

Rotary



District 6670



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Events

March 11th
All Ohio P.E.T.S.
March 16th
Rotary Leadership Institute - Part III/Session Three

A Message from your District Governor



Fellow Rotarians,

I am glad to see news that the number of persons receiving COVID-19 vaccinations is increasing. I attended a Heart of America Zones 30-31 webinar on Wednesday March 3, 2021 where Rotary International's Chief Strategy Officer Tom Thorfinnson shared a RI study, which predicts that it may take as many as seven years to get COVID-19 herd immunity around the world. I truly hope this is not the case.

Congratulations to the Rotary of Xenia for the 100th Anniversary of the Club's Charter! The club was formed March 1, 1921. The Club is in the process of scheduling a screening of a professionally produced video celebrating the Club's history.

Please plan to attend this year's District Conference on Friday

April 23rd and Saturday April 24th. I have teamed with my fellow governors in Districts 6600 (NW Ohio), 6630 (NE Ohio) and 6690 (Columbus/Southern OH) for a virtual multi-district conference. Friday evening 6:30 ♦ 8:30 pm will be a fun evening and radio show format with DG 6600

and radio personality Keith Hodgkinson providing music, trivia, and a keynote speaker. Bring your favorite beverage to the Friday event. Saturday morning from 9:00 ♦ 11:00 am will be a series of RoTalks much like TEDx. Saturday will also include keynote speaker Rotarian Brad Howard who leads annual National Polio Immunization tours and who will be an aide to 2022-2023 RI President Jennifer Jones. The Saturday event will be followed by a District breakout session from 11:00 to 12:00 noon for me to share with you District updates and take care of annual district business. There is no cost to attend the event. Watch for more information regarding registration and the agenda. You won't want to miss it!

Be sure to check out this month's edition of ♦ *Why I Joined Rotary and Stay a Member of Rotary* ♦ by Springboro Rotary President David Spencer. David explains that Rotary has made a positive impact on the way he interacts with his clients, family and friends. What an excellent message to share with prospective members as one of the many benefits of joining Rotary.

This month's RI theme is ♦ *Water and Sanitation* ♦ I suspect that many of us often take for granted the availability of clean water and proper sanitation. Even in the U.S., it quickly becomes top of mind during natural disasters such as the ice and snow storms in Texas and Arkansas resulting in loss of power and water plants not being able to process and distribute clean water. The Miami Valley area of our District also experienced the need for clean drinking water during the 2019 Memorial Day tornados. Our District's Clubs and Rotarians are excellent at providing clean water and sanitation around the World and we have currently three projects in process. Centerville Rotary, aided with financial support from many D6670 clubs (including a very generous contribution from Springfield Rotary) and D6670 District Designated Funds (DDF), is partnered with D6690 DDF and many of its clubs for a Rotary Foundation global grant project to provide safe water for over 20,000 people in Malawi. Rotary Club of Dayton is leading a global grant to provide clean water for native Indians in the Community of San Juan Inguincho in the Andean Mountains of Ecuador. Rotary Club of West Chester Liberty is leading a global grant project to provide water filtration systems in Jalisco, Mexico. I am sure the clubs leading these projects will welcome your interest and support.

Don't forget to ♦ Spring Ahead ♦ your clocks on Sunday morning March 14th!

DG Greg Birkemeyer

District Governor Club Visit Schedule

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Thank you to the following clubs for hosting me at a recent Club meeting:

Piqua	Wilmington Noon
New Carlisle	Vandalia

Upcoming Visits:

Club	Date
New Lebanon	3/17/2021 (75 th Charter Anniversary)
Eaton	3/22/2021
Urbana	3/29/2021
Cincinnati	4/1/2021
Fairborn	4/7/2021
Greenville	4/20/2021 (100 th Charter Anniversary)
London	5/6/2021
Fairfield	5/14/2021

Why I Joined Rotary but More Importantly, Why I Stayed in Rotary

By David Spencer, Rotary Club of Springboro

When I was first introduced to Rotary International in 2002, it was part of a larger group of friends who wanted to get together more socially but with the side understanding that we may have opportunities to **◆**lend a hand**◆** to others at the same time. Let's call it, 90% social, 10% philanthropic. The naiveness we all had as Charter Members of the Springboro Rotary club towards what it meant being a small piece in a much Rotary International story began to wear off. It became more evident that our newly established club was far more than Friday morning breakfasts, guest speakers, golf outings and social events. We learned we could find any, or all, of those things in other corners of our individual worlds. What became evident as initial members dropped and new members joined was that we could have an impact not only in our quiet town of Springboro but in the larger world as well, in a way that was difficult to find in other groups. That initial percentage evolved from 90% social, 10% philanthropic to a pure balance of 50% deep friendship and care, 50% **◆**Service Above Self**◆**.

After 17+ years as a Rotarian and reflecting on why I continue to stay in Rotary, it goes far beyond the numerous ways our Springboro Rotary club has impacted the lives of so many here and abroad. Instead, it is the mantra of putting **◆**Service Above Self**◆** that has crept into other facets of my life beyond Rotary which has had a significant influence. While Rotary is at the core, its influences span far beyond meetings and opportunities and into how I interact with clients, family and friends. This is a factor that I have historically been unsuccessful in finding until my introduction and growth in the Rotary International family.

I would be remiss to not include the tremendous people I have met and now care for in our worldwide clubs, the countless number of laughs (and a few tears) that have been shared and of course, watching others grow as well to be better people that this world desperately needs. My time in Rotary in the past, now and in the future is shaped from those who I have been lucky enough to cross paths or continue to walk with, unlike nothing I have ever been a part of before.

Being surrounded by Rotarians I care deeply about and the **◆**never cease to amaze**◆** things they do to positively change the lives of others, humbles me beyond words and I look forward to enjoying that same humbleness for as long as God allows me to do so.

Lt. Governor Speaks to Oakwood Rotary

Ohio Lt Gov Updates Rotary Club of Oakwood on Statewide Covid 19 Efforts!



For the past year, the photo on the left is the image of Lt Gov Jon A. Husted updating Ohioans on Covid-19 related items during the weekly, televised press briefings with Ohio Governor Mike DeWine.

This past Friday however, the image on the right is Lt. Gov. Husted with a personal Covid-19 update during the Rotary Club of Oakwood's weekly Zoom meeting.

Although the images don't differ much, his COVID-19 message was more optimistic as Ohio's overall Covid-19 cases are declining.

Husted highlighted that 97.5 % of Ohio Schools are back with in-person learning. He also urged parents to begin planning responsibly for prom and graduation parties as Ohio loosens seating restrictions for congregant settings such as allowing 25% attendance for indoor events as well as 30 % attendance for outside, fixed-seat settings. And with additional vaccines coming to market, Husted expects further declines in Covid-19 cases.



District 6670 Clubs have Provided the Means to Secure a Reliable Source of Clean Drinking Water



Hollenbeck (past President of the Centerville Rotary club) traveled to Haiti with Dr. Greg Bixler [Co-founder/CEO of Design Outreach (DO)] to install a water pump in a remote part of NW Haiti. A water source had been identified at the location, but the 400♦ deep borehole remained dormant for several years because there was no way to extract the water. This was DO♦s first attempt to install their Life Pump at such a depth. The installation was a success, and it was the first location anywhere in the world where a **hand-cranked water pump** was used to bring water to the surface from a depth of 400♦. No power source such as electricity or solar panels was required. Not only can the Life Pump bring water to the surface from depths that other pumps cannot, but it has also proven itself to be more reliable and can be monitored remotely. As a testimony to the Life Pump's reliability, one of the first Life Pumps installed in Malawi has been running

non-stop for over seven (7) years with no breakdowns.

Before Ron left Haiti, he and Greg met with representatives from the Rotary Club in Port-au-Prince, Water-for-Life Haiti, and Global Outreach-Haiti Mission. There was discussion on progressing a Rotary International (RI) Global Grant, where they hoped to secure matching funds from both District 6670 and RI. If we were successful in that endeavor, we would be able to install a significant number of water pumps in remote or mountainous regions in Haiti.

Upon Ron♦s return, he made presentations to eleven (11) Rotary clubs about his trip to Haiti and explained the initiative of developing the global grant. The response was fantastic. **The following Rotary clubs made a total of \$33,625 in pledges: Centerville, Fairborn, Huber Heights, Kettering, London, Miamisburg, New Carlisle, NE Cincinnati, Northmont, Springboro, Trotwood**

With the help and guidance of Frank Scott, a global grant request was initiated with RI. If the requirements of the global grant were able to be met, and matching funds were able to be received from both the District and RI, there would be sufficient funding to install ten (10) Life Pumps. However, that was not to be. After 18 months of sustained efforts, necessary information (ex: Community Assessment Reports) was unable to be obtained from Haiti to progress the global grant. A big factor which prevented the information from being gathered was the ongoing severe unrest taking place in Haiti. A decision was taken at the beginning of 2020 to terminate the global grant efforts and to collect the pledges from the clubs. The pledges were collected and sent to Design Outreach. Their goal was to get the Life Pumps installed as early as possible. Then COVID struck, and the unrest got even more pronounced.

In January 2021, the three (3) Life Pumps were finally installed in some very remote locations (Cayes, Arniquet, Saint Jean) in SW Haiti. Two Life Pumps were able to bring water to the surface from a depth of 390 feet, while the third Life Pump retrieved water from a depth of 410 feet. The beneficiaries of



these three (3) Life Pumps number in the thousands and will forever be thankful for what Rotary has provided them♦a reliable, local source of clean drinking water.

For information, DO has installed 138 Life Pumps globally. Countries include Haiti, Guatemala, and eight (8) countries in Africa. Efforts are in place to install another 91 Life Pumps globally during 2021. There is a global grant (GG) being pursued through a collaborative effort between Rotary Districts 6670 and 6690 to install twenty (20) Life Pumps in Malawi during 2021. The GG is in the final stages of review. Once it is approved, Ron will provide an update, as well



as recognize those Rotary clubs in District 6670 that made pledges to the Malawi initiative.

heartfelt thanks to all the clubs who made pledges to this important initiative. It truly reflects Rotary's motto **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**.

Shutdowns Can't Stop the Beavercreek Rotary Working for Good



The Beavercreek Rotary Club continued their 20 year tradition of delivering dictionaries and coloring books to elementary children in the community.

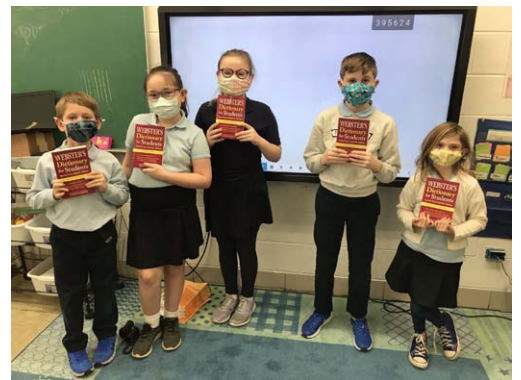
In years past, Beavercreek Rotarians visited the second and third grade classrooms to gift the dictionaries and coloring books. It's the highlight of the 79-member Rotary calendar with Rotarians quick to volunteer.

The third graders are always excited to have visitors in the classroom and enthusiastic about having their own dictionary. In this digital age when you think it might have fallen from the curriculum, the children have learned how to look up a word alphabetically and use the dictionary as a reference. They're appreciative of this valuable resource--that they get to keep and write their name in--and eager to show that they know how to use it.

As might be expected, this year brought new challenges. For the Beavercreek City School District's six elementary schools and St. Luke Catholic School, 1,400

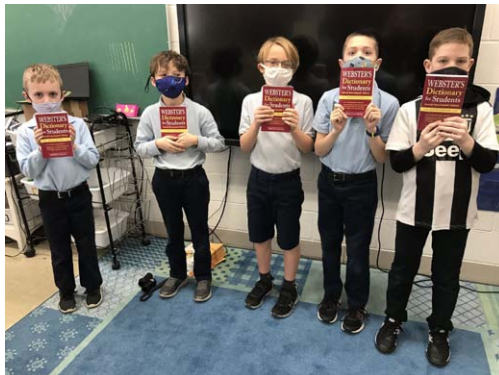
dictionaries and coloring books were dropped off for distribution in the classrooms by the teachers. The dictionaries and coloring books were accompanied by a letter to the students telling them about Rotary and the club's many service projects, like Beavercreek's Rotary Park, Christmas Baskets, and the dictionary project, as well as international works.

Second grade students received a copy of **Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure**. This coloring book illustrates the principles of Rotary's Four-Way Test in a format that's fun and appealing for children. The book was written by a Fairborn Rotarian and the Fairborn club publishes the Andy & Elmer series.



The project is funded equally through a grant from District 6670 and the Beavercreek Rotary Foundation.

Where there's a will, there's a way. And while the Beavercreek Rotary Club was glad to make a way to get the dictionaries and coloring books into the hands of the children, we look forward to making the deliveries in person next year. It's a joy to meet the children and a joy to represent Rotary in our community.



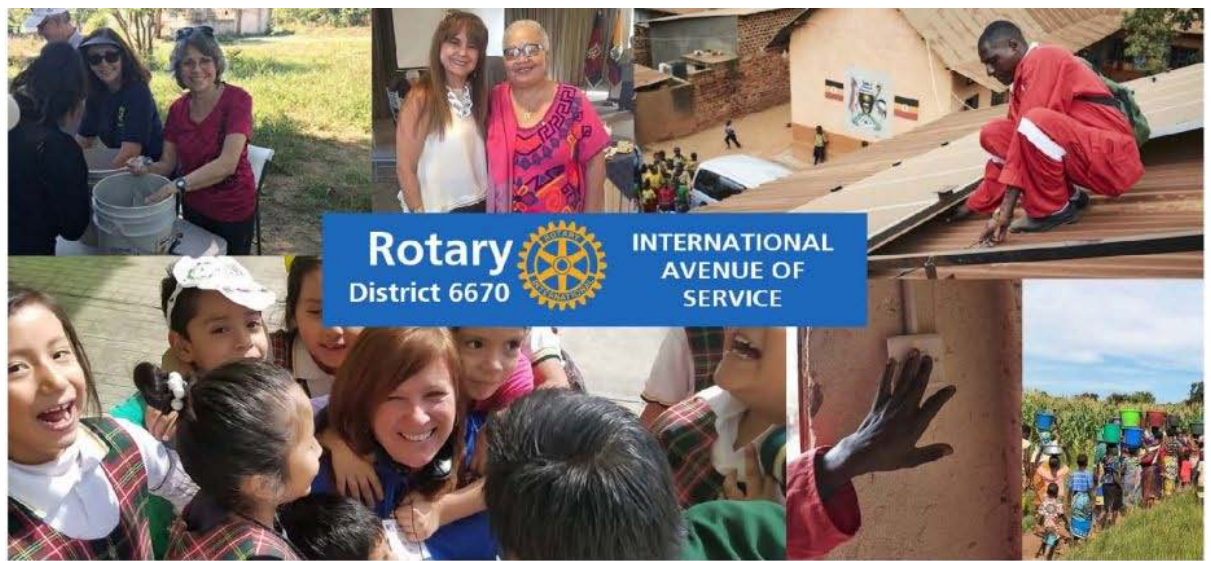
Rotary International Avenue of Service ARE YOU IN?

We channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through Rotary International's five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity: Club, Vocational, Community, Youth, and International. The International Avenue of Service is sometimes the most difficult for clubs to take part in because of the logistics, volunteer hours, and dollars involved in developing projects abroad. With this in mind, I am sharing the below flyer with the details of six international projects supported by our District 6670 that your club may be interested in becoming involved in this Rotary year with levels of participating starting as low as \$250. Click [HERE](#) to download the below flyer.

The contacts for the projects are listed in the flyer, but please don't hesitate to reach out to me as well.

Yours in Rotary,

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**INTERNATIONAL
AVENUE OF
SERVICE**

Rotary District 6670 International Project Opportunities

As members of Rotary International we channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service, which are the foundation of club activity. One of the five service avenues is International Service and it exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding. We support this avenue of service by sponsoring or volunteering on international projects, seeking partners abroad, and more.

Through clubs and partnering with other districts for large scale projects, District 6670 is committed to helping support this avenue of service. The projects below allow smaller clubs in our district to participate in vetted projects with trusted partners around the globe.

CLUB LED PROJECTS

Rotary Club of Cincinnati - SUN (Solarize Uganda Now) SUN is a development project for clean, green solar-powered LED lights for rural Ugandan schools. In Uganda, access to power is expensive, dirty and inconsistent - if it's available at all. Through the Solarize Uganda Now program, energy costs go down up to 80%, student performance improves, and communities thrive. Clubs can participate for as little as \$250 for two solar-powered lights to \$5,000 to solarize one school with your name/club on the school plaque and every amount in between.

- Area of Focus and Budget: Environmental Support - \$200,000
- Partners: Rotary Club of Raleigh Midtown and Rotary Club of Nateete, Kampala, Uganda
- Project Leads: Nathan Thomas 419.721.2759 | nathan@allweare.org
- Learn More: [Solarize Uganda Now](#) video

Rotary Club of Dayton - Clean and Safe Water for the Community of San Juan de Inguincho

The goal of this project is to provide sufficient clean and safe water for the community of San Juan de Inguincho (SJD) in the Andean Mountains in the province of Otavalo in Ecuador. The community is a Quichua native Indian community. The connection to this community was initially made by Rotarian Bob Taft and the Tanana Foundation, whose founder is Anna Taft. This project has been broken into small pieces which offers the opportunity to "adopt" a part of the project. Examples in this project are water storage tanks from 1000 to 10,000 liters in size and individual parts of the water treatment plant. In prior projects a plaque was placed on the project element adopted/sponsored recognizing the club that funded it. Dayton Rotary is available to present a project overview listing adoption opportunities to other interested clubs. (Continued on next page)

Rotary Club of Dayton - Clean and Safe Water for the Community...Continued

- Area of Focus and Budget: Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene - \$78,000
- Partners: Club Rotario de Quito, Ecuador - Valle Interoceanico
- Project Leads: Fred Abrams 937.746.2298 | fredabrams@aol.com
- Learn More: Website Coming Soon! Visit <https://daytonrotary.com/> for link

Rotary Club of West Chester- Water Filtration Systems Jalisco, Mexico Using Sawyer water filtration systems to help residents of Jalisco, Mexico. This project will provide 2000 filters to 9000 people in remote Mexican villages in the Puerto Vallarta area.

- Area of Focus and Budget: Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene - \$100,000
- Partners: Rotary Club of Oxford, Rotary Club of Puerto Vallarta Sur, Jalisco, Mexico, and eight other Rotary Clubs from the US and Canada
- Project Leads: Ken Rieser 513.258.2840 | ken@memorablejourneys.net
- Learn More: [Jalisco, Mexico Water Filtration System](#) video

DISTRICT LED PROJECTS

District 6670 and District 6690 - Malawi Africa Safe Water Program Ohio Rotary Clubs in districts 6670 and 6690 are planning to partner with the Bwila Rotary Clubs in Lilongwe, Malawi, on a safe water program serving an estimated 20,000 people. The project will include water, sanitation, and hygiene implementation and training to rural beneficiaries suffering from the lack of safe and reliable water. Sanitation and hygiene training will be conducted along with VLOM water supply.

- Area of Focus and Budget: Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene - \$300,000+
- Partners: Rotary Club of Springfield and other Rotary Clubs in Ohio Districts 6670 and 6690
- Project Leads: Ron Hollenbeck 484.678.4460 | hollenbeck407@msn.com
- Learn More: [Malawi Africa](#) website

Zones 30/31 - Heart 2 Heart Heart 2 Heart is a cooperative partnership between Rotary clubs, districts and individuals in the US and in Mexico Districts 4170 and 4140. The partnership was formed in 2005 to provide humanitarian services to those in need in central Mexico. The Heart 2 Heart program has an advisory committee in the Zone and within the district. Members of these committees are available to do club programs and to present project options for clubs. On April 1, 2021, Mexico will celebrate 100 years of Rotary service in Mexico. The celebration project is designed to engage at least 100 different US clubs to do service projects in Mexico during 2020-21 (the "100 in 100" program) and in calendar 2021. These service projects range in size from approximately \$500 to \$10,000 USD, with a shopping list of opportunities for US clubs, depending upon their interest and funding options.

- Area of Focus and Budget: Various
- Partners: Clubs in Zones 30/31 and Mexico Districts 4170 and 4140
- Project Leads: Ron Appuhn 865.567.9576 | rappuhn53@yahoo.com
- Learn More: [Heart 2 Heart](#) website. To learn more about the 100 in 100 program for 2021, click [HERE](#).

Donations of any size are welcome! To find out how your club can participate in these international projects, please reach out to the contacts listed for above. For information about how District 6670 is supporting these projects, contact Frank Scott, District Rotary Foundation Chair, at 937.750.5724 or fscott4971@gmail.com.