



District 6690—News

DG's monthly message

Thank you to the many district Rotarians who made this April a very exciting Rotary month, so full of Rotary happenings.



The Group Study Exchange GSE Team arrived April 20 from District 4450 Lima Peru. They have a full month of touring and enjoying our District ahead of them. A special thanks goes out to our District GSE Committee lead by Catherine Baird, and to the hosting clubs and a real special thanks to the over 40 families that opened their homes and to enjoy the experience of a cultural exchange.

The District 4450 GSE Team, led by Dolly Parra and her 4 team members Priscilla, Janet, Sheyla and Carlos, are just fantastic; very open and fun. Being around them is a GREAT experience. Their travels will cover our whole district. Their GSE experience will conclude with their presentation at the District Conference on Friday May 17.

Additionally our outbound team lead by Michael Mullen of the Marietta club will also be at the District Conference that Friday afternoon. Our outbound team members include Lesley Polling, Catherine Bowditch, Eric Ulas and Robert Bickis. A big thank you to the Athens, Columbus and Capitol Square clubs for sponsoring the team members. I encourage you to join the GSE teams on Friday at the District Conference

This month in the Rotarian Magazine, Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka talks about his theme this year, ***Peace Through Service***. He reminds us that we hear the word *peace* every day, but most of us spend little time thinking about what peace is. Sakuji Tanaka asks us to define peace by what it is and by what it can be, for however we define peace, whatever peace means to us, we can bring it closer through service.

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District 6690
May
Service Above Self Month



Reserve

May 17-18

for the
**District 2012
Conference**

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For those of you that enjoy waiting till the last minute to commit to Rotary events, you still have the opportunity to register for the upcoming District Conference. Just a few weeks away on May 17 and 18 at the NorthPointe Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus. Go on line at www.rotary6690.org where you can learn more about the conference, as well as to register. And for those of you that still need to register, you will be happy to know that the late registration fee has been waived.

The District Conference is two days of energy, excitement, education and engagement. It's the opportunity to hear amazing stories about Rotary and to be captivated by outstanding speakers. It's a time for fellowship with your fellow club members and friends, and to meet others great Rotarians in our District.

A special message to all Rotarians that have joined since July 1. We will be thanking you at the Saturday morning session and remember, the District Conference gives you the chance to say *“NOW I understand what Rotary is all about !”*

The Rotary year is 12 months and there is plenty we all can do in the final two months. Continue to communicate your **Value Proposition** as we continue to Attract and Engage our members, potential members and to our community. Membership and Foundation giving are looking good and thank you all for your efforts.

And I thank you for your commitment to ***Peace Through Service*** – and to a Rotary goal of a more peaceful world.

DG Mike



Snapshots of the 2013 District Assembly



PR session presenter
Walker Evans



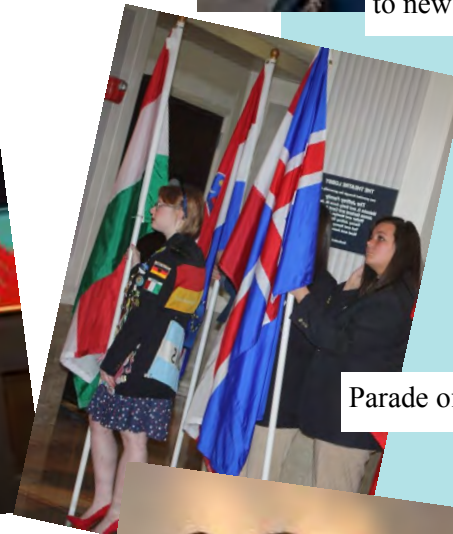
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Development Resource Coordinator



DG Mike Brown—
introducing Rotarians
to new technology



Michelle Duffill-RYLA co-chair;
Roe Mauro-New Generations



Parade of Flags



Outbound students Maddie Pollock and
Ben Applegate



Four Way Test Speech Contest

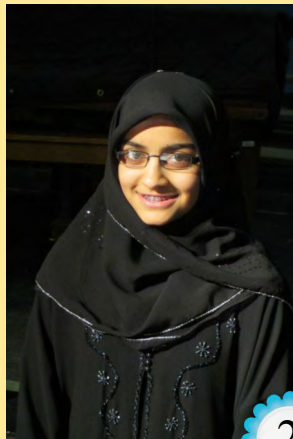


First Place: Emily Jadwin, Senior from Gahanna Lincoln High School; Gahanna Rotary.

Second Place: Amraha Nadeem, Freshman, Hilliard Darby High School; Hilliard Rotary.

Third Place: Cory Ventresca, Senior, Grandview Heights High School; Tri-Village Rotary.

Nelson Coleman, Four Way Speech Contest Chair.



Four Way Test

1. *Is it the TRUTH?*
2. *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
3. *Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
4. *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*



Welcome the 2013 Inbound GSE Team from Lima, Peru



[More information](#)

Club Activities:

Whitehall Bexley Rotary:

Pancake Breakfast —

The Whitehall Bexley Rotary held their annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on March 17th at the Whitehall Community Center in Whitehall. Approximately 175 attendees enjoyed “all you can eat” pancakes and syrup, sausages, juice, milk and coffee.

Music was provided the band “Thursday Night Jam Session” led by former club member Alan Belasco. The WBRC sponsored Capital University Rotaract Club assisted with clean up chores.

Nearly \$2,154 was raised to fund future projects.

Pictured: Left—DGE Bart Mahoney with IPP Joanne Spoth; and Bexley Mayor Ben Kessler. Right: The Thursday Night Jam Session” band.

Submitted by: Linda Turner, Public Image Chair



Grove City Rotary:

Weekly fines goes to Kick Cancer—

The Grove City Club decided to dedicate one of our weekly fines to the Rotary District 6690 Kick Cancer Endowment. With cancer touching several friends, family, and club members ,we collected \$221 to be donated to the district project started by past District Governor Peggy Murgatroyd.

Submitted by: Dave Roasa



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Grove City Rotary:

Grove City Golf Outing May 7th, 2013 —

The Grove City Rotary Annual Golf Outing is Tuesday May 7th at Pinnacle Golf Course. If you have not had the chance to play this wonderful course this is a great opportunity to get a team together to play. Registration is at 11 with Noon Shotgun start. Golf Cart, lunch, and dinner is \$125 per golfer. More information - Greg Hritz - 614 875-3249 or greg.hritz@multitekllc.com.

Submitted by: Dave Roasa



Westerville Sunrise Rotary:

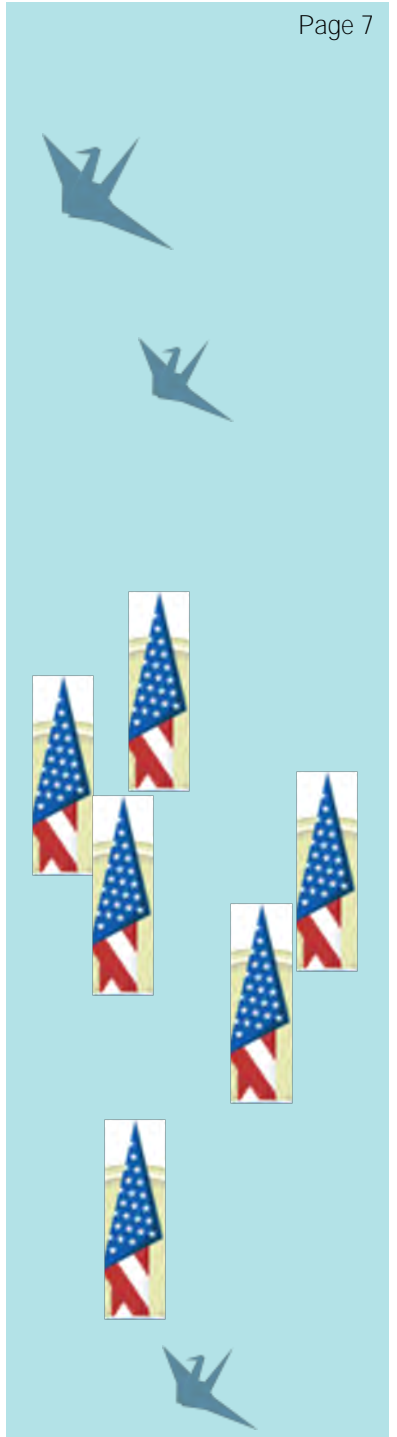
Fifth Annual Field of Heroes—

This Memorial Day weekend, (May 24-27) the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club will host the fifth annual Field of Heroes at the corner of Cleveland Avenue and County Line Road West. Originally intended to be a one-time event, the event has become an annual tradition due to the outpouring of emotion and feedback from the community following the first Field of Heroes in 2009.

Three thousand eight-foot tall flags standing in a 100,000+ square foot field are the centerpiece of the Field of Heroes and provide an opportunity to honor one's personal heroes - whoever they are... a family member, a veteran, a member of the armed services, a teacher, a police officer or firefighter, or any other person who has made an impact on others' lives.

In 2013, the Field of Heroes will pay tribute to the Korean War veterans with a display representing key elements of the Korean War Veterans Memorial located in Washington D.C., a M.A.S.H. tent, and other Korean War memorabilia.

New to the event this year is the Field of Heroes 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, May 26th, allowing an active, alternative way for community members to honor their heroes. Other events include a Saturday evening concert featuring the 122nd



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Army Band from Rickenbacker AFB, Sunday tours of local memorials, a flag retirement ceremony and other related activities.

The Field of Heroes is significant, drawing more than 10,000 people to visit the field from all over Central Ohio and from multiple states. In 2012, flags purchased at the event and through www.fieldofheroes.org were shipped to more than 74 zip codes in 16 states. As a one-of-a-kind event in the Central Ohio market, the Field of Heroes provides significant media exposure for the club and Rotary. Over the last three years, an average of 28 stories ran on central Ohio newscasts, totaling more than 31 minutes of coverage in each year. Total Nielsen audience averaged more than 2.1 million viewers. The event has also been featured on local radio, in local newspapers and magazines, and “above the fold” of the Life section of the Columbus Dispatch.

Rotarians are invited to participate in the Field of Heroes by visiting the field, signing up for the 5K Run/Walk, or purchasing or dedicating a flag from the Field of Heroes web site, www.fieldofheroes.org. Purchased flags flown in the Field of Heroes can be picked up after the event, shipped for a small additional fee, or donated at the conclusion of the Field of Heroes weekend to a charitable organization supporting active military, veterans, public safety personnel or their families.

All of Central Ohio is invited to visit the field 24 hours a day, between 1:00 pm Friday, May 24 and 1:00 pm Monday, May 27 to join the Westerville community in remembering and honoring their personal heroes, and re-connecting with the true meaning of Memorial Day.

For more information about the 2013 Field of Heroes, including Program Schedule, Flag Purchase, and the inaugural 5K Run/Walk, visit www.fieldofheroes.org or www.westervillerotary.org.



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Pataskala Rotary:

On Saturday, April 13, the Rotary Club of Pataskala held their annual 5th annual Murder Mystery. We had a star studded audience of Michael and Kim Brown, Bart Mahoney, Bill Lehner, and many more.

Special thanks to the club's President-Elect Kathleen Mahoney, Treasurer Deb Kocsis, and Past President Laura Neale for organizing the event. Also a special thank you to all of star studded cast who played the part of wonderful actors in the Murder Mystery.

Through all the fun, we raised a lot of money (still getting the final count) towards our local LEADS food bank and our Scholarship program.

Pictured:

1-Pataskala Club's International Exchange Student from Japan, Siena Suga, DG Michael Brown, Past President Catherine Baird, and Pataskala Rotarian Dennis Whitt.

2-One of Pataskala's Founding members, and the "Murderer" from the Murder Mystery, Judy Baird.

3-Licking County Auditor Michael Smith getting the munchies and Pataskala

Past President Dave Johnson .

4-Club Service Director Jeff

5- Ever wonder what Santa does in the Spring? Pataskala Rotarian Dick Knapp "Santa" and his wife were our bartenders for the event.

6-The cast most of whom are already getting calls from Hollywood.



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Grandville Rotary, Worthington AM Rotary:

On April 6, 2013, Granville Rotarian Don Jones joined representatives from the Rotary Club of Worthington AM and the Rotary Club of Ouanaminthe, Haiti, in dedicating eight water wells in Ouanaminthe and its surrounding villages and countryside—an area where clean and safe drinking water is an incredible need. The dedication of the wells was the culmination of a two year journey during which the clubs obtained District and Rotary International grants to make this achievement possible.

In order to make this project sustainable, the Rotary Club of Ouanaminthe identified a local committee for each well, responsible for its safety and maintenance. With this local oversight, these wells will provide clean, safe water for years to come. Additionally, because the project came in under budget, it was anticipated that the remaining funds would be used to repair two additional wells.

During the visit, the three clubs discussed future opportunities for collaboration around issues of clean water, environmental education and sustainable food practices, and are looking forward to future collaborations.

Submitted by Dena McKinley, Rotary Club of Granville



Byesville Rotary:

12th Annual Health Screening—

Byesville Rotary teamed with Southeastern Med to provide low cost health screening to people who are uninsured or underinsured and to improve the health of local community members.

Submitted by: Shana Fair



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Meadow Brook Interact/Byesville Rotary:

Purple Pinkies Event—

The Interact Club painted pinkies purple to support polio eradication. The Meadow Brook club raised \$200 to support worldwide polio eradication. Club members encouraged students and staff to donate a dollar. Each person donating

Pictured below—most of the students participating.

Submitted by: Shana Fair, Byesville PR Chair



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Dublin AM Rotary:

An Update from Engilai, Kenya—

We have received an update on a water project on which we started funding, and eventually received help from five other clubs in District 6690. The project has been completed and we've received a lovely letter of thanks.

The letter includes these words, which indicate how very remote the area is.:

The Head (Teacher) said he'd written and posted a letter a while ago, though it never reached us, so we eventually managed to get the message back up to him (where he has no phone reception)... and he has now sent us another by hand all the way from Engilai to Nairobi, via numerous hands and villages. Three months' into the installation of the rainwater harvesting system and now well into the rainy season, the tanks are full and the system is running perfectly. It is now for us to see how long the water lasts the community through the dry season and we shall report back accordingly.



Thanks to all of you for the generosity that allowed this project to happen.

Submitted by: Faye Herriott



Dublin AM Rotary:

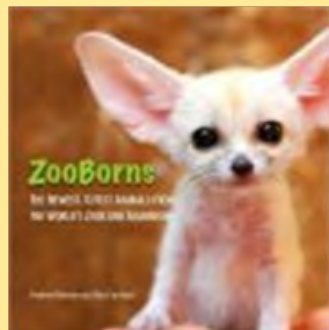
2013 Dublin Reading Event—

Last week, Dublin Branch of CML, CML FOL, Dublin City Schools, Dublin A.M. Rotary, Dublin Foundation, Daniel Wright Elementary PTO, and Columbus Zoo partnered on a literacy event at Daniel Wright Elementary. Community leaders read aloud from the book, ***Zoo Borns***, to match a natural history unit that the first graders were studying.





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After the reading, the Columbus Zoo brought out animals, including a fennec fox, a kangaroo, and a serval, bringing the lesson about animals to vivid life. All 112 first graders were given a copy of the book and a snack.

Thanks to everyone in Rotary for their generosity! You're helping create life-long readers and giving a boost to the kids working towards Ohio's 3rd grade reading guarantee. It was wonderful day for all, including readers Rick Gerber, Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher, and Rita Hook!

Submitted by: Michael Blackwell



Zanesville Daybreak Rotary:

Sandy Grizzard spoke about her upcoming missionary trip to Haiti on June 1, 2013. She said that this is her daughter's 27th trip to Haiti. She also said that she needs to take one hundred pounds of over-the-counter medical supplies with her to help the people of Haiti. She asked that Rotarians help by bringing supplies to her during the next two Rotary meetings.

Sandy said to please call her at 452-4191 if we have any questions, and she gave us the following list of needed supplies:

Sandy added that monetary donations will also be appreciated and will be used to purchase antibiotics.



Supplies needed:

- Vicks
- Kids Allergy Liquid
- Tylenol/Ibuprofen (both adult and kids)
- Infant Gas
- Kids and Adult Vitamins
- Aspirin
- Pregnancy Tests (Dollar Store)
- Vaseline
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Muscle rub
- Ben Gay
- Triple Antibiotic Cream
- Tums
- Pepto-Bismol Tablets
- Anti-Diarrhea Tablets

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Zanesville Daybreak Rotary:

Wine Tasting and Rotary Auction—

Looks like Zanesville Daybreak had a good time at their Wine Tasting and Auction fundraiser.



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Jackson Rotary:

District simplified Grant helps Jackson Rotary add Advance Placement Biology class to local high school

A local service club has stepped up and helped make it possible for Jackson High School to offer an Advanced Placement (AP) Biology class for the first time this school year.

Jackson Rotary's support of the class was the brainchild of former Jackson Rotary Club President Dr. Todd Rubley, who sought financial support from the local club as well as a Rotary International district grant. Dr. Rubley met with supportive and enabling school representatives and all that vision, work and cooperation bore fruit as the newly created class was in session when the new school year began Monday, August 20.

A delegation of club members attended the class session of Wednesday, August 22, to formally present the new textbooks which will accompany the course and



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to meet briefly with teacher Tyler Swackhammer and the 17 students enrolled in the senior-level class.

Dr. Rubley's goal in initiating the project was to broaden the club's reach in helping local students and enhancing educational opportunities while particularly helping college-bound students prepare for the academic challenges ahead.

"We want to provide an AP biology course at high school geared toward college-bound students," Dr. Rubley wrote in his grant application. "We want to increase the success rate of college-bound seniors in their first year of college."

Speaking briefly to the students, Dr. Rubley said, "We want to set you up for success in college," he explained. "You will be competing against students from Columbus, Cincinnati and Cleveland. You will work hard in this class and you will get pushed because it was designed for college."

Jackson Rotary Club President Greg Ervin credited Dr. Rubley for initiating and spearheading the project and other Rotarians for their support and also credited Swackhammer for his willingness to teach the class and his overall cooperation. Both Jackson High School Principal Joe Hemsley and the teacher on the front lines agree there was a need for the AP Biology class in the school curriculum.

"We have a pretty good AP program here, but we didn't have an AP life science class," Swackhammer told The Telegram. "We had a quite a lot of interest because we are seeing more students who need this because they want to enter the medical field."

As it turned out, 40 students signed up for a class that can accommodate no more than 20 slots. Without the class, some of Jackson's college-bound graduates would have had to take an additional course early in their college schedule to cover the same material covered in Jackson High's AP Biology class.



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Hemsley said school officials regularly seek feedback from recent graduates attending college about how Jackson High School can make changes and improvements to better prepare students for the next level. Their responses let school officials know the AP Biology class was a needed addition.

“We have students who want to go into the medical and science fields,” Hemsley observed. “This will give them the base work that will enhance this. This will be a good fit for us here at Jackson High School.”

Swackhammer says the course will cover plant and animal biology, anatomy, reproduction, physiology and ecology.

While the need and desire to establish the AP Biology class was previously established, funding was an issue. Rotary’s financial contribution -- \$1,700 from the Jackson club and \$1,700 from the Rotary International grant -- will cover the cost of 20 textbooks (at \$169 each) which should serve as source material for the class for the next six years.

“I can’t say enough for Dr. Rubley,” Hemsley remarked. “This would not have been possible without his drive on this. We thank the Rotary Club for what it has done for us.”



St Clairsville Rotary:

St. Clairsville welcomes their newly inducted members.

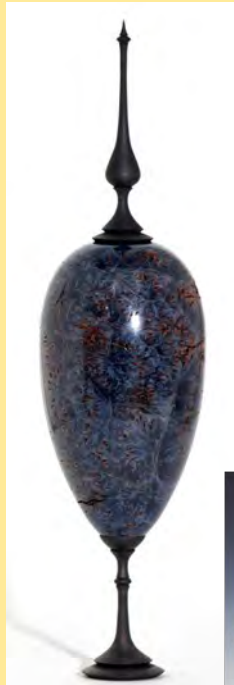


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Grandville Rotary:

[2013 Art Affair and Wine Festival](#)

On June 7-8, Granville Rotary will be holding a fundraiser featuring art and wine tasting. The festival takes place on the Great Lawn of the Bryn Du Mansion in historic Granville. Granville Art Affair & Wine Festival is Licking County's largest juried art festival. This unique show offers a hands-on art activity tent for all ages hosted by the Granville Studio of Visual Arts, live entertainment, an auto display, fine food vendors, and featuring the Wine Festival! Art Affair admission and activities are free! The Wine Festival requires ticket purchase.



First Year Report—Rotary Peace Center—ICU

Zachary Garinger, an RI Peace Fellow participating in the Rotary Peace Program provides a first year report summarizing his experiences. As a Peace Fellow, he is required to finish 30 credit hours by the end of the first year. His report includes his academic progress, a summary of his coursework, his impressions of the Peace Center, a summary of his preparations for the Peace Center, and his successes and challenges as a Peace Fellow.

[Read his full report.](#)

“Voices for
Peace “
[video](#)

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Activities and Events

District meetings and events

May 14—High School Ethics and Leadership Conference.

May 17-18—District Conference.

June 23-26—RI International Conference, Lisbon, Portugal.

Event details



Club meetings and events

May 2—Granville Pilsners for Polio, Snapshots Lounge.

May 3—First Friday Networking Lunch.

May 4—Columbus Club Derby Day.

May 5—27th Annual Byesville Rotary Scholarship Golf tournament.

May 11—Byesville Rotary Chicken BBQ.

May 16—Newark Rotarians 3rd Thursday Social.

May 24-27—Westerville Sunrise Field of Heroes.

May 26—Westerville Sunrise Field of Heroes 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser.

June 7—Olentangy 18th Annual Golf Outing and Fellowship Dinner.

June 7-8—2013 Granville Art Affair and Wine Festival.

June 8—Marietta Morning Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.

June 20—Newark Rotary 3rd Thursday Social.

Event details

18th annual
Golf Outing and
Fellowship Dinner

Friday, June 7
Mill Creek Golf Club



Register now: 2013 District Conference...May17-18:

Join us, for the District 6690 Conference, May 17-18 at the [NorthPointe Hotel and Conference Center](#) in Columbus. The annual District Conference provides a wonderful opportunity for our 3,700 members located within central and south-eastern Ohio to come together for fellowship, inspiration, and celebration of the district's many service projects and program. This year's conference will focus on two key initiatives of this Rotary year, Membership Engagement and Public Image.

[Full list of program activities here](#)

This year's District Conference will include :

Bryn Styles, Rotary International Director 2012-2014, RI President Representative.

Michael Angelo Caruso, How to Interest Someone in 15 Seconds

[Full Speaker Bio here](#)

Our events, activities and speakers will involved the attendees in numerous activities, skits, and tournaments for a fun learning environment. The District event brings together the Rotary fellowship and the Conference will be a great place to meet up with old friends and make new ones.

[Register now!](#)

Sponsorship opportunities are available now; plan to show your support for the District 6690 Rotarians in all they have done in promoting Peace through Service.

[Sponsorship information here](#)

Submitted by: Tom Kleven, Chair- District 6690 Conference 2013



Activities and Events: upcoming deadlines

2013 HIGH SCHOOL ETHICS & LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Granville

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Our 2012-2013 Rotary Year seems to be flying by. So now is the time to start organizing your club's participation in the upcoming Vocational Service highlight event, the 2013 High School Ethics and Leadership Conference. Program highlights and additional information and registration are available on the District website at www.district6690.org.

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2013

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

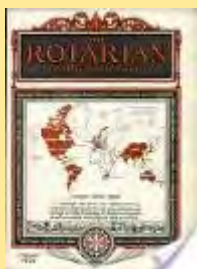
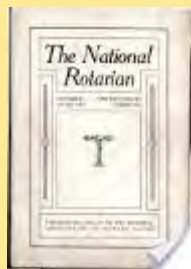
June newsletter deadline May 24

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.

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May—Service Above Self

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