Moraine Rotary has donated over 5,000 pairs of glasses.

## Moraine Rotary Recognized Outstanding Students

The Moraine Rotary Club's 2017 Student Recognition Program honored Alicia Coover and Aniya Foward at the March 23rd Moraine City Council Meeting. The award, sponsored by the Moraine Rotary Club and corporate co-sponsors RealTech and David Hicks, recognizes a local Moraine student for outstanding scholastic, leadership or extracurricular efforts.



Moraine Rotary President Don Schweitzer presented the award to Alicia, an eighth grade student at West Carrollton Middle School and daughter of James and Juda Coover. According to Sharon Petrick, Middle School Guidance Counselor, Alicia demonstrates a superior work ethic and is currently excelling in three high school credit classes while continuing to uphold a 3.8 GPA. She is involved in the National Junior Honor Society, Teen Leaders and soccer. She is a strong leader and role model and



represents the best of West Carrollton Middle School.

Also recognized was Aniya Foward, a fourth grade student at C.F.Holliday Elementary School. The teachers selected Aniya based upon her achievements and good citizenship. She is a model student, treats others kindly, takes her studies seriously, and is a great representative of Holliday Elementary.

## Troy Rotary Hosts RYLA Students

Members of the Troy Rotary club were pleased to welcome Lauren Garlow and Jessie Welker to the club's weekly meeting on Tuesday, April 25th. Garlow and Welker attended the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) the weekend of April 21-23, 2017, at Camp Kern in Oregon, OH. The club sponsored their participation and the students returned to the club to update the members on all the activities they experienced.

Beginning on Friday, all RYLA participants got involved in group activities, discussions and networking focused on leadership and Rotary involvement. The camp facilitators made sure each student had the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends while they were together. Ninety-nine young women and men took part in the District 6670 event.



Garlow and Welker explained that each team took part in several activities, including a blindfolded obstacle course. All exercises were designed to make the students think on their feet, innovate, and find ways to meet the challenges without consulting with the adult coordinators. Team classroom activities included creating a theme, mantra, and slogan. They completed a balloon structure with the goal of it being self-supporting. Several speakers presented topics on leadership and their personal experiences, including a Vietnam-era Paralympic athlete. District 6670 Governor Mike

Kelly offered personal insights about his upbringing, which was very challenging as well. In addition to the leadership concepts they learned, they recognized in their team how relaxed they became with each other and how to compromise with one another as the

challenges got tougher and the deadlines tighter. To close out the weekend's activities, each team was assigned a community service at the camp on Sunday morning to help keep the grounds in good working order.

## Wilmington Noon Rotary Sponsors Honor Flight

# Getting ready for take-off



New Vienna Kids Care Club members are shown with Cheryl Roberts along with Honor Flight committee members Bob Schoad and Fred Erie of the Wilmington Noon Rotary Club. Paul Butler of American Legion Post 49 and Kathryn Markins of Noon Rotary. Also very involved but not pictured are the members of the Sabina Elementary School Kids Care Club.

## Community Honor Flight 2 celebration Friday

By Paul Butler  
For The News Journal

When parents display a giving, unselfish attitude, their children take notice and generally follow suit.

Clinton County residents and businesses have been exceedingly magnanimous with their time and money when it comes

### SPECIAL SECTION INSIDE

See inside today's News Journal for a special section complete with bios and then-and-now photos of the veterans of Honor Flight 2.

to the veterans in our communities, and a group of East Clinton's third, fourth and fifth graders demonstrates what they had learned by ending their support to the Clinton

County Honor Flight project.

This group of young philanthropists known as the "Kids Care Club" (KCC) has been operating out of the Sabina and New Vienna Elementary



Schools, under the direction of

See FLIGHT 10

## Flight

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Parent Involvement Coordinator/Student Services Specialist Cheryl Roberts, since 2011. Normally 35-40 students from each school meet

for 45 minutes, twice a month, to select worthwhile causes, plan fundraisers and implement their "caring" plans.

The club chose to sponsor a veteran for the Clinton County Honor Flight after the school nurse, Lisa Stephens, and her father, Korean

War veteran Sy Stephens, spoke with the KCC group in Sabina about their experiences on the Oct. 1, 2016 Honor Flight.

The students were so motivated, they decided to sponsor a veteran and make sure this project was successfully completed in time for the April 29 flight.

The students decided that selling cutouts of military boots and "V"s at school and to the com-

munity would be a good way to raise the \$425 needed to sponsor a veteran. With the help of staff member Joy McIntosh and some of her friends, the KCC members not only reached their goal, they more than doubled it.

The club raised a total of \$958.25, enough to sponsor two veterans and have money to spare. After much deliberation, the members informed their advisors:

"The extra money is for the veterans to buy snacks."

Members of the Clinton County Honor Flight Committee visited the KCC New Vienna students on April 19 and were presented with the Honor Flight check to officially begin a series of send-off and preparatory events, including Guardian training at the Wilmington American Legion Post on April 23 and a special tribute section in today's Wilmington News Journal.

### Send-off Friday

The big Clinton County Honor Flight 2 send-off program is Friday, April 28 beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Walnut Street between Main and Sugartree streets, in front of the Veterans Memorial in Wilmington. Residents of the county will have the opportunity to say "Thank you for your service" to this local group of patriots and cheer them on as they board their chartered buses for Dayton at the conclusion of the program.

Approximately 800 Clinton County well-wishers participated in

the Sept. 30, 2016 send-off and the committee is looking to surpass that number on the 28th.

Clinton County Honor Flight 2 will get a special send off from Clinton County's own Cliff Rosenberger, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, who will be giving the keynote address. Rosenberger, a veteran himself, will be joined by the Wilmington mayor, Clinton County commissioners, representatives from the flight's sponsors, the Wilmington Rotary Clubs AM and Noon), American Legion Posts 49 and 179, and VFW Post 6710 as well as supporting organizations, vocalists, musicians, and more.

"These are the men and women, our friends and neighbors, that gave selflessly of themselves, that we might enjoy the freedoms we cherish so much," said a spokesperson for the Clinton County Honor Flight Committee. "So many have shown their financial support, now we hope as many come out to personally show these veterans how much we appreciate their sacrifices."