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District 6690—News

DG's Message



Greetings to District 6690 Rotarians and a Happy New "Rotary" Year. As your District Governor for 2012-13 I am honored to serve you all. As you probably already know, our

incoming Rotary International president Sakuji Tanaka has chosen **Peace through Service** as our 2012-13 theme. And whether on a small individual scale or on a larger community scale, we as Rotarians bring Peace to individuals and communities through the Service that we provide.

I ask you in this Rotary year, to put **Peace through Service** at the forefront of your Rotary work. And I ask you to understand that peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal and a realistic goal for Rotary.

In this Rotary year, our district Rotarians will be focusing the energies of their clubs on the three priorities as outlined in both the RI and district Strategic Plans:

- Support and strengthen clubs through engaged membership.
- Focus and increase humanitarian service through support of the Rotary Foundation.
- Enhance Rotary and your club's public image and awareness.

To accomplish all this, the Presidential Citation will be your roadmap to help your club to successfully build **Peace through Service** not only within your community but globally as well. Additionally it will help insure clubs are attractive and relevant to their members, potential members and to their community.

I will be starting my official clubs visits this month and continue to visit all the clubs though October. Please refer to my visit schedule elsewhere in this newsletter or at www.district6690.org.

Our annual district RYLA event will be held at OU Athens on July 19-21. Many of our clubs are sending students. Be sure to thank Larry Jenkins and Roe Mauro for leading this outstanding program.

Be sure to put the annual Foundation and Membership Seminars on your calendar. It will be held again at OU Lancaster on September 29.

- This year the club presidents and their membership chair will be attending the membership portion to learn about the Three Year RI Membership Initiative.
- The club president-elect (president 2013-14) and their foundation chair will attend the Foundation portion to learn about the Future Vision rollout.

And to wrap up a successful 2012-13 Rotary year, we will be **Celebrating Peace through Service** at the district conference on May 17 and 18 at the NorthPointe Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus. Many fun activities are being planned.

I look forward to visiting with you all and again in this Rotary year I ask you to put **Peace through Service** at the forefront of your Rotary work.

DG Mike



District Meetings and Reminders:

July 19--District 6690 RYLA Conference.

Sept 15--GSE Team Leader Application Due.

Sept 29--Foundation and Membership Seminars, OU Lancaster

Sept 30--GSE Team Member Application Due.

[Event Details](#)

Club Events:

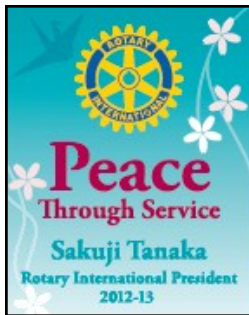
August 1--Westerville Sunrise Rotary Golf Outing.

August 4--Cambridge Rotary Golf Outing.

August 8--Lewis Center/ Polaris 2012 Rotary Cup Miniature Golf Tournament.

August 15--Whitehall-Bexley Ivan Klayman Golf Outing/Kids in Camp

[Event Details](#)



District 6690 Inaugurates Michael Brown District Governor 2012-2013

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Brent Rosenthal, outgoing DG; Tom Kokensparger, PDG, delivering oath of office; Michael Brown, DG 2012-13; and Kim Brown.



Michael Brown, 2012-13 DG



Having Fun and Meeting Friends



PDG Calvin Gebhart, DG Mike Brown, iPDG Brent Rosenthal, PDG Bob McGaughy



Meet Tom Slater—District 6690 Secretary 2012-2013

I am the current secretary of the Newark Rotary Club. When I was asked to take the position of District 6690 Secretary I was honored to be asked to serve Rotary in this manner.

I am a retired superintendent of Schools with 38 years of service as an educator and after retirement I worked part-time as a consultant with McDonald, Casell & Bassett, an architect firm that designed k-12 school facilities.

I am originally from Jackson Ohio, where I served in the Jackson City Schools for 24 years before coming to Licking County to take the superintendents position at The North Fork Local Schools. I served two years in the Army, 1966-1968 and had a 15 month tour of duty in Viet Nam. Following my service time, I received my Bachelor of Science, Master of Education and Post MsEd from Ohio University, and I completed an 18 month Ohio School Leadership Institute in 1998.

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I have been a member of The Newark Rotary Club since June of 1996. Our club is known for their singing and I have served as the song leader for most of my membership. I am the past president of the Newark Rotary Club and past president and a current member of the Newark Rotary Foundation Board.

My passion for Rotary is exactly what our motto "Service Above Self" reflects. We can, when we join together, at the club level, the district level or the International level, achieve miracles. Our club has completed several local and international projects that have made a significant difference in the lives of the communities affected. The impact we have made through Polio + at the international level is an example of the difference Rotary can make in the world today and it is a sincere sense of gratification to be part of such an organization.

I look forward to serving as the district secretary.

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Membership Chair

[PDG, Brent Rosenthal](#)

Rotary Foundation District Chair

[Tara Craaybeek](#)

Public Image Chair

[C. Lee Smith](#)

District Trainer

[Sue Rowland](#)



Meet John Vogelpohl—District 6690 Treasurer 2012-2013

I joined Rotary about 22 years ago through the Gahanna Club when PDG Roger Viers was president. What a great strong club to be introduced to Rotary through!

I moved my business and “transferred” to the Hilliard Club 17 years ago (PDG George Hale was president); another nice strong club, and getting stronger!

I am a recently retired partner from a large regional CPA firm after 38 years (and tax seasons!—in accountant years that’s 114).

My new career is in Mediation. I am completing a two-year course of study at Capital University Law School which will result in Mediator Credentials.

World Peace is not a “pipe dream.” If it is one, it is one we must pursue, seemingly futile or not. My passion with Rotary is “Peace Through Understanding” in all the forms, but perennially through Youth Exchange. We have hosted six kids, and I have

served as YEP Counselor and Committee Chair for many years.

I am on our Club’s scholarship committee, new-member orientation team, act as treasurer for our Hilliard Foundation, serve on our Board, and am a Past (club) President and a Paul Harris Fellow and Hilliard Hale Fellow. I tell you this that you might know, Iche bin ein Rotarian!

I’ve sat on various community boards of organizations that I love and am active in my church. I am married to Donna (for 37 years, now) and have one daughter Nancy who is getting married in July. Other passions are reading and travel, both of which fit very nicely with Rotary.

My involvement at District level starts July 1 and was a serendipitous event, honestly not one of great commitment to district but one of great commitment to Rotary which means heeding the call when it comes.

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*Tip:
Clubs should audit their books. My club is revising an audit “program” that takes laypersons 3-4 hours. The process involves : auditing financial and non-financial information including 990 filing; compliance with election , procedures and by-laws; as well as other features. My club will happy to share when we finish.*



Sakuji Tanaka

2012-12

RI President

- Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan (2012-13)
- Daika Company and president of the National Household Papers Distribution Association of Japan.
- Served Rotary as a director, Rotary Foundation trustee, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and training leader.

Highlights of Sakuji Tanaka's Speech in Bangkok

“Peace”—meanings of the word .

- Defined by what it is *not*:
 - No war or violence,
 - No fear,
 - No danger of hunger, suffering or poverty.
- Defined by what *is and can be*:
 - Freedom of thought and choice,
 - Security and confidence in the future,,
 - Life in a stable society
 - Sense of happiness or inner serenity.

Peace means many different things.

- Rotary can help achieve peace by helping to meet peoples' basic needs such as—
 - Physical needs—health care, sanitation, food, education,
 - Inner needs—friendship, connection, caring.
- Rotary helps build peace by:

Reducing causes of conflict, building bridges of friendship, helping to understand and empathize with one another , helping us understand we are all much the same.

Rotary service values contribute to building peace:

Cooperation is more productive than conflict,
Each person is valued,
Each person has something to give and to teach.

“Service Above Self” is a way of life that:

Makes life richer and more meaningful,
Allows us to focus on the common good,
Puts the needs of others before our own desires,
Helps build attitudes and habits that help build a foundation for a more peaceful world.



John Germ, chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Committee, administers the polio vaccine, part of a Subnational Immunization Day in Mumbai, India, 13 November. *Photo by Ritam Banerjee*

“And so, I ask you to commit to a Rotary year for PEACE THROUGH SERVICE—and a Rotary goal for a more peaceful world.”



District Governor's Club Visit Dates for July

[District 6690
is on the web](http://www.district6690.org)

www.district6690.org

July 10: Barnesville
 July 11: Wellston
 July 12: Chillicothe
 July 12: Pike County
 July 13: Lewis Center/Polaris
 July 16: Portsmouth
 July 17: Malta-McConnelsville
 July 18: Bethesda-Belmont-
 Morristown
 July 19: St. Clairsville Sunrise
 July 19: Bridgeport

July 20: Worthington A.M.
 July 23: Middleport-Pomeroy
 July 24: Gallipolis
 July 25: Belpre
 July 26: Marietta
 July 27: Marietta-Morning
 July 30: Athens
 July 31: Byesville
 July 31: Zanesville

[Additional Club Visit Dates](#)

GSE Team Leader Needed

District 6690 is looking for a team (Rotarian) leader for the GSE team traveling to district 4450 in Lima Peru mid May 2013 to mid June 2013.

Applications are due to Catherine Baird cj_baird@yahoo.com GSE Chair by September 15. Interviews will be in early October.

Team member (non-Rotarians) applications are due September 30 with interviews in late October.

[More Information and Application Forms.](#)

You have a choice—

You can choose to receive the RI *Rotarian* magazine in paper or on-line in a digital format. The cost for each format is the same--\$12 per year. To change your subscription to digital, go to and follow the instructions:

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Rotary Showcase Launched at Bangkok Convention

It's here! Rotary Showcase, officially launched at the 2012 Bangkok Convention, is Rotary International's newest social media tool that helps Rotarians share service initiatives with the Rotary family and beyond.

Users can add their club's service projects, exchange ideas with other Rotarians, and explore the wide variety of activities that Rotary clubs are undertaking worldwide. Showcase users can also upload project pictures, create discussions about their initiatives, and even join projects that other Rotarians have created.

The application connects directly to Facebook to broadcast club accom-

plishments globally with the simple click of a button.

Encourage Rotarians in your district to take the lead by adding their club's service projects to Rotary Showcase right now! Please share this information with them and encourage them to visit www.rotary.org/showcase.

We hope your district enjoys this new and exciting way to promote projects and we look forward to learning more about your district's service work through Rotary Showcase! Please direct any questions to rotary.service@rotary.org.