



Rotary District 6670 Newsletter

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District Governor Updates..."Rotary Serving Humanity"



Fellow Rotarians, thank you for your focus on "serving others above yourselves". I would also like to thank you for your support of The Rotary Foundation (TRF), which was started in 1917 with a donation of \$26.50. The month of November is Foundation month, and 2017 is our Foundation's centennial. Since inception, TRF has distributed over \$3 billion dollars to various causes and specific goals related to the following areas of focus:

1. Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
2. Disease Prevention and Treatment
3. Water and Sanitation
4. Maternal and Child Health
5. Basic Education and Literacy
6. Economic and Community Development

We will celebrate the centennial of TRF at our 2016 – 2017 District Conference on April 28th and 29th at the Marriott Northeast in Mason, OH. It will also be celebrated at our International Convention, which will be held in Atlanta, GA June 10th – 14th. My hope is that every Rotarian in our district will join us at these historic celebratory events.

We have established a few 2016 - 2017 goals related to TRF that are based on our district strategic plan, the presidential citation and a few thoughts of my own. They are as follows:

- Support TRF with a minimum contribution of \$26.50 from each member with a goal of \$100 per member to the Annual Fund.
- Attain a five-year high in total club giving to TRF (combined giving by all members under any designation, with a minimum contribution of \$26.50 per member) in honor of TRF Centennial.
- Make a contribution towards our Polio eradication efforts.

In an effort to recognize and maximize your TRF contributions, we have instituted a 50,000-point matching points campaign that has a current deadline of November 30th. District 6670 will match NEW donations with a point for each dollar. The minimum match is 100 points for a \$100 contribution. The match applies only to Annual Fund Share and PolioPlus contributions. Please consider making a gift to the Foundation in honor of the centennial. If you have questions, contact our District Foundation Committee Chair, Frank Scott, or me.

Thank you for your support of the work of Rotary in your local communities and

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

Events

September 2016

09/07 - District Trilogy

November 2016

11/05 - Rotary Leadership Institute

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

as a result of your contributions to TRF, around the world. You are truly "serving all of humanity," and it is a blessing to be on this journey with you.

It's Not Too Late to Have your Paul Harris Dollars Matched with District Points to Support the RI Foundation



At Trilogy on Sep 7 the District Rotary Foundation Chair announced that the district will match contributions made to the Foundation from now until November 30, 2016. The District is delighted to be able to make this match once again this year. It is especially timely in view of our Centennial for the RI Foundation. The total point match will be 50,000.

For a new Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) with no prior contribution, a \$500 donation to the RI Foundation and a point match of 500, will result in a PHF award.

For multiple Paul Harris Fellowships, your club Foundation Chair will have your current status as to contributions. The minimum match is 100 points for \$100.

Checks should be made payable to **The Rotary Foundation** and sent to:

Frank H Scott, TRF District 6670 Chair
c/o Laura Erbaugh
Rotary Club of Dayton
40 South Perry Street Suite 110
Dayton, Ohio 45402

Selection of District Governor 2019-2020

We are beginning the search for the Rotarian who will be our District Governor for the Rotary Year 2019-2020. This process ends with the announcement of the new District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) at the 2016 District Conference.

Rotary International requires that the person nominated will follow a two-year process of training and preparation before assuming the role of District Governor. During the 2017-2018 Rotary year, the selected individual will be the District Governor Nominee (DGN). This role includes observation and training, and participation at District events. It also includes participation at the Rotary Zone 30-31 training institute in Springfield, IL September 5-7, 2017, the All-Ohio Presidents-Elect Training Seminar in March 2018, and participating as a non-voting member of key district committees.

During the 2018-2019 Rotary year, the selected individual will be the District Governor-Elect (DGE). The official election will take place at the 2017 District Conference. Training and observation activities continue, including participation at the Zone training institute in September or October 2017, and at the Rotary International Assembly (an assembly and training program for District Governors-Elect from all 537 Rotary Districts in the world) in San Diego in January 2019. The DGE will also be the lead District participant for the All-Ohio Presidents-Elect Training Seminar in March 2019.

The elected individual will become District Governor on July 1, 2019.

Our district utilizes a Nominating Committee process. **Interested applicants must submit their completed application to Past District Governor Bill Shula, Chair of the Nominating Committee, prior to January 10, 2017.** The Chair must review the application to ensure that the required elements are included and that the applicant meets all of the requirements set forth by RI and our District. **Interviews of selected applicants by the committee will take place on Wednesday January 25, 2017 at Wetherington Country Club after 5pm.**

Your help in identifying those qualified applicants would be appreciated. Please look within your club and within your Rotary network to identify those Rotarians who met the qualifications and have the desire to get involved at the District level. Feel free to approach he or she or contact Bill Shula, PDG, your Assistant Governor or any other member of the District Nominating Committee and he or she will be glad to reach out and answer all of their questions. The work that we do today will reap benefits for our District, Clubs and Rotarians in the future. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

If you have questions, call Bill Shula at 513-739-8672, or e-mail him at billshularotary@gmail.com

DOWNLOAD LINKS

[RI district governor-nominee form](#)

[District 6670 Governor Application](#)

The Qualifications, Requirements and Instructions can be found on the District website. www.rotary6670.org under the link Our District - then Nominating.

Troy & Piqua Rotarians Thank Supporters

Rotarians from the Troy and Piqua clubs thank all those who participated in the first annual Golf Ball Drop on October 28th. With the generous and friendly help from the staff at PSC Crane & Rigging, 4243 W. U.S. Rt. 36 in Piqua, the balls were dropped on Friday afternoon, prior to the annual football game between the Trojans and the Indians. None of the balls made it into the hole, so the prize money will be donated to each school district.

The event allowed each club to raise money to support their local programs. In Troy, the proceeds will be used for the annual Breakfast with Santa, shared club president, Richard Bender. Planned for December, it will be free to area residents. The club will provide more details on the breakfast in the coming weeks.



Young Professional Peace Event Held by the Rotary Club of Cincinnati



The young professionals of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati hosted a kickoff summit for WageCincyPeace on September 9-10, 2016. This event was developed based on a grant the club received at the beginning of 2016 from Rotary International. The Friday night event was a dinner cruise on the Celebrations riverboat. There were almost 200 people in attendance ranging in age from young professionals in their early 20s to our club's Honorary Member, Dr.

Henry Heimlich, who was quite the celebrity during the evening. Over one half of the attendees were prospective members for the club. During the cruise on the Ohio River, a buffet dinner was served and then Paul Chappell, from the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, delivered a speech from the top deck of the riverboat about waging peace. This event was a great opportunity to share the Rotary story, build friendships, and not to mention, dance to the live band, Frequency.

The second day included a service project at Taft High School in Cincinnati's West End. Volunteers completed a courtyard landscape rehab for the school which included removal of the old landscape, new plantings, a fountain, and extensive mulch and rock placement. For the indoor project, the club partnered with Master Provisions, an organization that provides food, clothing and orphan care in the U.S. and around the world.



Volunteers sorted used clothes and packed them to send to two different countries, including Kosovo & Nicaragua. Both groups had lunch together supplied by a local food truck while Paul Chappell concluded his message of peace as the culmination of the summit. It was great weekend with more events to come in the future for the Rotary Club of Cincinnati's year of peace. To learn more, visit: WageCincyPeace.org



Piqua Rotary Presents Pride of Workmanship Awards



Five

individuals were named recipients of the 2016 Pride of Workmanship Awards at this week's Piqua Rotary Club meeting. Chairman Randi Pearson indicated there have been 85 individuals who've received the award since its inception locally in 1999.

"The (Pride of Workmanship) program actually originated in 1975 at a Rotary club in Australia," explained Pearson "and the objectives of that original program were to a) promote vocational service; b) encourage pride of workmanship in all vocations; and c) provide an opportunity for Rotary to be involved in the community, particularly the business community."

Members and guests were told the Pride of Workmanship program is "not a competition but rather a recognition of individual achievement and commitment."

Engraved plaques were presented to the following by Rotary President Diana Davis:

- Sue Peltier of the Miami County YMCA who was nominated by Kazy Hinds;
- Jason Evans of Edison Community College nominated by Chuck Black;
- Ralph Ash of Upper Valley Career Center nominated by Sharon Semanie;
- Doug Fosnight, employed at Hartzell Propeller, but nominated by Don Smith as a freelance photographer;
- Frank Nash of the Piqua Daily Call nominated by Cheryl Stiefel-Francis

Prior to the presentation of awards, Mayor Kazy Hinds shared her thoughts about the Piqua community. her first year as mayor, and how individuals such as the award recipients "help to make Piqua a better place to live."

In closing, Pearson extended personal congratulations to the award winners and noted "you can be proud that you have been singled out by an employer, a client, a fellow employee or a customer for your outstanding approach, attitude, dedication and commitment to your job."

Moraine Rotary Participates in Peace Walk to Honor Moraine Police Division



The 2nd Annual Miami Valley/Dayton Peace Heroes Walk commemorating 15 years since 9/11 was held at Dayton Riverscape on September 11th. The walk was a family-friendly, educational event designated to promote peace literacy through the stories of the peace heroes. The Moraine Rotary Club sponsored a team honoring our hometown peace heroes, the Moraine Police Division. "The police officers of the City of Moraine's Police Division are heroes to all who reside and work in Moraine. They risk their lives to bring law and order, peace and justice to our streets to make Moraine a safe community to live and work in," stated Moraine Rotarian Rosie Miller and one of the team captains.

Over twenty-five team members were on hand supporting the Moraine team and participated in the peace walk. Five members of the Moraine Police Division were also in attendance. Thank you to all of the people who made donations for our team as over \$600 was raised for peace education programs.

Farmersville Rotary Welcome Justice Kennedy



The Farmersville Rotary Club welcomed Ohio Supreme Court Justice Sharon Kennedy on Monday, October 10, 2016, as she spoke about the Ohio justice system and the growing number of specialty Veterans Treatment Courts.

According to a U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Labor Statistics report, in 2004 there were approximately 200,000 veterans in prisons and jails, representing about 10% of the total U.S. inmate population, Kennedy said.

Citing a study released in 2008 by RAND Corporation, as well as a 2010 Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law article authored by U.S. Circuit Court Judge Michael Daly Hawkins (9th Cir.), Kennedy said that an estimated 1.5 million members of the U.S. Armed Services will have served in combat theaters of Iraq and Afghanistan, many with

up to 3 or 4 deployments each. Up to 300,000 of those men and women find themselves returning home with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), or major depression.

Kennedy stated that combat trauma can make it difficult for service members to readjust to civilian life, and many find themselves in the justice system as a result.

"Service members and their families who have given so much deserve our help. We have an obligation to help make them whole by connecting them to services available to them," said Kennedy.

The first Veterans Treatment Court was created in Buffalo, NY, in 2008. Ever since, there has been a growing recognition within the justice system of the need for such programs. As of 2014 there are 220 Veterans Courts nationwide, and 15 in Ohio as of 2016.

Kennedy said that Veterans Courts put together a collaborative interdisciplinary team including the prosecutor, defense counsel, treatment provider, probation department, and Veterans Health and Benefit Administrations. "Treatment courts fundamentally understand that veterans are struggling with issues of substance abuse in self-medicating PTSD, TBI, and sexual trauma. [There is an] assessment process to establish a wrap-around treatment plan for the individual," she said.

Justice Kennedy also spoke about two resources available to those with prior military service: the Ohio Military/Veterans Legal Assistance Project, which provides legal assistance to Ohio's veterans and service members; and the Veterans Justice Program, a division of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in which Veterans Justice Outreach specialists work to connect justice involved veterans and service members to benefits and treatment. For more information on these resources, call (614)387-9070.

The Rotary Club of Farmersville was one of the 18 Ohio Rotary Clubs Justice Kennedy selected to visit this year.

Springboro Rotary Activities



The past months of 2016 have been busy ones for the Springboro Rotary Club and its members are excited to head into the holiday months in the same spirit and expectations as we started our Rotary year...with one accomplishment after another!

One of the many goals the club set for itself was to expand its membership. With the addition of new members, the club is seeing more growth than ever before. We are delighted to have such wonderful people who have already started being active in club events! The club will continue on its Rotary and Interact club recruitment efforts into 2016, focusing on our dearly missed alumni, with several social and project events planned that hope to inspire those to proudly sport the Rotary Wheel (again)!

With membership comes new energy to perform fundraising and projects to help change our world for the better. For the first time in over a dozen years, our annual golf outing moved from historic Sycamore Creek C.C. to Heatherwoode G.C. With spectacular attendance via a record 26 teams, the club raised over \$11,000. We now set our sights on preparing for our 15th Annual Golf Outing where we will shoot to break the \$15,000 mark - Plan on being a part of it next summer!

On the projects front, along with our historic dictionary distribution where we handed out a record 600+ dictionaries to Springboro and Waynesville 3rd graders, the Springboro Rotary Club continued our North Park services manning our concession stand during the summer concert series. In addition, we further supported the Springboro and Clear Creek Police Departments' Safety Town program, resulting in the departments building a "Rotary Park" in their layout where children sat during educational sessions.



On the new project front, the club was hands on with the distribution of food to needy families in West Carrollton through the Bogg Ministries Food Pantry. Finally, the club anxiously awaits the unveiling of the new Springboro Veterans Memorial plans which are being financially supported through the club's fundraising efforts.

Our 135 member strong Interact club is also actively demonstrating "Service Above Self" these past several months on both the domestic and international fronts! The club has donated 75+ shoe boxes full of toys, hygiene and education related materials in support of Operation Christmas Child who will deliver them to needy children across the world this holiday season. Partnering with the Dayton Rotary Club and others in the 6670 District, the group is also raising funds that

will go towards the purchase of Biology books and equipment for a Nigerian orphanage. Needless to say, our pride in supporting such an amazing Interact club is boundless.

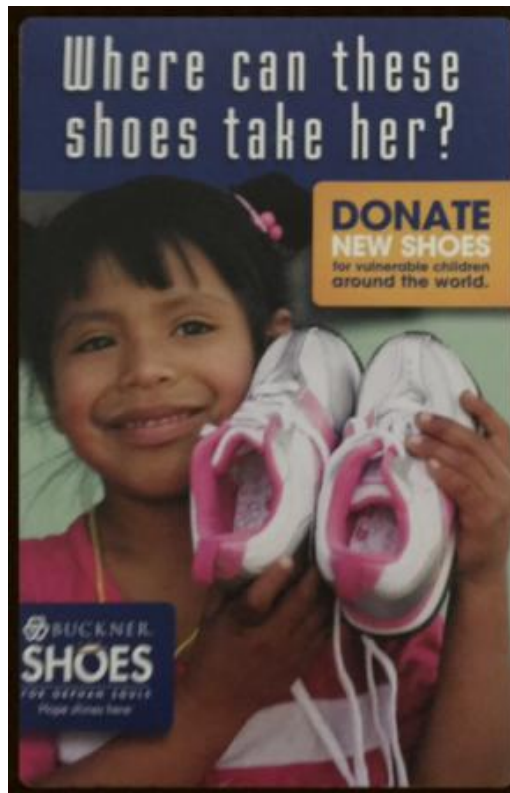
So as we head into the holiday season here in Springboro, we wish all our fellow Rotarians across the district and beyond a Happy Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year - looking forward to seeing you all at the District Conference in April!

Moraine Rotary Receives Grant for Pirate Pack

The Moraine Rotary Club recently received a \$1,000 matching grant from Rotary District 6670 to use for the Pirate Pack Program. The Pirate Pack Program is a non-profit organization with the desire to meet the nutritional needs of children. Pirate Packs provide weekend food assistance to elementary students throughout the West Carrollton School District. Moraine Rotary President Don Schweitzer (right) receives a check for the grant from Rotary District 6670 Grants Committee member Dave Spencer at a recent Rotary meeting at the Payne Recreation Center.



Shoes for Orphan Souls District 6670 Service Project



District 6670 is entering the 10th year of collecting SHOES! In 9 years we have collected almost 10,000 pairs of shoes for the underprivileged children in the world. Thank you to all Rotarians who were involved and celebrate this milestone! Let's make this our best year ever!

WHY? The need has increased in the past couple of years from 143 million to 153 million of children forced to live in extreme poverty. The shoes we collect provide the opportunity for a child to receive an education as most schools require them to have a pair of shoes to attend, and protect their feet from the rocky terrain the walk on to fetch water, eliminating cuts leading to parasites and disease.

Buckner SHOES For ORPHAN SOULS...not only providing shoes for orphans and children living in extreme poverty, but the connection with these children leads to further assistance through BUCKNER in various ways!

WE ALL make a difference and hope your club will engage in the business of collecting shoes and socks this year!

33 clubs participated last year collecting over 3000 pairs of shoes, almost 2500 pairs of socks, and \$1500! That is our Rotarian spirit to serve in a big way!

Consider involving your INTERACT and ROTARACT clubs. Several clubs are excited for the opportunity to engage in this important service project, and it also is a good way to connect the youth to your club!

PLEASE contact Wendy Kissel wckissel@gmail.com 513-267-9541 for more information..

Piqua Rotary Club "A Home for the Holidays" Benefit to Help Haitians

The Piqua Rotary Club, in partnership with the international relief organization Food for the Poor Inc., is sponsoring "A Home for the Holidays" fundraiser on Thursday, December 1 from 6-8 pm. at Edison State Community College.

World Services Committee Chair Sharon Semanie explains the event is in response to a horrific earthquake which ravaged Haiti in 2010 killing 250,000 residents and leaving 1.3 million homeless. Nearly 50,000 Haitians remain in tent cities six years later. Proceeds will be earmarked for redevelopment efforts.



"This is an uplifting opportunity to help provide a concrete block home for the poorest of the poor-Haitian families-who've been forced to live in tents with as many as 10-12 family members, walk several miles for clean drinking water and depend upon the generosity of outsiders for even a daily bowl of rice," she explained. Rotarians were inspired to aid the Haitian community at the request of Ben Scott Sr. of Piqua, a successful retired businessman, who has worked in tandem with Food for the Poor Inc. since the horrific earthquake decimated Haiti.

"Ben and his wife, Louise, have been instrumental in helping to rebuild Haiti since the earthquake. Together with neighbors in Boca Grande, FL. they have painstakingly worked endless hours to generate enough funds to build 227 concrete homes,

community centers, and health centers as well as provide farm animals for food sustenance throughout Haiti..”

Their tenacious efforts, continued Semanie, require the assistance of everyone especially in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew which last week pummeled Haiti killing 1,000 of its residents. “The Scott family has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of others both in our community and Haiti. We are hopeful individuals will respond to Ben’s request to financially support this initiative.”

Scott, who recently traveled to Haiti to videotape redevelopment efforts, will serve as emcee of the December 1 fundraiser and provide a visual overview to attendees. He will be joined by Angel Aloma, executive director of Food for the Poor. When asked why he got involved in the Haitian crisis, Scott simply replied “I got involved in Haiti because many of the Haitian people are living in such dreadful conditions that no human being should have to endure.”



Aloma oversees all fundraising and communication initiatives for the international relief organization. Described as a “communicator par excellence” he has become an enthusiastic spokesperson for Food for the Poor and is fluent in Spanish and proficient in Creole and Patois. He is able to convey the message of the mission to supporters and partners throughout the Caribbean and Latin American. In his 21 years as teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale, Aloma started a program to feed the homeless in Broward County and led numerous mission trips with his students to the Caribbean countries.

He is especially attuned to the plight of the poor in our hemisphere and frequently visits those areas accompanied by donors-such as Scott-and community and church leaders. As a frequent speaker focusing on the topic of poverty and related issues such as justice and peace, Aloma was born in Santiago, Cuba and was reared primarily in Jamaica. He continued his Jesuit education at Campion College and St. Georges College in Kingston. He is a graduate of the University of Windsor in Canada and received his Master of Science degree from Nova Southeastern University.

The December 1 gala will begin at 6 p.m. with a Caribbean-inspired reception-to include both heavy appetizers and beverages-in the Edison atrium area. This will be followed by the program at 7 in the college theatre.

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased from Piqua Rotary Club members or the Readmore Hallmark Store or Harvest Pantry LLC Bulk Foods located on North Main Street, Piqua. For sponsorship opportunities, businesses, churches or non-profit organizations can contact Semanie at (937) 615-9335 or sharon.semanie@gmail.com

“As an incentive for every dollar raised,” she concluded, “we will receive matching gifts from an anonymous source. We encourage everyone in the Piqua area to support this major event. This is an ideal opportunity for families to make a holiday donation and help us, The Piqua Rotary Club, rebuild Haiti...one block at a time”.

Troy Rotarians Host a Speaker on the Issues of Human Trafficking in the Area

Even in 2016, there are people across Miami County, the state of Ohio, and the nation who are victims of fraud, force and coercion that leave them trapped in situations where they are “trafficked” for labor, slavery, sex and other activities. Tonya Folks, of the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office, discussed the growing problem of human trafficking in the Miami Valley during Troy Rotary Club’s October 18th meeting.

With the Sheriff’s Office since January 2016, Folks is the Human Trafficking Liaison. She was hired to coordinate the County’s law enforcement activities related to this pervasive, growing problem in the Dayton and Miami Valley area. Part of her role is to train law enforcement in what to look for in terms of who might be a victim and how to address victims’ advocacy. She offers a free, hour-long training in which first responders, firefighters, law enforcement and citizens in general can learn how to look for “tells” to indicate someone is a victim. There are many factors, such as cultural and life circumstances like domestic violence and sexual abuse, that are primary indicators for a child being vulnerable to being trafficked. Other risks include physical abuse, neglect,

witnessing violence, and exposure to drugs. In 2015, in just 32 percent of the state of Ohio, there were over 8,400 children at high risk of being a victim, based on these vulnerabilities. Many victims range in age from 11-17 but some may be as young as eight years old.

Human trafficking is a broadly used term to define any activity that is coerced, including sex, servitude, slavery, labor, and so forth. Folks shared that Miami County has done a lot of good work in advocating for human trafficking victims' rights. While children in the United States are at risk, many victims come from four countries: Mexico, Thailand, India, and Philippines. Nail salons in Ohio are notorious for harboring traffickers and victims. Sex trafficking is a part of human trafficking as well. In addition to the human trafficking definition of fraud, force and coercion, anyone in the sex trade who is under 18 years old is automatically classified as a sex trafficking victim. The average age for girls getting into prostitution is 12-14 years old; for boys, it's 11-13. Sadly, sex trafficking is financially lucrative and subindustries have formed, including brothels, massage parlors, and other illicit businesses. Street prostitution makes up only five percent of the trade while 95 percent are "escorts" providing a "girlfriend experience," and other classifications of trafficking.

Traffickers are either home grown and stay local or are travelers who move from event to event and location to location. Folks tracks pimp activities throughout the state and across state lines. She works with other law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, to coordinate stings to catch this activity. She and the Sheriff's Office monitor all social media platforms where recruiting techniques are used to entice young children into trafficking. Folks encourages "See something, say something" if you notice suspicious activity involving children who may be flashing a lot of cash, show signs of physical abuse, or an adult who is unable to leave their current job. To learn more visit www.mcohio.org/sheriff/human_trafficking.cfm

To schedule a training session, send a request to folkst@mcohiosheriff.org.