



District 6690—News

DG's monthly message

As we follow the Rotary calendar through the year, we find out that March is Literacy month. This is a little bit different than most "Rotary Months" as most of the months aim at broad avenues of service—like Vocational Service Month; or equally broad topics like World Understanding, or The Rotary Foundation. But, March focuses us right back on a very basic human issue that is part of all of our avenues of service—literacy.



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What is your club doing to help increase the number of functionally literate people in your community—the kinds of people who will have the skills to get better jobs and be more productive for their families and community? What more can we do? Many of our communities have excellent reading and literacy programs in place. Perhaps our clubs don't need to be starting new programs, but what can we do to help other programs that are already in place? Rotary talks a lot about long-term strategic partnerships in all areas of service—literacy may be one of those areas where you club can pursue a strategic partnership with a school or adult education program. Go to them; find out what their needs might be, and work to fill in the gaps that are out there.

And remember, Literacy is one of the six areas of focus of The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision model. Next to clean water and sanitation, there is nothing more critical to economic development than education. I urge your club to be more involved in raising the literacy rates within your community.

ARE YOU COMING?

"Celebrating Peace Through Service" This is the theme for our District Conference that we will hold at the *NorthPointe Hotel and Conference Center* in Columbus on May 17-18. It's two days of energy, excitement, education and engagement at our annual Conference for Rotary District 6690. It's your

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chance to explore one of the great activities that Rotary districts around the world celebrate with their members. Our district conference team, headed by Tom Kleven have been hard at work to insure you have a wonderful experience. It's the opportunity to hear amazing stories about Rotary and to be enthralled by outstanding speakers. It's a time to fellowship with your fellow club members and friends, and to meet others great Rotarians in our District.

To help the clubs this year with their Public Image messaging, we are offering opportunities for your club and you as a Rotarian to let your community know the value that your club brings. Please work with your assistant governor to insure your club value statements are fully represented at the district conference with your public image signage.

District Conference registration is now open! Go on line at www.rotary6690.org where you can learn more about the conference, as well as register. We encourage you to register soon on-line.

See YOU in Columbus!

Peace through Service

DG Mike



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



Nominations Wanted— 2013 Social Entrepreneurship Award

“Doing good for others while operating a profitable business is something that strikes a chord with many Rotarians,” says Public Image Chair, C. Lee Smith. “A significant number of Rotarians in District 6690 are small business owners. So the creation and sponsorship of these awards will recognize those with a similar mission as Rotary and introduce them to their local Rotary clubs.”

Rotarians are encouraged to nominate their clients and local businesses for this award. Rotarians will be presented with the finalists at the District Conference and vote for the award winners.

The winners will be announced at a special event in late May or June. Date and venue to be announced.

The awards are part of a district-wide initiative using our RI PR grant.

Submit your nomination for the award. [Information and nomination form.](#)

Submitted by: Lee Smith



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](#).

Purchase Rotary International Plates

Multi-task while you drive—and do it legally.

- Publicize Rotary wherever you drive,
- Donate to The Rotary Foundation.

The Ohio Rotary License Plate costs only \$25 more than your normal registration fee. The State of Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles will contribute \$15 of the fee to The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation has recently received \$1950.00 from the State of Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles for our Rotarian member participation in the Ohio Rotary International License Plate program.

You can keep your current reserved or personal plate number. They're available for passenger cars, non-commercial trucks or trailers, motor homes and house vehicles .

To obtain a personalized Rotary International plate stop in at your local office of the Deputy Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles or order online at:

[Ohio Rotary Plates](#)

Thanks to all the Rotarians participating in this program.



The Rotary Foundations—updates:

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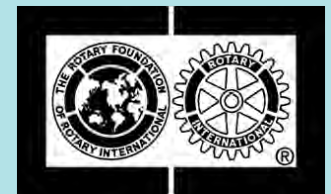
*Your contribution to Every Rotarian,
Every Year makes humanitarian projects possible.*



- Club officers can make online contributions to The Rotary Foundation on behalf of their club or multiple donors.
- Individuals can make personal contributions on-line.
- You can contribute using Rotary's secure online giving site.
 - Go to www.rotary.org, click on Member Access to make your gift today!
 - Choose to support the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, the Permanent Fund, the Rotary Peace Centers, or an approved Foundation grant (grant number required).
- Invite a District Foundation Team member to visit your Club to talk about the importance of giving to Our Rotary Foundation,. Contact:
 - District Rotary Foundation Chair, [Tara Craaybeek](#).
 - TRF Grants Chair, [Dana Charlton](#).
 - TRF Annual Fund Chair, [David Kott](#).
 - TRF Permanent Fund Chair, [Tom Kokensparger](#), PDG.



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Help make Rotary better— your suggestions wanted

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

How does the Council on Legislation work? We will arrive on Sunday, April 21, and start working that afternoon. We will continue long days all week, hopefully ending on Friday, April 26.

Try to imagine a very large room, with several large screens up front, tables and chairs for 534 District Representatives, the RI Board, the RI Trustees, all past RI Presidents, RI staff, and visitors.

Your District Representatives are seated at narrow tables equipped with very large notebooks containing the resolutions and enactments, a headset, and their own personal electronic voting pad. Following discussions on each of the items, we vote and final figures on the vote are instantaneous. There is immediate translation into English, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, French, and Portuguese.

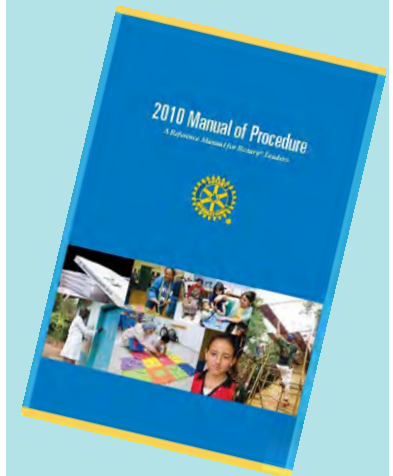
The cost to pull off this Council On Legislation runs around \$3.7 million and is funded by each of the 1.2 million plus Rotarians who are assessed \$1 per year, per Rotarian.

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.

To submit a suggestion for a change:

- Go to the RI website, (www.rotary.org),
- Search for “2013 Council on Legislation items,
- Review the items to be covered,
- OR, send your input to Dick Brixner at RBZippy@aol.com. Please include COL in the subject line.

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



Club Activities

Columbus Capitol Square Rotary:

Capitol Square Rotary Club's Annual Event, Music in the Round (MITR) is a unique concert format that originated in Nashville's Bluebird Cafe and grew organically from the traditional jam session. The only rule: the artists must play songs they've written themselves on the instruments on which they were written.

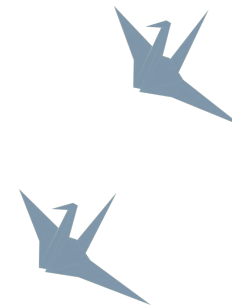
Music in the Round audiences get to hear the artists talk about their songwriting, particularly the stories and emotions surrounding the song's creation. It's a treat for music lovers featuring some of the most talented musicians Columbus has to offer.

In its eighth year, MITR, has raised tens of thousands of dollars in support of both Central Ohio charities and international organizations. This year, as well as in 2012, the MITR beneficiary was the Marafiki AIDS Orphanage. Over the past two years, thanks to generous sponsors, volunteers, Capitol Square Rotary Club and Music in the Round have raised over \$25,000 in support of Rafiki. Music in the Round was held on Saturday, 2/16/13 at Via Vecchia Winery.

Submitted by: Kelly Clifford and Laura Green (photos).



Top Row (L-R): MITR Artists Joey Hendrickson, Joey Hebdo, Stephanie Jeffreys and Colin Gawel. Bottom Row (L-R) Kirk Horn, MITR Committee; Mike Brown, District Governor; Erin Corrigan, MITR Chairperson



Mike Brown, District Governor; Erin Corrigan, MITR Chairperson; Kelly Clifford, CSRC President and Kirk Horn, MITR Committee



Kirk Horn, MITR Committee, Joey Hebdo, MITR Artist

Club Activities

Zanesville Rotary:

The Rotary Club of Zanesville is partnering with the Muskingum County Library System (MCLS) and Help Me Grow to provide resources that support pre-literacy skills to at-risk families in Muskingum County.

Through a Rotary Club of Zanesville District Simplified Grant, MCLS and Rotary have purchased books, book plates and book back packs. MCLS Children's Librarians have added reading tip sheets for parents, CD's of nursery rhymes and children's songs, and created several monthly activity packs for Help Me Grow staff to leave with families as part of their monthly home visits. Three activity packs have already been delivered. Others will be delivered in the next few months.

We are currently planning an event that will involve Rotarians reading to at-risk children and involving the children and their families in activities that will help build literacy skills.

Help Me Grow targets children from birth to age 3 that are at-risk providing coordinated community-based family centered services. MCLS provides Ready to Read programming for children from birth to age 5. They work with parents and other caregivers to provide simple activities they can do with their child every day to build reading readiness.

Submitted by: Sondra Plymire



Zanesville Sunrise Rotary:

Zanesville Sunrise Rotarians get fit with Megan Green, an exercise specialist and certified wellness coach from Genesis Fitness Center.



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Portsmouth Rotary:

The Rotary Club of Portsmouth donated \$1000 to support the Portsmouth Public Library's summer reading program, "Dig into Reading." The library is going to unearth some great programs this year, including horticultural, archaeological, and environmental events. The program begins in June and continues through the end of July.

Summer reading encourages children to read over the summer, a time when many school children can backslide educationally. In 2012, over 754 children participated in the library's reading program. The library's appreciates the support of Rotary to help promote literacy.

Submitted by: Linda Woods and Eric Braun
 Lenore Mason—
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Ironton Rotary:

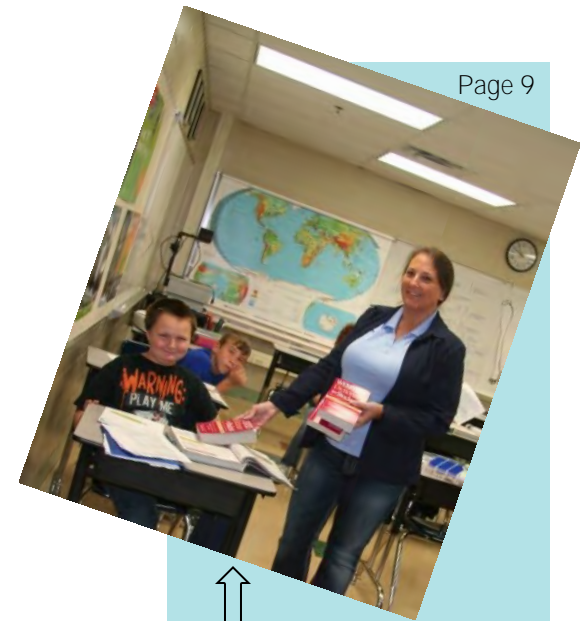
The Ironton Rotary Club Annual Pancake Day fundraiser, Saturday, Feb 9th, was a resounding success. We served pancakes and sausage to almost 500 people. About 10% were takeout orders. Most members of the Club were able to participate. During part of the time we had standing room only.

Many members of the community look forward to this event to see people they haven't spoken with since the last Pancake Breakfast. We do not have a total we have earned yet, but it is several thousand dollars that we will be able to put back into numerous Club project this year.

Submitted by: Mark G. Compston, Assistant Club Secretary



Dr. John
Walker—Green



Linda Woods-
Jones—Northwest



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Dublin AM Rotary:

Choose to Read Ohio Projects 2012-2013

In April, 2012 the Dublin A.M. Rotary, with the support of a grant from the State Library and matching funds from the Dublin A.M. Rotary implemented a “Choose to Read Ohio” initiative at Daniel Wright Elementary highlighting the book entitled, *B is for Buckeye* by Ohio author Marcia Schonberg.

The “Choose to Read Ohio” program is a literacy effort that encourages students to read books written and illustrated by Ohio authors. We chose Daniel Wright Elementary School fourth graders for the project because we wanted to target our efforts to the children with the most needs in the school district. 30.9% of the students enrolled at Daniel Wright are limited English Proficient and 49.1% are considered Economically Disadvantaged. This local data correlated to the National Institute of Literacy statistics which estimate that 43% of adults with low literacy skills live in poverty. We focused our efforts to specifically target children and their families that are limited English speaking.

The grant allowed us to purchase 110 copies of *B is for Buckeye* for all of the 4th graders in the school as well as supporting an author visit to the school by Marcia Schonberg and an event at the local public library that included students, their families, local dignitaries and the author. The students and the local leaders took turns reading from the book at the event. It was a great way to focus our literacy efforts on both the students and their family members and to raise awareness of the public library. It was a fun way to encourage students and their families to read together and to utilize the public library as a family.

We had such great success with the *B is for Buckeye* Project last April that we are implementing another “Choose to Read Ohio” Literacy Project this April! This year’s book is entitled, *Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep!* by Ohio author Maureen Wright. This year we are again partnering with Daniel Wright Elementary, the public library, Dublin A.M. Rotary and the Columbus Zoo to bring this book to life! We are focusing our efforts on all of the first graders in the school. The program will again include an author visit and an on-site library event in addition to



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a special visit from some of our favorite zoo animals. Reading has never been this much fun!

Annual Project Dictionary Literacy Program

The Dublin A.M. Rotary Club has implemented a Dictionary Project each fall that benefits all of the 3rd graders in the Dublin City Schools. Each 3rd grader receives their own copy of a "A Student's Dictionary" and all of the 3rd grade teachers focus on lesson plans that focus on the benefits of reading and the joy of being able to read and write. Dublin AM Rotary members join the Superintendent of schools, who is a member of our Club at one of the elementary schools each year for a program and lesson focusing on the dictionary and the importance of words. The following are some "thank you" messages from students:

Book and Magazine Drive

The Dublin A.M. Rotary also sponsors a bi-monthly book and magazine drive that benefits patients and family members receiving medical care at Dublin Methodist Hospital. Rotarians donate gently used magazine and books that are shared with the patients and their families while they are hospitalized.

Dear Rotary,

Thank you so much for the dictionary. Now I can spell my name in sign language. I can read Braille, I know roman numerals, I know the fifty states and I can learn about the Presidents. I can see places on maps, see the planets, look up words, and see the longest word! I only got to the 12th letter, but I'll keep trying though. Plus I have fun because I stick my thumb in the page, pull it apart and see the words I get! Thank you so much!

P.S. On Monday I missed my dictionary so much I kissed it! Thanks!

Sincerely, Anna

Dear Rotary,

I love the dictionary! Thank you so much! I loved it so much that me and my two friends spent the first recess looking at it and we started a "Dictionary Club." First recess only!

Sincerely, Lauren

Dear Rotary,
Thank you for the dictionary. Now that I have it I can use my clean one and not those ones that have germs."
Sincerely, Lexi



Club Activities

Byesville Rotary:

One of the highlights of the year for Byesville Rotary is the day club members give dictionaries to each 3rd grader in the Rolling Hills School district. Members visit each of the 3 elementary schools to distribute the dictionaries.

Byesville also donated children's books to be given away by the staff of the Bright Beginnings program. This program evaluates development of at risk children. A book is given to each child evaluated. Often it becomes the only book in the child's house. Additionally, the club donates a book to Bright Beginnings in lieu of a speaker's gift. Each speaker is asked to autograph a book which is then donated in the speaker's name.

Submitted by: Shana Fair



Westerville Sunrise Rotary:

The Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club had its 17th annual Chilly Open fundraiser on Saturday, February 2, 2013, at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. The event is a fundraiser that benefits 12 Central Ohio children's charities with a goal of raising \$250,000.

In its 17 years, the event has raised over \$2 million for its charities. Live entertainment was provided by the DEBITS and by Keith Anderson, a Nashville country singer/songwriter. Food was provided by 30 restaurants and children's activities were centered in the Activity Pavilion. Nearly 2,600 people attended the event presented by Kroger and sponsored by Papa John's and Pepsi.

In addition, sustainability efforts undertaken jointly by the club and by the Zoo resulted in the event being deemed "Arctic Friendly". The 18th annual Chilly Open will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2014, again at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.

Submitted by: Julie Ann Colley



Club Activities

Granville Rotary:

Granville Rotary Club holds a monthly Pilsners for Polio event. The club meets at various establishments in town, with one dollar for each beverage purchased going to the Rotary International polio fund. Fourteen Rotarians and their guests attended. We raised \$45 with this event, which is a pretty good result.

DG Mike Brown stopped by a recent Monday meeting to present an award to the Granville club for fundraising for Polio Plus during the 2011-12 Rotary year. Granville continues to raise funds to End Polio Now at our monthly Pilsners for Polio social events. The next one will be 5-7 pm on Thursday March 7, at Snapshots Lounge on River Road in Granville. One dollar from the purchase of each adult beverage will be donated to the cause. Open to the public.! Stop by and bring a friend!

Granville Rotary's "Students of the Month" a continuing program of Granville Rotary: l-r—Granville Middle School Principal and Rotarian, Lisa Sealover-Ormond; Middle School Students of the Month—Daniel Abdelsamed, Matthew Walker; High School Student of the Month, Abby McGonagle, Granville High School Principal and Rotarian, Ryan Bernath; and Grandville Rotary President, Doug Eastman.

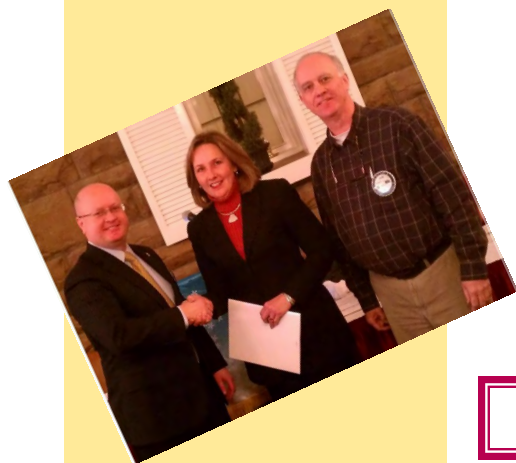
Granville Rotary President, Doug Eastman, congratulating our newest member, Ruth Sawyer, Manager of the Granville Office of Park National Bank, and Ruth's sponsor, Dave Rutledge.

Submitted by: Chuck Peterson



Correction

Omitted from the article about Rafiki was mention that the Columbus Capital Square Rotary donated half the cost of the bus.



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Capitol Square Rotarians Amy Kaspar and Jerry Rampelt visit Arusha Golden Sunrise Rotary.

Columbus Capitol Square Rotary:

Science Books in Tanzania:

Columbus Capitol Square Rotary Club is working on two literacy projects in Tanzania. This past summer, the club partnered with three other clubs (St. Clairsville Sunrise, Reynoldsburg-Pickerington, and Haddenham & District in the UK) and British Rotary District 1090. Together, they published 3,000 science textbooks for primary school students, which were written by a local teacher-author Mr. Meena. These books are currently being distributed around Tanzania.

The second literacy project will help to create a science book about adapting to climate change on and around Mt. Kilimanjaro, hopefully with funding partly provided by a Rotary International Global Grant. Capitol Square Rotary is partnering with The Ohio State University's Byrd Polar Research Center, Machame (Tanzania) Rotary Club, and Mr. Bartholomew Meena, who lives near Kilimanjaro and wrote the first book. Together, they will provide 120 schools in Hai District with a book package, teacher training, and community workshops. The purpose is to better educate communities on the drastic climate changes occurring in their homeland and enable them to



Mr. Meena talks with local teachers about a green schools program.



A science teacher delves into his new textbook

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adapt.

Why is this important? As scientist Dr. Lonnie Thompson has discovered through his research at Byrd Polar Research Center, glaciers on Mount Kilimanjaro are melting at an unprecedented rate. What that means for the communities surrounding the mountain is a scarcity of water, with an increase in drought and poverty. Educating local children is one of the most effective ways to help families adapt to the deteriorating situation and provide a brighter future for the surrounding communities.

In February, three Capitol Square members visited Tanzania to meet with Rotarians and community leaders. They helped distribute books, undertook a needs assessment, and scoped the project. Capitol Square is excited to partner with St. Clairsville Sunrise and Gahanna Rotary Clubs. They seek other Clubs to join the effort. This is an excellent way for small clubs to participate in an international project. For more information, contact: Tanzania@CapSquareRotary.org, or see: www.facebook.com/SavingMtKilimanjaro?ref=nf.



Mr. Meena delivers books to a local teacher.



The District school superintendent is thankful to receive new books from Mr. Meena

Submitted by: Amy Kaspar



(Capitol Square Rotarian) Zach Price meets with project partner, Machame Rotary Club.



Amy Kaspar with students and their new books.

Club Activities

Thank you to the Zanesville Rotary Club for setting up an END POLIO night with the Columbus Blue Jackets, Saturday, March 16, 7:00PM. CBJ are excited to offer District 6690 Rotary members a special discount on these Columbus Blue Jackets tickets! The discount is valid for the date listed below:

CBJ vs. Phoenix Coyotes Sat 03/16/13 7:00 PM

[Purchase tickets](#). Special Offer Code **Rotary**.

ORDER INFORMATION		SELECTION*		# OF TICKETS	PRICE**	TOTAL
Rotary Night with the Blue Jackets 'Join the Battle' on Saturday, March 16 with your fellow Rotary Club members, family & friends! With this special Rotary Night offer, you'll receive a discount game ticket, voucher for food & beverage and contribute \$5 to Polio Plus Campaign!		PRICE: \$35 INCLUDES AEP Power Level Shoot Twice Ticket (Single Game Value \$34) FREE Blue Jackets Hat Voucher for Hotdog, Popcorn & Soda \$5 donated to Polio Plus Campaign				
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Registration Open Now—



REGISTER ONLINE NOW www.District6690.org



Bryn Styles
Rotary International Director 2012-14
RI President Representative



Engaging Activities



Michael Angelo Caruso
How to Interest Someone in 15 Seconds
Saturday Lunch Speaker





Deadlines to remember

AWARDS FOR CLUBS:

Submittal by Club President. Unless otherwise noted, submit all information, forms and nominations to wpmccoach@gmail.com

March 31, 2013:

- Presidential Citation:
 - 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
- Rotaract Presidential Citation:
 - 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

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

Four Way Speech Contest deadlines

April 1—registration deadline.

April 13—local winners compete at District Assembly.

Prizes are:

1st—\$500

2nd—\$250

3rd—\$125

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

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

Don't forget— District Grants

April 1—submit 2013-14 application or proposal.

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

Activities and Events

District meetings and events

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.

March 16—Rotary Night with the Columbus Blue Jackets.

March 23—World Water Day.

March 31—Deadline for Presidential Citation submissions.

Club meetings and events

March 2—Pike County Rotary Spaghetti Dinner and Chinese Auction

March 7—Granville Pilsners for Polio

March 16—9am – 12pm
Pancake Breakfast benefitting NA Rotary Club Charities, 9am-12pm; New Albany United Methodist Church, 20 3rd Street, New Albany, OH 43054. Free to Attend – Monetary Donations Accepted at the event Julie@KrissEnterprises.com or [614-282-0232](tel:614-282-0232)

March 17—Westerville Annual Fish Fry and Bake

March 17—Whitehall-Bexley Rotary Annual Pancake Breakfast.

March 21—Newark Rotary Third Thursday Social.

March 23 —Marietta Morning “Rotary International Dinner”

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[Event details](#)

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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.



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](#)



Newsletter editor:

Shana Fair

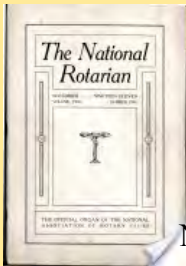
Send news items to ri.district.6690@gmail.com

April news deadline March 20

April is Magazine month. Remember to read your ***Rotarian Magazine***.

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.

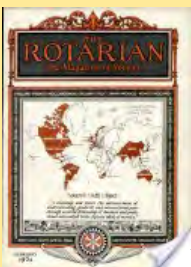
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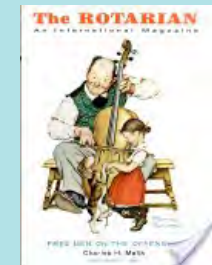
April is Magazine Month

April is Magazine Month, a time to celebrate the global network of Rotary's official magazines, which provide valuable information to 1.2 million Rotarians.

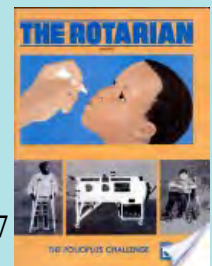
[The Rotary World Magazine Press](#) consists of 32 magazines from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia, and Europe that inform, inspire, and entertain in 23 languages. In addition to [The Rotarian](#), Rotary's English-language flagship publication, it offers magazines such as *Vida Rotaria* (Argentina), *Rotary in Bulgaria*, and *The Rotary-no-Tomo* (Japan).

The RI Bylaws require all club members to subscribe to *The Rotarian* or a Rotary regional magazine. Rotary leaders, district governors, and club presidents are encouraged to support magazine editors in their country or region by submitting story ideas, promoting readership, encouraging timely subscription payments, and assisting with other communication efforts.

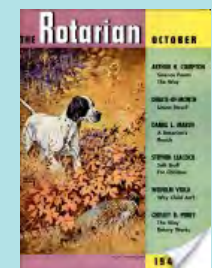
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President Tanaka's visit to District 6690





