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# District 6690—News

## DG's monthly message

As we begin February, we are reminded that it is World Understanding Month and our Rotary theme for this year “Peace through Service” fits so nicely. As we look across the globe we realize through the perseverance of all of you as Rotarians that Rotary has truly made lasting impressions on others. This year, Rotary celebrates its 108<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 23 and what an accomplishment to endure through harsh economic times and wars that we all continue to bring Peace through our Service. And it continues to be all our responsibility to see that Rotary continues into the future. We will be able to do this through our objectives that we set out to accomplish this year; *Strengthen Our Club through it Members, Increase Our Service and Support Our Rotary Foundation, and Enhance Our Club's Public Image and Awareness.*



While we celebrate the good work of all, let us not forget the great work of The Rotary Foundation, our Foundation, which is accomplished through your support. With the new Grant Funding program that commences July 1<sup>st</sup>, we are seeing clubs developing significant District and Global Grant proposals. Rotarians in our District decide how these funds are spent and your continued support is the surest way for Rotarians to see their dollars at work. We have many wonderful opportunities shared with us by Rotarians from all over the district, and we are making a difference in the lives of many.

Remember, when we serve, the impact is not limited to our community, or the community we are helping. When we serve, we are helping all of humanity. As RI President Tanaka, tells us this month, “*When we put Service Above Self, we are making a choice.*” Rotary can bring peace by addressing the needs that cause conflict. The need for clean water, nutrition, sanitation and health care. We help peace flourish when we work to insure these needs are being met.

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## DGS Message, con't.

As this Rotary year starts to wind down let's focus on two key items. First the Presidential Citation needs to be turned in by March 31<sup>st</sup> to Assistant Governor and Awards Chair, [Bill McCoach](#). In addition to identifying the items you accomplished, be sure to do a write up for each area, as this will be used in determining the Governor Citations.

Second, we will be Celebrating Peace through Service at our District Conference, May 17 and 18 at the NorthPointe Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus. The conference committee led by [Tom Kleven](#) is working diligently to insure that all attendees will be engaged. In keeping with our Public Image objective this year, clubs have the opportunity to highlight their accomplishments and the value that they provide to their communities through various signage and sponsorships opportunities. Please contact Tom for your club's participation. As I asked in last month's newsletter, what would be your answer to the 'Why Rotary' question. You now have the opportunity to show your fellow district Rotarians your club's answer.

Peace through Service,  
DG Mike

### **Wanted—Volunteers to help update District Disaster Manual**

District 6690 plans to update the District Disaster Planning, Preparedness and Response Manual.

To accomplish the update, the Coordinating Committee is looking for a few District Club members to enter into dialog about the Role of the District and individual clubs in planning and responding to disasters.

The output of the committee will be a written updated manual. If you have an interest in serving on this committee please contact the [District Governor](#).

## Help make Rotary better—your suggestions wanted

### 2013 COL will meet April 21-26, in Chicago Council on Legislation (COL)

Does your club have a current copy of the 2010 Manual of Procedures? Do you know what it is and how it is changed?

The COL was established in 1934. Since 1974, the COL meets every 3 years to review and update the Manual. This year the COL will meet April 21-26 in Chicago to review and vote on 181 suggested changes or items. There are two types of items: 1) enactments are proposals to amend the constitutional documents of Rotary International; and 2) resolutions are items deal with policies and procedures and do not seed to amend the constitutional documents.

The 2013 COL began with 381 items submitted by Rotary Clubs from around the world. After due process, the number of items needing action is 181. Fifteen COL items were submitted by the RI Directors. One hundred Rotary Districts throughout the world including 20 Districts within the USA shared their suggestions for updating the Manual.

Subject matter to be covered by the COL includes attendance, meetings, e-clubs, District boundaries, travel, per capita dues, terms for District Governors, the Foundation and its programs, and the object of Rotary.

The Manual of Procedures is Rotary's guidelines for all facets of Rotary and should be available to your Board and its members. Please go to the Rotary International website ( [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) ), search for "2013 Council on Legislation items," and review the items to be covered. Send your input to Dick Brixner at [RBZippy@aol.com](mailto:RBZippy@aol.com). Please include COL in the subject line.

Dick Brixner, PDG;  
District 6690 Representative to 2013 Council on Legislation

## OPERATION WE CARE 2013 and Matching Grant #77839

**The Operation We Care** (OWC) of Rotary International District 6690 of 2013 is scheduled for another medical/Surgical/Dental Mission on February 10 -16, 2013. This marks the 29<sup>th</sup> year of mission to the Philippines visiting the three big Islands of the Republic over the years from 1985 to the present, namely: Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

All Presidents of the Philippines from President Marcos, Cory Aquino, Fidel V. Ramos, Joseph Estrada and Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, invited the members of the **Operation We Care** to the “White House” or “Malacanang Palace” to give recognition to the visiting team for its great Humanitarian Initiatives.

Such initiatives include not only surgical, medical and dental operations among the 300 plus indigent patients seen each year but also rendered services to construct deep water wells for safe drinking among villagers where none existed before, Nutrition and Feeding programs for the undernourished school children, and books for schools to supplement their literacy undertakings. Hence, the name Medical Mission to the Philippines was renamed “**Operation We Care**”.

The venue of next month’s mission will take place in A. Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center in Marikina, Metro Manila, Philippines, one place where population of indigent is at its highest, at about 40,000 in a 100,000 population. This will be the second time that the **OWC** was extended an invitation by the Mayor, the Marikina Rotary Club President, the Director of the Hospital and the District Governor of D3800 (Philippines).

The same individuals in addition to 14 local Rotary Clubs in the Philippines and the DDF of DG. Lirio Sandoval, District 3800 (Philippines) have committed and contributed for the Matching Grant No.77839 in partnership with District 6690 (U.S.) DDF in addition to Rotary Clubs of Gallipolis and Jackson forged with the Rotary Foundation to assure approval of Matching Grant No. 77839.

Thanks for the cooperation of DG Michael R. Brown of D6690 (USA), DRFC



Tara Craaybeek of R.C. Lancaster-Sherman and her Committee, TRF Grants Chair, Dana Charlton of R.C. of Columbus, along with Rotary Club of Gallipolis Pres. Jodie McCalla and Jackson Rotary Club President Gregory Ervin. In past years, the Rotary Clubs of Ironton and West Lafayette also participated. All the above participated in the formation of Matching Grant No 77839 partnership matched by TRF (The Rotary Foundation).

The funds derived from Matching Grant No. 77839, as in years past, make the **OWC** yearly project possible. Along with this, the efforts of all Rotarians, both in the U.S.A. and the Philippines in addition to some local government agencies assure the success as well as the implementation of the project in a transparent manner to bring it to its fruition. Thus closer international friendship, peace and understanding are fostered between two countries.

It is to be noted that this was the last Matching Grant applied and approved by the TRF in the old and former form because starting this year the new Format of Global Future Vision becomes effective in order for local Rotary Districts can have more leverage in all aspects of the project.

Submitted by: Mel P. Simon,  
PDG & Chair and Coordinator,  
Operation We Care, RI District 6690.



EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

*Your contribution to **Every Rotarian,**  
**Every Year** makes humanitarian projects possible.*

**For more information  
on  
Operation We Care**  
Visit us at  
[www.opwecare.org](http://www.opwecare.org)





A second floor goes on the clinic for dental service.



Dental/maternity wing is dedicated.



Board chair, Dr. Njenga, gets the keys to the bus

## Rafiki Update—February 2013

### Big changes at the Clinic

The first notable change at the clinic is physical: the appearance of a second floor. Funding from a grant from the Diocese of Southern Ohio has allowed the beginning of construction of a second floor onto the clinic.

This additional space, although originally conceived as a maternity wing, will be initially purposed to provide much needed dental services for the community. We are working on securing the volunteer services of some local dentists to provide clinic time with equipment and supplies being provided by the clinic. This will be a wonderful additional benefit that Rafiki will provide.

Perhaps the biggest event of the annual celebration was related to Rafiki Academy which opened up early this year beginning the process of bringing education in-house. We began with pre-school and Classes 1 and 2. We have excellent teachers. The business plan calls for each class to be ~20-25 students. 1/3 would be our own and 2/3 would come from the community.

We have this goal because we don't want our kids isolated from the community. In addition, those community parents who currently are paying school fees to the local primary school would be paying them to us instead. With that income, the school would be a major profit center for Rafiki. We plan to add one class each year.

A school bus donated by Downtown Rotary Club and first Community Church has provided the necessary transportation to get sufficient students signed up so that over 100 students are now enrolled. The school is expanding and your support is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by: Terry Davis, January 21, 2013



Classroom at Rafiki Academy.



**For more information  
on Rafiki**  
Visit us at  
[www.marafikikenyaorphans.org](http://www.marafikikenyaorphans.org)

## **Dublin AM Rotarian Herriott inspires clubs to provide Englai school children with clean water.**

Clean, safe water is something we take for granted until we visit an area of the world where clean water is scarce.

Last year, during a trip to Africa, Dublin AM Rotarian Faye Herriott and her husband Dick were touched by the need for clean water for children attending the Englai Primary School in Englai, Africa. Faye worked with Dublin AM Rotary to raise funds from the club's International Services committee and from four other clubs in District 6690 to install a rainwater harvesting system: Whitehall/Bexley, Malta/Marietta, Grove City and Lancaster-Sherman. The work was completed by the Cheli & Peacock Community Trust. It was finished slightly under budget and just in time to capture the precious rainfall. Generations of children will benefit from the water project and several jobs were created to build and maintain the system.



Area chief oversees the activity.

Englai kids say, "Thank you."



## Club Activities

### Zanesville Daybreak Rotary Club:

Just recently, I discovered what Rotary truly means. My sponsoring Rotary club, Zanesville Daybreak Rotary, held their meeting in the music room at West Muskingum High School, my high school. My Rotary club was there to listen to our jazz band perform for them. During the performance, I glanced around the room to witness each Rotarian's face. They were all so involved and entertained. Following the performance, the Rotarians were asked if they were interested and had time to take a tour of the school. Several Rotarians stayed and toured our school. They entered classrooms and art classes to observe the educational opportunities for our students. I was truly touched by my Rotary club.

Rotary is caring for your community and giving back. Rotary is taking an interest in the arts and the education of the students. Rotary is discovering new and innovative ways to ameliorate the community. The definition of the word "rotary" is as follows: a machine or part of a machine that rotates around an axis or a fixed point. This definition serves true for my Rotary club. Our club has a job, just like the part of a machine. It is constantly turning and moving, continuing to make the community sturdier. Without the rotary, the machine would fall apart and not work. The machine in this instance is society, and Rotary helps it function.

As I was glancing over the webpage of our Rotary club, I came across an article that was written by our local newspaper. The two Rotary clubs in Zanesville, Daybreak and Noon, combined their clubs in an effort to help provide water for Ugandans. The well is supposed to be drilled soon and will service fresh water for 3,500 people. The two clubs presented a \$10,000 check for the project and will oversee the project starting this January. No only does Rotary help their local community, but they have a concern for the underdeveloped countries that are not nearly as fortunate as we Americans.



Jennifer Wohlgamuth,  
Zanesville Daybreak  
Exchange Student





## Club Activities

The president of Daybreak Rotary, Dr. Paul Brown, posted this statement on our website, and I have found it to be quite inspiring. “Daybreak Rotary’s goal is to improve the quality of life for all of our neighbors with both monetary help and active volunteerism”. What I find intriguing with this quote is the part about “all of our neighbors”. The *all* really proves to be accentuating for me because the quote could have easily been said with just, “for our neighbors”. Instead it says, “for all of our neighbors”. This shows Rotary’s concern for everyone in the community, regardless of where they live or what lifestyle they follow.

Rotary International’s 2012-2013 theme is “Peace Through Service”. I couldn’t agree more with this statement. Peace is obtained when people put in the time and effort to achieve peace. This is only done by servicing the community and a concern for international welfare. Would there be peace if a country or even a city thought only of themselves? Without service, there would be no peace. Peace is attained when the selfishness and greed are pushed aside and a group of people can assemble to allow for prosperity. This is Rotary.



### Westerville Sunrise and Noon Rotary Clubs:

In partnership with Otterbein University and the Westerville City Schools, the Westerville Sunrise and Noon Rotary Clubs are celebrating **Westerville Community Culture Day/Rotary International World Peace Day** on Saturday, February 23. Six dynamic speakers with unique backgrounds and experiences will share stories that unite and inspire one Westerville community. A larger event will occur September 21, 2013 where we will celebrate the many faces of Westerville.

More information: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Westerville-Community-Culture-Day/114230425412231>

Submitted by: Rick Rano



## Club Activities

### First Capital Rotary (co-host with the Chillicothe-Ross Chamber):

“Business After Business” at the Pump House proved a little cozy. First Capital Rotary Club members were out in force Wednesday for their “Business After Business” at the Pump House Center for the Arts. The crowd of about 150 got a chance to view materials on the “Leader in Me” initiative in Chillicothe City Schools, which the club has adopted as one of its community projects. The Corner Market provided the food while Classic Brands and Pepsi provided the beverages. Photos from the event are on the chamber’s Facebook page.

News article:

[http://www.chillicotheohio.com/weeklyletter/2013/weu\\_01\\_18\\_13.html](http://www.chillicotheohio.com/weeklyletter/2013/weu_01_18_13.html)

Submitted: Randy Davis



### Jackson Rotary Club:

State Fire Marshal Larry Flowers addressed the Jackson Rotary Club on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. The Fire Marshal has a very proactive approach of addressing life safety issues Ohioans encounter. He also was pleased the response time offered by the Forensic Laboratory and its ability to assist local authorities find individuals involved in arson cases. He also mentioned that his office has four crime sniffer canines assigned to the State Fire Marshal’s Office. In addition to his overview of the State Fire Marshal’s Office he fielded a broad range of questions for the members of the Jackson Rotary Club. Rotary President Greg Ervin noted how helpful the State Fire Marshal’s Office had been with the health department’s generator project.

Submitted: Greg Ervin



Jackson Rotary  
Pres. Greg  
Ervin and State  
Fire Marshal  
Larry Flowers.

## Club Activities

### Olentangy Rotary Club:

A group of nine Rotarians worked at the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio on Saturday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to noon. We made & repaired tables, painted parts for tables, sanded tables, and painted bed frames. Rotarians from the Olentangy Rotary Club were Ralph Abbott, Mike Brown, (DG) Jerry Douglas, Dan Ludwig, John Medeiros, Al Valko and Dan Weng; from the Delaware Club, Brian Stanfill (PDG). Joanne Spoth, Director of Development for Furniture Bank of Central Ohio and Immediate Past President of Whitehall-Bexley Rotary Club was our host at the Furniture Bank.



Al Valko tells a story; Ralph Abbott is in the background and some unknown hands doing some work..

DG Mike Brown, PDG Brian Stanfill, and Olentangy President Dan Weng filling out required volunteer paperwork.



Dan Ludwig, Brian Stanfill, Dan Weng, Ralph Abbott, Mike Brown, Joanne Spoth, Al Valko, John Medeiros, and Jerry Douglas with some of the constructed tables.



Joanne Spoth demonstrating her painting skills.



Mike Brown explaining that he has skills..



## Club Activities

### Pike County Rotary:

The Pike County Holiday Classic is a great basketball tournament and The Rotary Club of Pike County supports the Pike County Holiday Classic tournament with the Rotary Cup Trophy. This award is a rotating trophy and is presented each year to the winning team after the final game. The winning team maintains the trophy until the next tournament.

In addition to the honor of displaying the trophy, a check is given to the winning team's Athletic Department. Rotary wishes all teams the best of luck in sportsmanship and ball playing skill.

Our service project for January is a food drive in support of the Outreach Council choice food pantry which provides food once every 7 days to county hungry. In 2012, that meant 37,143 people were fed (4936 more than 2011).

Submitted by: Ron Cook



PHOTOS BY JULIE BILLINGS/NEWS WATCHMAN STAFF WRITER

By defeating Western in the opening round and defeating Piketon in the title game, the Eastern Lady Eagles wrapped up the Pike County Holiday Classic title Thursday night on their home court. They are here with the Rotary Cup trophy, a trophy provided by the Pike County Rotary on a rotating basis. The winning team has their name and year added to the trophy and get to keep it until the next tournament. The Pike Rotary also presents a check to the winning team's athletic department. In front are Eastern head coach Darren King, Rhyanna Day, Brittany Mounts, Chandler Brown, Kaci Evans and assistant coach Lisa Mounts. In back are Pike Rotarian Judy Dixon, Jenny Keppler, Michaela Mounts, Cassidy Rowe, Cassidy Roney, Carson Roney, Paige Sanders, Kayla Alley and Pike Rotarian Alice Ward.



PHOTOS BY JULIE BILLINGS/NEWS WATCHMAN

By defeating Waverly in the opening round and defeating Piketon in the title game, the Eastern Eagles wrapped up the Waverly Holiday Classic title Saturday night in Waverly's downtown gymnasium. They are here with the Rotary Cup trophy, a trophy provided by the Pike County Rotary on a rotating basis. The winning team has their name and year added to the trophy and get to keep it until the next tournament. The Pike Rotary also presents a check to the winning team's athletic department. In front are Colton Lightle, Justin Fultz and Trace Creech. In back are Waverly Rotary Interact members Kayla Riffe and Lauren Streitenberger, Pike Rotarian Alice Ward, Tre' Lykins, Matt Dyke, Brandon Murphy, Chad Lands, Zack Polen, Alex Phipps, Tarvares Pickett, Josh Thacker, Matt Alley, Eastern basketball manager Brandon Reed, Waverly Rotary Interact member Philip Hart and Pike Co. Rotarian Judy Dixon.



## Deadlines to remember

### AWARDS FOR CLUBS:

Submittal by Club President. Unless otherwise noted, submit all information, forms and nominations to [wpmccoach@gmail.com](mailto:wpmccoach@gmail.com)

#### February 15:

- Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award
  - [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/rotarian\\_spouse\\_partner\\_service\\_award\\_form\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/rotarian_spouse_partner_service_award_form_en.pdf)

#### March 1:

- District Conference Sponsorship Opportunities—artwork due to Bryan Lane ([bryan.lane@hotmail.com](mailto:bryan.lane@hotmail.com))

#### March 1, 2013:

- Significant Achievement. Award.

#### March 31, 2013:

- Presidential Citation:
  - [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/900a\\_en12.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/900a_en12.pdf)
- Interact Presidential Citation:
  - [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/interact\\_presidential\\_citation\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/interact_presidential_citation_en.pdf)
- Rotaract Presidential Citation:
  - [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/rotaract\\_presidential\\_citation\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/rotaract_presidential_citation_en.pdf)
- Governor's Citation:
  - [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/900a\\_en12.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/900a_en12.pdf)

#### April 15, 2013:

- RI Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives.
  - This award recognizes clubs for creative plans and strategies to support membership growth through retention, recruitment and other factors.
  - [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/422en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/422en.pdf)

### Deadlines for Four Way Speech Contest

**April 1**—registration deadline.

**April 13**—local winners compete at District Assembly.

Have questions? Need information? Contact—[Nelson Coleman](#)

All rules and forms are at <http://www.district6690.org/index.php?id=13249>



## Deadlines to remember, con't

### **OTHER AWARDS FOR ROTARIANS:** **submittal by Club Presidents**

**Note:** These awards are coordinated directly through Rotary International.

#### **Deadline—submit anytime:**

- **Five Avenues of Service Award**
  - To be awarded to one club member for his/her outstanding efforts in the Five Avenues of Service. A club member must have demonstrated support of the object of Rotary through active participation in each Avenue of Service: Club, Vocational, Community, International and New Generations. Maximum one Rotarian per Club. Submit anytime directly to RI HQ.
  - [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/avenues\\_of\\_service\\_citation\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/avenues_of_service_citation_en.pdf)
- **Each Rotarian: Reach One, Keep One Award**
  - Rotary club presidents can nominate and recognize individuals for sponsoring new members while focusing on retention. There are several award categories:
  - Gold pin and certificate: for Rotarians bringing 25 members into any Rotary club, with 20 still active after six years
  - Silver pin and certificate: for Rotarians bringing 10 members into any Rotary club, with 8 still active after four years
  - Bronze pin and certificate: for Rotarians bringing five members into any Rotary club, with four still active after two years
  - Certificates and pins may be [purchased](#) through Rotary International.
  - [Download the tracking form](#)
  - [Contact RI staff for assistance](#)

#### **Deadlines for District Grants**

**April 1**—submit 2013-14 application or proposal.

Have questions? Need information? Contact—  
[Dana Charlton](#)

## Activities and Events

### District meetings and events

**Feb. 15**—District 6690 Assistant Governor Training

**Feb. 16**—District 6690 pre-PETS Training Seminar.

**Feb. 22**—Ohio-Erie Youth Exchange Spring Meeting

**Feb. 23**—Rotary 108th Birthday.

**March 2**—Global Grant Training Seminar

**March 5**—Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka visit

**March 8-9**—All Ohio PETS President Elect Training

**March 15**—Rotary Friendship Exchange Video Contest entries due.

### Club meetings and events

**Feb. 7**—Westerville Rotary Young Professionals

**Feb. 7**—Granville Pilsners for Polio

**Feb. 9**—Ironton Pancake Breakfast

**Feb. 16**—Columbus Capitol Square “Music in the Round,” benefit for Rafiki Orphanage School of Muziki

**Feb. 22**—Olentangy Rotary “Night at the Races”

**March 2**—Pike County Rotary Spaghetti Dinner and Chinese Auction

**March 7**—Granville Pilsners for Polio

**March 17**—Westerville Annual Fish Fry and Bake

**March 23**—Marietta Morning “Rotary International Dinner”

## February 2013

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# Meet RI President Sakuji Tanaka

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEWARK, OHIO  
AND  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR MIKE BROWN  
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE  
2013 ALL-LICKING COUNTY ROTARY CLUB MEETING

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT SAKUJI TANAKA



MARCH 5, 2013  
CHERRY VALLEY LODGE  
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DOORS OPEN 11:15 A.M.  
LUNCH SERVED 11:45 AM  
WELCOME AND COMMENTS 12:15  
PRESIDENT TANAKA 12:30  
CONCLUDE 1:00 PM

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RSVP BY FEBRUARY 26, 2013  
VIA EMAIL TO [llewis@parknationalbank.com](mailto:llewis@parknationalbank.com) OR BY TELEPHONE 740-349-3750

Reservation deadline:  
February 26

## May 17-18: 2013 District Conference



Reserve  
**May 17-18**  
 for the **District 2012 Conference**  
 which will be held at the  
 NorthPointe  
 Hotel and Conference Center



### Nearby attractions

Directly across from NorthPointe, Highbanks offers picnicking, hiking or biking on established trails, a spectacular view of the Olentangy River, and a wetland viewing shelter and a nature center.



[Highbanks MetroPark](#)

The 100-foot high shale bluffs that tower over the Olentangy State Scenic River have been designated a National Natural Landmark. The park contains two Adena Indian burial mounds and a large, semi-circle prehistoric earthwork attributed to the Late Woodland people. This area has been designated as a National Historic Landmark.

Eagles have nested at Highbanks since 2010. The nest can be seen from the observation deck at the end of the Overlook Trail.



Add a little adventure to your stay at NorthPointe. Camp Mary Orton offers activities such as a high ropes courses, climbing wall, zip line and more. Contact Camp Mary Orton to plan your visit.

Zip Zone Tours offers zip line adventures at Camp Mary Orton. To ensure a space, make a reservation for this two hour tree-top adventure.

[Reservations.](#)

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### Camp Mary Orton



Looking forward, Granville Rotary will once again be hosting the ***DISTRICT 6690 ETHICS CONFERENCE ON May 14, 2013, on the Campus of Denison University.*** [More information](#)



## Rotary District 6690 RYLA Conference

July 18 - 20 2013

Rotary Clubs are invited to sponsor one or two high school students to attend the 2013 RYLA Conference.



Newsletter editor:

Shana Fair

Send news items to [ri.district.6690@gmail.com](mailto:ri.district.6690@gmail.com)

### March news deadline February 18

March is Literacy month. Let me know about your club's service projects supporting literacy.

Please include your name, the name of your club, and ID the people in any pictures you submit if you want them identified in the newsletter.

Thanks.







## February—World Understanding Month



Sakuji Tanaka

President,  
Rotary Interna-  
tional  
2012-13

In his February message published in the February issue of the *Rotarian*, President Tanaka outlines a definition of World Understanding. He writes:

“The truth is that Service Above Self does not know such borders [those of country, community, culture, or language]. When we serve, the impact is not limited to our community, or the community we are helping. We are not only helping the young, or the elderly, or this school, or that orphanage. When we serve, we are helping all of humanity. The effects of what we do go on and on.

When we put Service Above Self, we are making a choice. We are choosing to put other people’s needs ahead of our own desires. We are saying, ‘Your problems are my problems, and I care enough to help you.’”

Meet RI President Tanaka  
at the 2013 All-Licking  
County Rotary Club  
meeting on March 5.

[Reservation deadline:](#)  
[February 26](#)