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May Newsletter

I want to thank each and every one of you for your tremendous support and your kindness this year. As your District Governor for 2010/2011, the exciting aspect of my term was visiting you, your club, and especially your community. I had the opportunity to witness first hand an amazing group of Rotarians.

Just imagine what you and your club accomplish in your community and then multiply that times 59 clubs and 3800 Rotarians. You truly make the world a better place. You reach out every day to touch and change the lives of people. A simple thank you just doesn't seem to do justice for the warmth, passion and commitment that you make every day. I truly express my heartfelt appreciation to you as Rotarians in District 6690 this year

This year I wanted to share four things with you: The Spirit of Service, Individual Clubs, Every Rotarian Every Year, and One Person can make a Difference. Rotary for me has been a journey of personal growth, discovery and learning. As we all know, this year's theme is "Building Communities Bridging Continents". Ray Klinginsmith's, Rotary International President, words focused our energy on our purpose and to make us proud of our membership as Rotarians. He stated "We are a unique and a premier organization, certainly one of the best in the world". As we all know, Rotary is a "Spirit of Service", as well as an organization that shares our core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity and leadership. We build the spirit and resources of our local communities. We are 6690, we are Hilliard, Mt. Vernon, Canal Winchester, and Malta McConnelsville. You and your club has made a difference in your community and the world. Can you image what your community would be like without you and your club? It's your energy, commitment, passion and caring that has touched many lives. Remember our credo: "Service above Self", it is our belief and our commitment. Just image throughout all of 6690, the multitude of programs, projects and services that we all participate in. It's an amazing story of what we do best. You have impacted many lives, you have made a difference, just think, it might have never happened without you and your club. You have made a difference in your community and in the world. Just think of what Columbus, Upper Arlington, Tri-Village, Westerville Sunrise, Westerville

and Gahanna have contributed in their communities. Just think about Ironton, Portsmouth, Byesville, Zanesville Daybreak and Bridgeport. Their energy, passion and caring has touched many lives on Main Street every day, just ask Coshocton, West Lafayette and Gallipolis. You make a difference in the world with "Every Rotarian Every Year", it counts, it matters. It's an amazing opportunity to reach out and make a difference, pay back, pay forward...We are 6690 and we are part of the solution. Remember "Every Rotarian Every Year" drives money back to supporting and building a better world. I applaud all 59 clubs and over 3800 Rotarians in our District for your leadership, I thank you for your hard work to make the world a better place, and especially your very own community.

At this juncture, I want to share with you the multitude of programs/projects and services that we all participated in during 2010/2011. It's what you do! We as a District issued over 105 awards and citations this year, plus one additional special recognition citation that we just received last week. I will share this one with you later.

1. Presidential Citations:

Ray Klinginsmith, President of Rotary International 2010-2011, stated "It is important to remember that Rotary is a "Spirit of Service", as well as an organization of Rotary Clubs and we need to share our core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity and leadership with other people and organizations". The Presidential citation identifies the four avenues of service: Club, Vocational, Community, and International as a guidance to share the value of fellowship, integrity and leadership. We as Rotarians use the four avenues of service to make the International theme of "Building Communities Bridging Continents" Come to Life. We build the spirit and resources of our local communities and we are the best in the world at linking people of good will around the globe. The following list of 36 of 59 clubs identify those that succeeded in achieving this year's Presidential Citation. In addition, we were successful in having a 61% success rate of clubs that qualified this year. This is fantastic! WOW!

Presidential Citations

1. Pat Knotts — Westerville Rotary
2. Michael Moulton — Dublin-Worthington Rotary

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| 3. David Bricker | Marietta Rotary |
| 4. David McCurdy | Upper Arlington Rotary |
| 5. John Dubos | Grove City Rotary |
| 6. Linda Brown | First Capital-Chillicothe |
| 7. Catherine Baird | Pataskala Rotary |
| 8. Don Bradley | Circleville Sunrise Rotary |
| 9. Joe Waske | Byesville Rotary |
| 10. Lou Ellen Werry | Gallipolis Rotary |
| 11. John Castro | Gahanna Rotary |
| 12. Sharon Creamer | Bridgeport Rotary |
| 13. James Johnson | Newark-Heath Rotary |
| 14. Jason Perkins | Barnesville Rotary |
| 15. Randy Shingleton | Belpre Rotary |
| 16. Linda Everitt | Lancaster-Sherman Rotary |
| 17. Sandra Knoesel | Columbus Rotary |
| 18. Cathy Bitler | Lancaster Rotary |
| 19. Tom Theller | Circleville Rotary |
| 20. John Medeiros | Olentangy Rotary |
| 21. William Riddle | Hilliard Rotary |
| 22. Dillon Anderson | Lewis Center/Polaris Rotary |
| 23. Timothy Bullock | Westerville Rotary (noon) |
| 24. Carla Hutchens | Cambridge Rotary |
| 25. Kevin Lynch | Whitehall/Bexley Rotary |
| 26. Marlene Casini | Delaware Rotary |
| 27. Shannon Mills | Reynoldsburg Pickerington Rotary |
| 28. Connie Hawk | Granville Rotary |
| 29. Rick Sabine | Zanesville Rotary |
| 30. Carol Myers | Bethesda,Belmont,Morristown Rotary |
| 31. Gary Moll | Zanesville Daybreak Rotary |

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| 32. David Connelly | Dublin AM. Rotary |
| 33. Nancy Combs | St. Clairsville Sunrise Rotary |
| 34. James Bir | Marietta Morning Rotary |
| 35. Jeff Lawyer | Newark Rotary |
| 36. Jennifer George | St. Clairsville Rotary |

In addition, we had 8 clubs succeed at Presidential Citations with Distinction. I shared these numbers with Ray Klinginsmith when he was here in early May. He stated that "these numbers reflected a strong, successful and active District". I congratulate you on your success. Here are the 8 clubs of 36 that succeeded, this is a 22% success rate on your part. We are 6690!

Presidential Citations with Distinction

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| Columbus | Lewis Center/Polaris |
| Delaware | St. Clairsville Sunrise |
| Dublin AM | Westerville Noon |
| Grove City | Westerville Sunrise |

Interact Clubs:

Each year, Interact Clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and good will. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of:

1. Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
2. Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
3. Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
4. Advancing International understand and good will

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We recognize the following clubs:

Fisher Catholic Interact Club
DublinScioto Interact Club
DublinJerome Interact Club
DublinCoffman Interact Club
Newark Rotary
Gahanna Interact Club
MeadowBrook Interact Club (Byesville)
Athens High School
Hilliard Darby High School
Hilliard Bradley High School
Hilliard Davidson High School
Olentangy Orange High School
St. John Central High School
Westerville Central High School
Westerville North High School
Westerville South High School

Rotaract Clubs:

Rotaract is a service club for young professionals and students ages 18 to 30. Sponsored by local Rotary Clubs, Rotaract Clubs provide young people with opportunities to foster leadership, responsible citizenship and promote international peace and understanding. These are awarded on the four avenues of service. The following is this year's recipient's list.

Columbus Young Professionals
Ohio State University
Otterbein University
OUE/BTC – St. Clairsville

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**Membership Awards:**

**For the District Awards, 6690 divides the clubs based on membership. The size is as follows:**
**-Small Clubs: Membership of 50 and under**
**-Medium Clubs: 51 to 99**
**-Large Clubs: 100 or more**

**These are awarded to clubs with increased net membership for the time period of July 1 through April 2011. The list of membership awards is as follows:**

**Small**
**Upper Arlington/Grandview (Tri-Village)**
**Hilliard**
**Barnesville**
**Clintonville (Columbus)**
**Marietta Morning**
**Byesville**
**West Lafayette**
**Lewis Center/Polaris**
**Reynolds Pickerington**
**Gallipolis**
**Logan**
**Belpre**
**Lancaster Sherman**
**Pataskala**
**Chillicothe First Capital**
**Ironton**

**Most gain for a small club with 25% gain:**

**New Albany-James Hemphill President. Congratulations!**

**Medium**
**St. Clairsville Sunrise**

Westerville Sunrise
Mount Vernon
Jackson

Most gain for a medium club with 23.4% gain:

Grove City- John Dubos, President. Congratulations!

Large
Marietta
Lancaster

Largest Gain for a large club:
Dublin Worthington with a 4.9% gain. Dublin Worthington's club president is Michael Moulton. Congratulations!

Every Rotarian Every Year

Awarded annually is the EREY award. These are awarded to clubs based on the highest dollar contribution of giving per capita to the Rotary Foundation:

Small Club – Hilliard, William Riddle, $409.00 per member

Medium Club – Westerville Sunrise, Patrick Knott, $290.00 per member

Large Club - Marietta, David Bricker, $140.00 per member

Rotary Volunteer

The Rotary Volunteer recognizes the achievements and participation of active Rotarians in various volunteer activities and involvement in helping others through Rotary. While we all know all Rotarians give of themselves, these club presidents want to recognize these particular Rotarians for their services.

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| Athens | Karen Harvey |
| Lancaster Sherman | Rosemary Hajost |
| Lewis Center/Polaris | Janet Andrus |
| Malta McConnelsville | Dixie L. Kirkbride |

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| Marietta | Alice Chapman |
| Olentangy | Thomas J. Kleven |
| St. Clairsville | Jim Bartsch |
| Westerville Sunrise | Larry Jenkins |

## Five Avenues of Service

This award recognizes the five avenues of service. This award is issued to one club member for his/her outstanding efforts in the Five Avenues of Service by demonstrating support of the object of Rotary through active participation in each Avenue of Service: Club, Vocational, Community, International and New Generations.

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| Athens | Cita Strauss |
| Dublin AM | Rich Brown |
| Lancaster | David W. Bailey |
| Lewis Center/Polaris | C. Lee Smith |

Congratulations! Excellent, a job well done!

## Community Service

The Community Service Award is a Rotarian for outstanding service to their community for the recognition of the exceptional programs or effort by a Rotarian that meets a community need.

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| Athens | Betsy Baringer |
| Ironton | Richard Mountain |
| Lancaster | Louis F. Varga |
| Lancaster-Sherman | Bryan Everitt |
| Malta McConnelsville | Dr. Robert Richmond |
| St. Clairsville | Frank Fregiato |

## Public Relations

This award recognizes outstanding achievement by a Rotarian in Public Relations, promoting Rotary objectives and ideals to the media, community and /or club membership.

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| Byesville | Shana Fair |
| Lancaster | Martin Barker |
| Lancaster-Sherman | John Mott |
| St. Clairsville | Eric Ayres |
| Westerville Sunrise | Barb Gizzo |
| Zanesville | Jim Evans and Everett Jackson |

**Assistant District Governors Significant Achievement Award**

ADGs also nominate clubs for their work. The Significant Achievement Award is awarded to clubs that attained significant and outstanding achievement during the Rotary year. This award recognizes those clubs that accomplished a major task or improvement or stand out above all other accomplishments.

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| Bridgeport | Girls Softball Field |
| Westerville Sunrise | Wendy's Chili Open<br>Field of Heroes<br>Youth Exchange |

**Literacy Award**

This award that the base skill the we all recognize as essential to improving ourselves, our communities and our world. Rotary is a partner in promoting and improving literacy everywhere. The award is for exceptional programs or efforts promoting and improving literacy. This award is nominated by Assistant District Governors.

Lewis Center/Polaris
Pike County

In Closing, I am proud to be a part of 59 Rotary Clubs, and one of 3800 Rotarians in this district. I have stated many times that collectively worldwide in one Rotary year we all worked over 25 million hours on more than 180,000 projects in 168 countries! We are 6690, we are 3800 Rotarians, and we are 59 clubs.

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I would like to share some final statistics that reflect you and our District. Last year at this time, you, your club and your club President submitted your club goals for 2010/2011 for Membership, Annual Giving and Polio Plus Campaign. These numbers that you set are as follows:

| Goals 2010/2011 | |
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| Membership growth | 221/4045 |
| Annual Giving | $251,782.00 |
| Polio Plus | $80,017.00 |

Our current numbers as of May are:

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| Membership | 3800 |
| Annual Giving | $222,000.00 |
| Polio Plus | $91,000.00 |

Our membership is struggling but I am positive and hopeful that we maintain at least 3800 Rotarians. We all set a lofty goal at 4045, but have fallen short this year. I would still encourage all clubs to continue your spring rush for new members. There is still time, and many clubs are still actively pursuing new members. I would ask that you keep focus on recruitment this year and submit your new members this Rotary year. The second goal we all had was our Annual Foundation giving, Every Rotarian Every Year Campaign. As of May, we are at $222,000.00 of $251,000.00 for this year. We are short by $29,000.00 this year for District and we are at 88.5% of our goal. I would like to make an appeal to each Rotarian to contribute $7.63 each, so that we can meet our District Target this year. I ask you to announce in June to see how many Rotarians will rally to meet our target this year of $251,000.00. I thank you in advance for your contribution. I will personally pledge $100.00 tomorrow.

My last goal that we as a District set was the Polio Plus Campaign this year. In this single area you really made a commitment and exceeded our target. Today our District number is $91,000.00. We have exceeded our goal by 114%, WOW, what a number and tremendous effort and success by you and your club members. I thank you for your leadership.

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This Rotary year 2010/2011 we gained 21 Bequest Society members, and in addition we brought on 244 Paul Harris Fellows this year. Very Impressive!

I have one last request to make you in the newsletter. I would like each club to sing at least once in June Rotary's theme song "Let there be Peace on Earth". I thank you in advance.

I started this newsletter by thanking you for who you are, for what you do and for being the best Rotarians. You contribute your time, talent, and energy for "Service Above Self". I would like to quote Paul Harris, "We are not an organization of heroes, we are composed of men and women who choose to serve for the privilege of doing so". We as Rotarians make service to our communities the most visible act of kindness. The old adage "Actions speak louder than words". Remember, Rotary begins at home.

Sincerely,

Calvin T. Gebhart
District Governor

2010/2011

PS. Please see the attachment

PSS. Don't forget to promote new membership and submit new members as soon as possible

PSSS. Ask all members to contribute $7.63 each to our Annual Fund by the end of June

PSSSS. Have every club sing "Let There be Peace on Earth"