



District 6690 News



February /March 2014



Guest Editor's Message

They tell us Spring is upon us. Do we believe it? It's been the harshest winter we've seen in recent decades. Except for having to go outside to train for my Boston Marathon, I only see outside to come and go to work. This weekend I get to go out and take stock of my yard. I get to clean up the leaves I missed with an early winter. I get to repair what strong winds, frigid temperatures and snow have done to the trees and bushes. Plus it's time to prepare for a growing season that will be upon us before the next change of season. So why am I sharing this?

Much like the summer that is approaching, our Rotary clubs are approaching another leadership change. Now is the time to take a look at the past 8 months. What was accomplished? What still needs to be done to make our goals? How are your Club's statistics part of the District's goals and beyond that, R.I.'s goals? It all starts with your Club and rolls up. Our goal for Membership this year is 3,931 members. We were at 3,581. Is your net membership down or up? How is your Club progressing for other goals like Rotarian Engagement, Club Communication and Public Relations? Your District Chairs and your AG remain ready to assist you.

Our District Annual Fund goals are based on Club projections and we had 100% of the Clubs set goals. We are currently at 71% of our goal with 90% of the Clubs participating. If we can get the other 10% of the Clubs to donate and report and we give it the year-end push, I'm sure we'll hit our goal of \$293,257! The Clubs set a goal of 1,010 new Benefactors (a bequest in your Will for \$1,000 or more). This is a simple way to give. Clubs have only reported three. Sounds like we need to have a Benefactor Day at the Clubs to get commitments to do a Codicil to Member's Wills. I know a few Clubs where the attorneys in the Club will do them for free. So let's focus on that low hanging fruit. It's important to you to give now, why not continue that in your Will?

In terms of Service, we have already exceeded our goals for Interact and Rotaract clubs with 32 and 22 respectively. Fantastic work with the young adults. Now let's get the numbers of exchange students reported so we see if we hit goals there.

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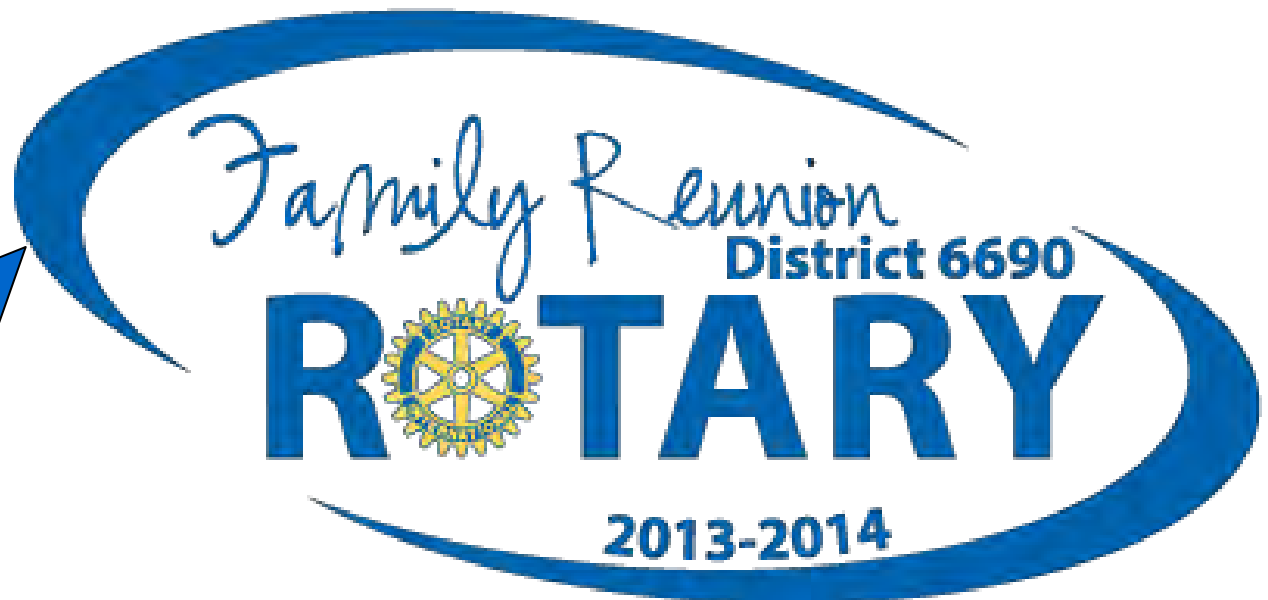
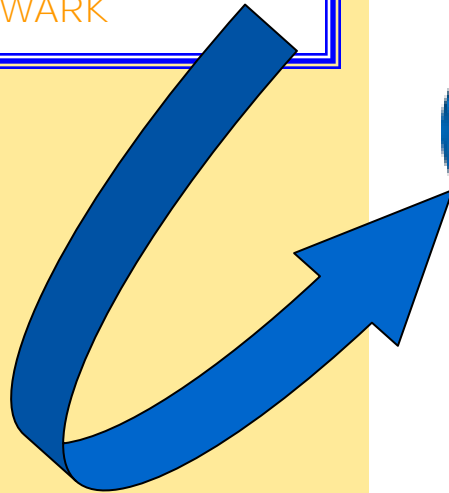
Guest Editor's Message

With one-quarter of your Rotary Year left, now is the time to review your Club Leadership plan and make the push to hit your goals. Review President Burton's Presidential Citation brochure and make sure your Club qualifies. The next year of leadership is already planning for new goals. Make sure you have representatives at the District Assembly on April 26 to give them the tools they will need to be successful. And then come celebrate with your Club members at the District Conference on May 15-18th. Come on, Engage Rotary and Change Lives!

Guest Editorial of PDG Jim Flaherty
Past district Governor 2007-2008

DG Bart Mahoney DISTRICT CONFERENCE

MAY 16-17, 2014
CHERRY VALLEY
NEWARK



May 16-17
Cherry Valley Lodge
Newark

Bart Mahoney
District Governor

2014 Four-Way Test Speech Contest seeks participants

The Rotary District 6690 Four-Way Test Speech Contest will be held on 26 April 2014 at Chillicothe High School, 421 Yoctangee Parkway, Chillicothe, OH 45601. The contest will be concurrent with the 2014 District Assembly and at the same location. Rotarians are encouraged to visit the contest while at the Assembly.

Check in will begin at one half hour before the contest. The contest starting time will be 9:00 AM. The entire contest, judging, and lunch should end between 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM but is dependent upon the number of contestants. All rules and forms are at <http://www.district6690.org/index.php?id=13249>.

High School students who are winners of a District 6690 Rotary Club contest are eligible to participate. Prior contest winners of the District 6690 contest may participate but must have a speech different from a prior winning speech. Rules are unchanged from prior years.

DVD recordings of the event and the 2011, 2012 & 2013 contests are also available for \$5.00 each. All the forms may be altered for use for your local contest. Start now to encourage participation from your local schools and consider a joint project with a neighboring club to service your locale. Make multiple contacts to your local schools to include superintendents, principals, guidance counselors, speech departments and the English department. Remember to contact your private schools and Vocational schools.

PRIZES:

- FIRST PLACE \$500,
- SECOND PLACE \$250,
- THIRD PLACE \$125.

Registration deadline is April 15, 2014. [REGISTRATION FORM](#)

For more information or editable forms, contact Nelson Coleman, Chillicothe Rotary, at fourway-test6690@bright.net or (740) 701-3254 Cell/Business.



2013 1st place winner: Emily Jadwin, Gahanna Lincoln HS, Gahanna Rotary



2013 winners: 1st—Emily Jadwin,; 2nd—Amraha Nadeem; 3rd—Cory Ventresca; Four-Way Test Speech Contest Chair—Nelson Coleman

District 6690 Youth Exchange Students raise over \$5000 to honor a Youth Exchange friend

District 6690 Rotary Youth Exchange:

TENTS TO TACLOBAN:

6690 Rotary Exchange Students raise thousands for Shelterboxes to Philippines Typhoon Relief in Memory of Rotary Exchange Student David "Vid" Saunders.

January 22, 2014 - Columbus Ohio: November 20, David "Vid" Yingling Saunders died. Vid, 17, had been a successful long-term exchange student to the Philippines in 2012-2013 and an active RYE volunteer during this exchange year. This shocking loss had a devastating effect on the entire close knit Rotary Youth Exchange community in District 6690.

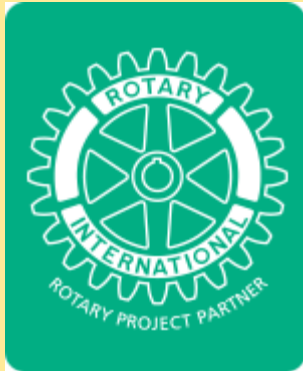
The Rotary Youth Exchange students and committee jumped into action to quickly do something to turn their grief into something positive which would memorialize their friend.

November 7, just 13 days before Vid's death, Super Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines. With winds of 195 mph and gusts up to 235 mph, it was reported to be the largest storm ever recorded. Thousands were killed and countless families were made homeless by this mega-storm.

Rotary's ShelterBox program was the answer the exchange students were looking for. The students started raising money all over the district, asking help from Rotarians, friends and schoolmates. To date they have raised over \$5000 and wish to raise much more. The students have been making speeches, calling people and sending emails in an effort to make this work.

A ShelterBox can provide shelter and security for up to 10 people including clean drinking water, a tent which will sleep 10, cooking utensils, sleeping bags, and much more. Each one costs \$1000.

There are over 70 people in the Rotary District 6690 Youth Exchange Program, including in-bound students (students from other countries visiting here for a year); long-term out-bound (students preparing to leave this summer for a year); short-term out-bound (students who are leaving this summer for a 30-60 day exchange); rebounds (students who have returned from exchanges); Rotarians and Volunteers. Each has committed considerable time and resources to this cause. Rotary's




District 6690 Youth Exchange

motto is "Service Above Self" and to be a successful exchange student you have to adopt that as your motto.

Anyone willing to help, please donate to Philippine Disaster Relief in the name of David "Vid" Saunders. Your donation will change lives and make a huge difference in the lives of people who have suffered a terrible catastrophe.

Make Your Checks out to:
ShelterBox USA.
 Send Checks to :
 ShelterBoxes
 c/o Emily Vandenberg
 PO Box 304
 Lowell OH 45744

TENTS FOR TACLOBAN




WHAT
Shelterbox International

WHY
To provide disaster relief for victims of Typhoon Haiyan

To remember Vid Saunders, exchange student to the Philippines 2012-2013

DONATE
ONLINE :
<http://tinyurl.com/shelterbox6690>
CHECKS:
 Payable to ShelterBox USA
SEND BY 01/17:
 PO Box 304
 Lowell, OH
 45744

WWW.SHELTERBOXUSA.ORG



Polio Update

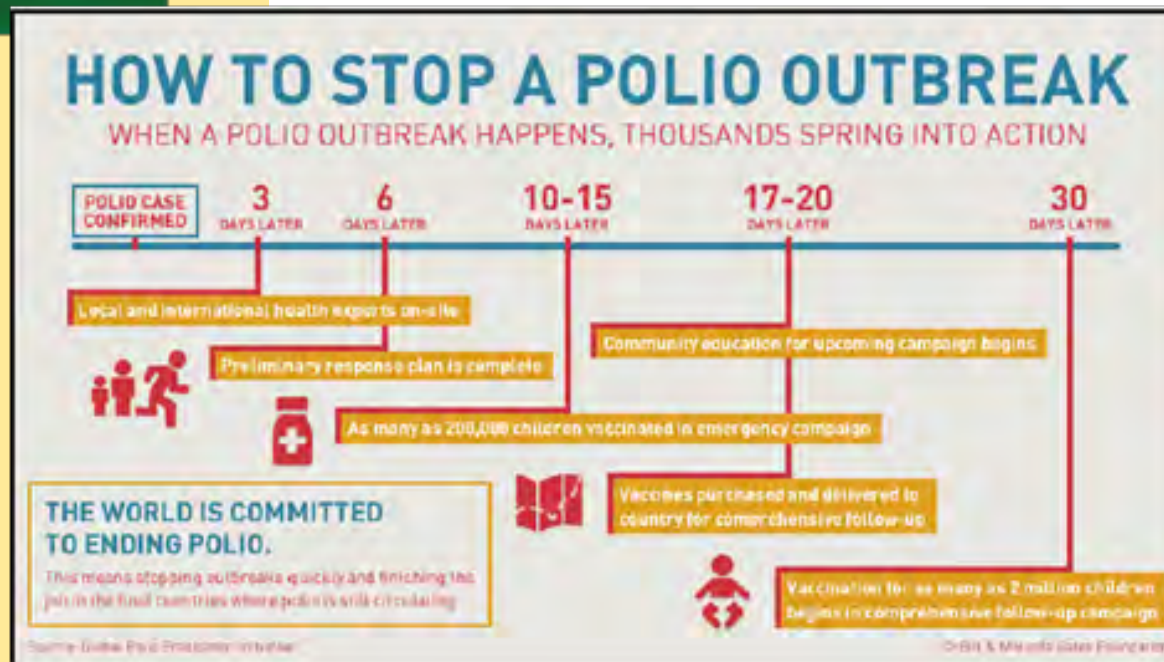
Polio is Eradicated in India

Throughout India and around the world, Rotary clubs are celebrating a major milestone: India has gone three years without a new case of polio. This is a landmark achievement for global public health and the worldwide effort to eradicate polio. The last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal on 13 January 2011.

In Pakistan 22 people have been killed in attacks on the vaccination program

The border regions between Pakistan and Afghanistan are wracked by violence, and their rural hinterlands are largely under the control of a diverse array of militant groups.

The Taliban in Afghanistan have been mostly cooperative with the polio campaign—in the south of the country, where their writ is strongest, they even help point out areas missed by vaccine teams—but in 2012 Taliban leaders in Pakistan began banning vaccinations in their areas, condemning the campaign as an American CIA plot.



Pakistani militants have been living nearby, and they refuse to let the vaccine teams in. The result is a pocket of unvaccinated children and a reservoir for the virus—one that threatens to spread to the entire region if unchecked.

Indeed, seven months earlier, one of the few cases of polio paralysis in the country was reported here.



Olentangy Rotary: Current activities—

- More than 30 end tables assembled at the Central Ohio Furniture Bank. Members stopped building when they ran out of supplies.
- The Olentangy Rotary Club Foundation sent a \$1,000 shelter box to the Philippines.
- Online textbooks —"Ohio as America"—are purchased for Olentangy Meadows Elementary School Fourth Grade Students to learn about Ohio History. The club presents a certificate to our speaker each week that one of these textbooks has been purchased in their name. It is much appreciated by the speaker and promotes literacy in our schools.
- John Medeiros left last week for El Salvador and will be checking out the construction of new water cisterns. He has developed a valuable circle of friends there and represents the club very well.

- **Harlem Wizards fundraiser:**

Get ready for a night full of slam dunks and swishes as the **Olentangy Rotary Club** hosts the first-ever **Harlem Wizards** event at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22 at Olentangy Liberty High School, 3584 Home Rd.

The **Harlem Wizards** are compared with the Globetrotters and offer remarkable basketball talent combined with comedy. Tricks, teamwork, ball-handling wizardry, wild dunks and much more will stun the audience.

Tickets

Adult | \$12 (in advance), \$15 (at door)

Kids | \$10 (in advance), \$15 (at door)





Gallipolis Rotary:

Here are a couple of pictures of the Gallipolis Rotary Club's water project in Panajachel, Guatemala. Two club members, Chuck Clark and Clyde Evans, were in country last week to run the project with the great assistance of Mayan Families.

Gallipolis Rotary was awarded a District Grant of \$1,000 and with matching club funds the club was able to provide 36 indigenous families with the gift of clean water. While in Panajachel, Chuck and Clyde were able to travel with members of the Upper Arlington

Mayan Families is a great organization with whom Rotary can work in Guatemala!



Zanesville Daybreak:

Members of the Zanesville Daybreak served at Steak and Shake on February 25, from 11 AM to 5 PM, and at Honeybaked Ham on February 27. Zanesville Daybreak received a percentage of the sales at Steak N Shake and at Honey Baked Ham to use toward our Polio Plus goal. With the money earned here and with donations we raised a total of \$1,040 for Polio Plus.



Zanesville Daybreak Rotary serving lunch at Christ's Table.

The Muskingum University Rotaract Club (the newest Rotaract club in our district) sponsored by Zanesville Daybreak Rotary.



At the February 20th meeting, Zanesville Daybreak "saluted" our area firefighters and EMT's with a plaque and a monetary donation.

Zanesville Daybreak visited the Zane State STEM center in Cambridge. Dr. Paul Brown and his staff were excited to talk about the new STEM center at Zane State. It is a state-of-the-art learning center for high tech skills with lots of modern technology. 500 more students (a 20% increase) per term can now be educated in high tech skills.

The tag line is "Build a Vibrant Community" with a vision for the center as a high tech hub in



southeastern Ohio that will endure long after the oil and gas boom has faded. Over \$21 million has been raised for the STEM facility and for the education and learning center in Cambridge.

The staff gave tours of the facility, which included viewing Ernest the cadaver in the biology and anatomy lab. The industrial lab and the electrical engineering lab, which include robotics and an energy bike were toured. The medical assisting lab, which was designed to appear like a real medical office was shown to the visiting Rotarians. Rotarians inspected solar panels, a wind turbine, and a geo-thermal heat pump at the alternative energy lab. And finally the audio video lab, where commercials and voice overs can be recorded, was toured.

Zanesville Daybreak Visits the Zane State College Advanced Science and Technology Center

Past President Paul Brown hosted the off-site meeting/tour. Below—club members in the entrance hall of the Advanced Science and Technology Center.



Marietta Morning:

On April 5, 2014, the Marietta Morning Club will host its 9th annual A Taste of the World international event. This is one of the club's most popular events, drawing 300 guests. Attendees are treated to a feast for the senses: from culinary treats from more than a dozen countries and global culture displays to an international bazaar and live musical entertainment. Tickets can be purchased from any Morning Club member and are not available at the door. \$25 per person; 6-8pm; Marietta Shrine Club.



Marietta Morning:, con't

Welcomes new members:

- Katie Shearon, WesBanco Bank, to the Rotary Club of Marietta. Katie is pictured with Club President Kathy Schalitz and her Rotary sponsor Bob Kirkbride. Welcome to Rotary!
- Ethan Frank-Collins, Frank-Collins Group. Ethan is pictured with Club President Kathy Schalitz and his Rotary sponsor Suzy Zumwalde. Welcome to Rotary!

Marietta Noon Rotary Club donates 225 books to local students

The annual Literacy Project, started by the Noon Rotary Club Literacy Committee, donates and delivers books to local first grade students. With the help of Marietta College Education majors, books are sorted by reading level to ensure each child receives the appropriate book. Noon Club volunteers then label the books as being donated by the Literacy Committee and place them in a special bag that promotes reading. Literacy Co-Chair Mark Kerenyi facilitates the delivery of the books to local schools.

“I feel that this is a wonderful project for Rotary as the look on the children’s faces when they receive a book that they can keep is priceless. For some children this is the first book that they have ever received,” explains Literacy Co-Chair Alice Chapman.

The Literacy Committee would like to thank the Marietta Noon Club for encouraging the activities of the committee and for its financial support.



Whitehall/Bexley Rotary :

Foundation Grants:

The Whitehall/Bexley Rotary Foundation has thus far made a total of \$14,500 in grants this Rotary year. We have also allocated \$12,000 for our annual High School Senior Scholarships this Spring. The grants approved so far are as follows:

- Pride of Whitehall gifts for Poor Children: \$1,000.00
- Whitehall Methodist Church lunches for Poor Children: \$2,000.00
- Whitehall Schools Food Baskets for Poor Families: \$2,500.00
- Bexley Robotics Club: \$2,500.00
- St. Charles Robotics Club: \$2,500.00
- Homeless & Disabled Veterans Move in Kits \$4,000.00*
- Granted to Date: \$14,500.00
- Approved Annual Scholarships: \$12,000.00
- Total Granted and Approved to Date: \$26,500.00

*The Move in Kits for homeless and disabled veterans will be used at the new Commons at Livingston which is open at Barnett and Livingston. Our Club and Foundation were recognized by name for our contribution at the recent opening of the facility. Skip Turner, President of the Foundation and Past Club President, attended as the representative of the Foundation and Club. The speakers included U.S. Congress Woman Joyce Beatty, representatives from the City of Columbus, the State of Ohio, the Veterans Administration and local banks who provided assistance.

Mayan Families Project Visit:

On January 24, DG Bart brought representatives from the Mayan Families Project as the Program for the Whitehall/Bexley Rotary Club Noon meeting.

Mayan Families provides opportunities and assistance to the indigenous and impoverished people of Guatemala through education and community development programs. Mayan Families operates on the principle that all people should have access to the basic necessities of life.





Whitehall/Bexley Rotary , con't:

Programs are funded by \$10.00 or \$25.00 gifts from the individuals who support their work. Mayan Families runs seven Preschool Nutrition centers in rural Guatemala. They have positively impacted tens of thousands of children, women and the elderly.

They received the Rotary International Service above Self Award in 2012.

For more information go to www.mayanfamilies.org.

Annual Whitehall/Bexley Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast:

The Whitehall/Bexley Rotary Club annual pancake breakfast was held on Sunday, March 9, 2014 at the Whitehall Community Center.

Music was again provided by Allen Belasco and his local folk group.



Special thanks to all of the Club members including past presidents who worked that day and Vice President Mike Kilbourne who chaired the event for helping to make the fund raising event a success.

Whitehall/Bexley Rotary , con't:

Photos on the left, top to bottom show Vice President Mike Kilbourne on the serving line, Mayor Kim Maggard of Whitehall helping with the pancake flipping and Past President Bob Masheter running the grill.

Photos left to right below show President Elect Brian Shepard holding his daughter, Past President George Igel taking a coffee break and Past President George Soller holding his grand daughter.



Zanesville Rotary (The Original Rotary Club of Zanesville):

Benefits from Public Image Grant:

Last year many members of our Rotary Club were impressed and maybe just a little bit jealous of the Zanesville Daybreak Club when their billboards, TV and radio ads started to be seen and heard around town. In the spirit of Rotary, incoming President-Nominee, MaryJane Shackelford, and President-Elect, Mollie Crooks, conferred and the Daybreak Club offered to go in on a joint grant with the Noon (Original) Club.

By working together, the Zanesville community will receive two waves of Rotary exposure this year: Daybreak in February and Noon in April. The Noon Club saw the benefit of using the billboard and media campaign to not only gain more name recognition, but to also drive the community to our website. Unfortunately, the site was dated, not so user friendly and not very “content rich”. When member Rick Sabine came across a great site from Orange County, California, it was decided that we would use the ideas from that site to renovate our site. This would prepare us for our Public Image campaign.

We are very happy with the results. Visit us at zanesvillerotary.org to see for yourself. Now we are waiting for April to publicize Rotary in our community and ultimately increase our membership. We feel that this process has been a great example of Rotarians working together to achieve outstanding results.



Zanesville, con't:

District Grant Used to Promote Literacy in the Community

The Rotary Club of Zanesville's Education, Literacy and Mentoring Committee is all about helping Muskingum County children become better readers. We will use a Rotary District Simplified Grant to purchase books for at-risk children. Additionally, we have Rotary members who will volunteer in a variety of ways to build literacy skills with at-risk preschool and elementary school-aged children for this purpose.

From the October, 2013 Rotarian magazine, we know that for each increase in reading level a child makes, their average annual salary at age 42 will increase by \$7,750.00. We also know that between 2000 and 2010 unemployment in our county increased by 8% and still remains higher than the state average.

Last fall, Rotarians participated in the FETCH (Financial Education Teaches Children Healthy Habits) program in several fifth grade classrooms throughout the county. Community members from banking, finance and accounting vocations lead fun activities for the students while also instilling valuable life lessons. We are also working with Big Brothers Big Sisters to provide volunteer mentors for their Lunch Buddies program. Volunteers spend about an hour a week reading and talking with an at-risk child at their school. This spring, we plan to use Rotary volunteer readers to read to Head Start classes as part of their librarian-led story times

We know that by partnering with other businesses, schools and social service agencies, our Rotary Club can multiply by several times the positive difference we can make in the lives of Muskingum County Children. Rotary has made literacy an international priority and so have many other organizations in Muskingum County. Our club plans to take a leading role to bring all the literacy stakeholders together to talk about ways to cooperate, collaborate or combine our literacy efforts so that many more Muskingum County children can grow up to be successful adults who will contribute their time and talent to improving the quality of life in Muskingum County.



headstrong
PROJECT



Jason Janoski of the Clintonville Rotary Club looks over a dictionary with Immaculate Conception School third-grader Nitzy Rios on Friday, Oct. 18, 2014. Photo courtesy of Lorrie Cecil, This Week News.

Clintonville

Match Across America

Our 25-year-old Clintonville neighbor, Justin Kuhel, a decorated Iraq/Afghanistan veteran is about to embark on a 2,700 mile journey and we want you to help us support him.

We're asking Rotary Clubs throughout Central Ohio – and Clubs along the march route – to match our donation of \$1,000.

In 2012, Justin completed a one-man, 400-mile march from Columbus, Ohio to Arlington National Cemetery. On that march, Justin raised \$13,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project.

This year, Justin will embark on a cross-country march that will commence on May 16, 2014 at Camp Lejeune, NC and conclude approximately five months later at Camp Pendleton, CA. Justin's March Across America will raise awareness and funding for these worthy non-profit organizations: We believe in Justin. We admire his courage and we appreciate his service.

If you agree and you'd like to help, go to MatchAcrossAmerica.org to donate or to learn more about Justin.

Dictionaries for Every Third Grader:

Members of the Clintonville Rotary Club hope their annual Dictionary Drop will encourage literacy and help give youngsters in the neighborhood a good grasp of the meaning of words.

The first service project of the club, one undertaken before Clintonville Rotary officially was chartered, involves presenting a Webster's Dictionary to every third-grader in local schools, including public, private, charter and parochial, as well as some youngsters who are home-schooled. This year, Club members donated dictionaries to 533 students. That brings the Club's four-year total to 2,249 dictionaries donated.

The Dictionary Program is part of the Club's overall mission on literacy, which includes the sponsoring of Duckling Day with age-appropriate books purchased by Rotary, and our Family Island

Clintonville, con't:

Book Project, which supports the building and filling of libraries at elementary school in the Bahamas. The dictionaries are acquired for distribution through the Downtown Rotary Club, the sponsor for the Clintonville chapter.

According to Club President, Carole Tomko, "The schools and the students look forward to our arrival every year and, from our Rotarians' perspective, this may be our most rewarding work."

"We always have a great time with the kids. We talk about literacy and the great work Rotary does in the community. When we see them every Fall, we tell them to save the date for our Christmas tree lighting. It's always a pleasure and the kids really appreciate having their very own dictionary," said Tomko.

Speakers Book Donation

To date, Clintonville Rotary has donated 65 books to the Columbus Metropolitan Library collection in the name of Rotary speakers. The Club has partnered with the Library system to provide unique titles, which the Library cannot obtain. When speakers come to Clintonville Rotary, the Club presents them with a choice of books and then presents the selected title to the Library, in the name of the speaker.



Clintonville Rotary Founding President, Donna Leigh-Osborne (left) presents books to Greg Denby (middle), Manager of the Clintonville Branch of the Columbus Public Library.



New Albany Rotary:

New Albany Rotary plans 3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast

New Albany Rotary Club 3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast

- Saturday, March 8th
- 8am - 12pm, Church of the Resurrection - 6300 Dublin-Granville Rd, New Albany
- Tickets: \$5 for Adults, Children Eat Free!
- Tickets available at the door

More Information: 614-282-0232, www.facebook.com/NARotary, or newalbanyrotary-club@gmail.com



Cambridge:

To support Rotary International and the fight to end polio, as well as the District 6690 Foundation and our local charities, the Rotary Club of Cambridge is undertaking the most ambitious fundraiser in our history, the raffle of a new Jeep Cherokee or Wrangler.

The raffle, now underway for a May 31 drawing, will offer the winning ticket the choice of a new jeep or \$35,000 in cash. It will also offer 9 early bird cash prizes, ranging from \$1000 to \$250, to be drawn on April 2. One third of the proceeds will go to the Rotary International Foundation, a third to the Cambridge Rotary Foundation, and a third to the Club for the local charities we support, such as the Salvation Army food bank. The tickets are \$50 apiece, with no more than 2500 to be sold (if fewer than 1200 are sold, the raffle will go to a 50/50).

Past District Governor Jim Taylor, architect of the raffle, notes that if all tickets are sold, the raffle will raise over \$60,000 towards Rotary's local, regional, and international goals, and looks forward hopefully to presenting checks to the foundations. Needless to say, participation by Rotarians throughout the District will be welcomed. Tickets can be purchased by phone (888 383 4471); online (www.RotaryClubRaffle.com) or from any Cambridge Rotarian!



Byesville:

Bob Long recognized for his service to the community

Byesville Rotary recognized Bob Long, a long time club member, for his years of service to the community. He was presented with a Service award plaque in recognition of his outstanding service and dedication. In addition, club members donated \$1000 to the Paul Harris Foundation and presented Long with his 3rd Paul Harris Fellow pin.

Long served as president of the club twice. He has been awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in 2005, 2008 and 2013. Byesville Rotary has chosen him a Rotarian of the year in 2000, 2003, and 2007.

Long is the moving force behind the club's annual Christmas Food Basket program. He organizes the food basket sign up days and insures club members show up for bell ringing shifts. He contacts local organizations for donations. Long also works with local suppliers to insure the baskets include a turkey and fresh produce.

Dennis Harding, club president stated, "Bob's dedication to insuring the Christmas food basket program is a success exemplifies Rotary's motto of 'Service Above Self.'"

Brook Elementary students tell Byesville Rotary they like learning with "BrainPOP"

Byesville Rotary helped Brook Elementary purchase BrainPOP, a computer app, produced by a team of educators, animators and writers, which draws students into active learning. The app is available to each of the 450 students attending Brook.

In the past, Byesville Rotary chose to promote student literacy by purchasing a dictionary for each 4th grader in the Rolling Hills School District. This year, the club decided to contribute toward the purchase of this new learning tool which is already in use by 20% of U.S. schools.

Shelly Sowers, principal of Brook Elementary which serves about 450 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, told club members that this new computer software provides more opportunities for learning than the dictionary. The app can be used by all the students and teachers at Brook Elementary, and students Byesville and teachers can also use it 24/7 from home.

Byesville, con't:

Sowers pointed out that the 24/7 access came in handy during snow days. BrainPOP assignments were included in the student's "blizzard bags."

BrainPOP has a wealth of information about all curricular areas such as science, social studies, English, mathematics, engineering and technology, health, and arts and music. Animated characters in short videos help introduce new topics and illustrate complex concepts. The app also allows teachers and students keep a record of learning accomplishments through quizzes, game play, and activities

Several 4th graders from Brook and their parents were eager to let Rotary members know how much they liked this new learning app. Emma Johnston said that the "...videos were cool" and taught a lot about class lessons. Brady added that he thought the "...games were cool but educational and BrainPOP included quizzes." Austin Vannoy reported that the "Videos have activity sheets," and Logan Mott reported that the students can use the app with Smart Books, I-Pads, and Netbooks.

Sowers told club members they were welcome to visit Brook and see first-hand how BrainPOP is being used to promote learning. Many teachers use the app at least once a week. Additionally, because it contains an arts unit, the app helps teachers bring art instruction into the classroom.

Pictured: Shelly Sowers, Principal of Brook Elementary, Brook students—Logan Mott, Emma Johnston, Austin Vannoy, and Brady McMann.



Capitol Square:



On January 30, Cap Square Rotarians volunteered and served close to 300 meals at Faith Mission in Columbus. Faith Mission is a 24-hour emergency shelter, serving up to 220 men and 46 women at three locations. They are the only organization in Franklin County able to serve three meals a day, every day of the year. Volunteers worked two shifts serving women and families first and then the men for the second shift. Club member Marisa Webb had cousins visiting from Italy who also joined in on this local service event.

For the 2013-2014 Rotary Year, the Cap Square Board allocated \$1500 to donate to local service organizations and \$1000 to set aside for a District Grant with a longer-term partner. The Board approved the following recipients for donations and associated service opportunities: Doma Connection, Women's Fund of Central Ohio, Harmony Project, Shepherd's Corner Ecology Center, Mt. Carmel Hospice Camp Hope and Project Zero.

Our February local service project is set up and volunteer work at the Club's 9th Annual Fundraising Event, Music in the Round (MITR), which takes place on Saturday, February 22. A recap of the event will be in next month's newsletter.



Dublin AM:

Polar Bear update:

This year's event was a great success. Thanks to Sinan Yaykin, who started the planning, Sarah Richardson who saw the day through to completion, and the whole team who supported Polar Bear.

Rich Weber and Amy Barnhart report the following:

- We had 112 golfers
- The golf club raffle sold all 50 tickets, so it grossed \$1000
- The regular raffle brought in around \$1,123
- The live Woodhouse Spa Package Auction brought in \$500
- Income was over \$21,000, and nearly all of it has been collected already
- Expenses are likely to be small, so nearly all of the funding can go to our great causes!





Dublin AM, con't:

Drive for Literacy: Kid's Books Needed!

We are once again looking for new and gently used books, suitable for Kindergarten through Fifth grade, for Daniel Wright Elementary. They will be using them for a book fair. Many of their students, as you might remember, have no books in their own homes. Many of them face English as a Second Language Challenges. These books will help them over the summer, keeping up with reading and invested in what they have learned in school, promoting literacy in the best way: giving a child something good to read.

The last two Fridays of the month, we'll be collecting books at the club, so please help out. We also have a box going into the Dublin Rec Center so the community can contribute. If you have a place of employment where we might put up a sign to get donations, please let know!



Logan Rotary Club:

Logan Rotary plans for spring.

Rotary Family Fishing Day

- Rose Lake, Hocking Hills State Park
- Friday April 18th (Good Friday)
- 10-2

44th Annual Logan Rotary Pancake Breakfast

- Saturday May 3rd
- 8am-1pm
- Held at the American Legion
- 12845 State Route 664 , Logan, OH 43138



Dublin-Worthington:

The Dublin-Worthington Rotary Club has been volunteering in the Northwest Library Homework Help Center since January 2013. Once a week we provide volunteers to help students K - 12 with homework in a designated space provided by the library. Our club donated \$2500 fall of 2012 to help the library buy equipment (computers) for the space.

We think this is a great project for our club as the Northwest Library is a joint venture of the Worthington and Columbus Library systems, serving students from Dublin, Worthington and Columbus. The biggest need of the students with their homework is help to read and understand the assignments, fitting well with our literacy initiatives. We have Rotarians providing tutoring at Forest Park Elementary (Columbus City Schools) and Slate Hill Elementary (Worthington City Schools). We bond with the students and work with them one on one to improve reading skills.

Each year our club purchases 400 dictionaries and delivers them to the Perry County schools in Appalachia. We visit each class room and explain the special features of the dictionary and what it means to be a Rotarian. The students really appreciate having their very own dictionary. We also assist the Columbus Club with the delivery of 900 dictionaries to the North Area City of Columbus Schools. The members enjoy the heart warming experience of sharing the Rotary story with the students.

The Dublin-Worthington Rotary club also donates approximately 50 books a year to local schools in honor of our weekly speakers. Also, our club sponsors a team each year at the Leadership Worthington Spelling Bee.

Dublin-Worthington is On the Air

Most weeks The Rotary Club of Dublin-Worthington records the audio of our excellent speakers, and you can subscribe to automatically receive the new presentation each week via our podcast, at DWRotary.org, or via iTunes. You can also listen to the speakers on our YouTube channel.

If you are interested in turning your weekly speakers into a podcast, please contact publicimage@district6690.org for guidance.

Club Activities

Dominican Republic Medical Clinic Expansion is Underway

Thank you to the many District 6690 clubs who contributed to our fund to help with the expansion of the Barrio Lindo Medical Clinic. The expanded services and on-site lab are under construction as you read this message. The Rotary Club of Dublin-Worthington will be visiting in the coming months to provide additional assistance to the community.



Chillicothe Rotary:

Rural-Urban Day had 28 agricultural guests which included 2 County Commissioners. Two interns and 42 members were also present. Bart Johnson (son of the late Ed Johnson, founder of the Agri Broadcast Network) and veteran broadcaster Dale Minyo were our guest speakers from the Ohio Ag Net. The day celebrated the importance of agriculture for our community.



Canal Winchester:

The Canal Winchester Rotary Club was the brainchild of Brad Tharp. Brad was a long time Rotarian from the Reynoldsburg-Pickerington Club, which was our sponsor club. Brad wanted to bring a Rotary Club to his home community. Brad worked tirelessly to build interest in the club and grow understanding of Rotary in Canal Winchester.

Brad was our first president, followed by Rhonda Ramano, Brent Foley, Dan Barham and then our current president Catherine Roebuck. In our short five years we have grown to be a positive force in the community.

We support hunger initiatives like the local Feed Our Future and Byron Saunders One Meal at a Time programs. We support our schools through an ongoing dictionary program and by participating in the RYLA program. We help maintain our beautiful community by maintaining Lockville Park, the community garden and Walnut Creek.

The Rotary Club of Canal Winchester is celebrating their 5th year anniversary in April! On **April 3rd at NOON, District Governor Bart Mahoney** will be our guest speaker. Come out for a good time of celebrating our accomplishments and cake!

To mark our 5th anniversary we are undertaking what promises to be our biggest fundraiser yet. We are partnering with Reynoldsburg-Pickerington Club to bring the Harlem Wizards to Canal Winchester on April 10th.

The Harlem Wizards are coming to Canal Winchester High School on Thursday, April 10th!

Check out our website for a cool video at www.rotarycanalwinchester.org.





Pataskala:

The Pataskala Rotary had their annual Four Way Test speech contest . The winner of this years contest was Caroline Crawford from Northridge. Ms. Crawford will go on to compete at the district Conference in May.

The two pictures are of recent meetings.

004 is a picture of our back to roots meeting a Licking Memorial Hospital in Pataskala, our member (R) is Laura Edelblute

The Sammy picture is of a recent meeting about our county assessments .



Westerville: Sunrise:

Our hats and hearts to the Youth Exchange Students of District 6690!

In January of 2014, the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club and the Youth Exchange Students of District 6690 were deeply saddened by the loss of Vid Saunders, a Westerville High School student, member of Rotaract, and recent Youth Exchange Student to the Philippines. To honor his memory, the Youth Exchange Students of District 6690 set a goal to raise \$3,000 to be donated to ShelterBox for families affected by the 2013 Philippine typhoon. ShelterBox is an aid organization that provides emergency shelter and equipment following natural disasters such as an earthquake, volcano, flood, hurricane, tsunami or conflict. ShelterBox was founded to fill a gap in the provision of emergency supplies; many organizations provide food, water and medical care, but few offer temporary shelter as families try to rebuild their lives. Each ShelterBox provides an extended family (10 people) a tent and other essential equipment to use while they are displaced or homeless. Sponsorship for each box is \$1,000, which includes delivery direct to those who need it.

The Youth Exchange Students of District 6690 set a goal to provide this temporary shelter to 3 Philippine families. The students contacted every Rotary Club in the district, visiting over half of

them, to present their project and explain why it was so important to them. Due to their hard work and dedication, the Youth Exchange Students of District 6690 raised over \$8,000. Our Westerville Sunrise club contributed \$1,500 toward this total and in February, added another \$1,000, bringing their total to over \$9,500. One of the students in the Exchange Student Program, Tatianna Lundstrom, offered, “Vid grew up in Westerville, Ohio. He was an exchange student to the Philippines during the 2012-2013 school year and continued to be involved in the Youth Exchange Program when he returned. We really wanted to honor Vid and make something positive out of this tragedy. We are so pleased we are able to provide a ShelterBox home to 10 Philippine families in Vid’s memory.” The Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club is too.

Thank you to all of the Rotary Clubs and members in District 6690 that contributed funds toward their Shelterbox project to honor Vid. And our congratulations to the Youth Exchange Students of District 6690 on your overwhelming success that will help many in need in the Philippines – we are so very proud of you!

Picture of District 6690 Youth Exchange Students sponsored/hosted by the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club (L to R): Rob Hunt (*President, Westerville Sunrise Rotary*), Cece Hollins, Katie Potter, Marielle Beach, Sandy Chang, Yo Saiwiwat, and Walter Lundstrom (*Member, Westerville Sunrise Rotary*). Not Pictured: Rachel Eulberg, Tatianna Lundstrom, and Jenna Mannino.



District meetings and events

April

April 10—District 6690 High School Ethics and Leadership conference

April 26—Four Way Test Speech Contest

April 26—District Assembly

Club events

April

April 4—Rotary First Friday Networking Lunch

April 5—Marietta Morning international Dinner

April 5—Circleville Sunrise Leo Moats Scholarship Dinner

April 10—Canal Winchester presents the Harlem Wizards

April 11—60th Wellston Rotary Show—
"Everything Old Is New Again"

April 22—Olentangy presents the Harlem Wizards

April 24—St. Clairsville "Taste of the Valley"



District Assembly

Saturday April 26, 2014

8:00 am until 12:15 pm

Registration Fee: \$20

Continental Breakfast 8am

Chillicothe Middle/High School

381 Yoctangee Parkway
Chillicothe, OH 45601



April 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 First Friday Network- ing lunch	5 Marietta Morning in- ternational Dinner
6	7 	8	9	10 High School Eth- ics + Leadership Con- ference Canal Winchester pre- sents Harlem Wizards	11 60th Wellston Rotary Show	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Olentangy presents Harlem Wizards	23	24 St. Clairsville—Taste of the Valley	25	26 District Assembly 4 Way Test Speech Contest
27	28	29	30			

March—Literacy Month

Literacy and education are the foundation blocks upon which individuals and communities can build. In 1985, Rotary declared basic literacy to be a pre-condition to the development of peace.

Literacy projects can take many forms. Your club's focus might be reading to students, providing literacy based computer software to your local adult literacy centre, sponsoring a school in a developing country, donating books to your local library, or supporting a story writing contest in your community.

During March, Literacy Month, take time to learn about your club's literacy focus. Take the opportunity to talk about how literacy and education can be integrated into your club's service projects..

April—Magazine Month

✦ April is also Global Child Nutrition Month. Find out what Rotarians are doing to fight hunger and malnutrition—www.alleviatehunger.org

✦ April 7 is World Health Day.

✦ April 26 celebrate Rotarians at Work Day—www.rotariansatwork.org
Rotarians At Work Day happens the last Saturday in April each year. Is your District or Club ready to join? Started in 2006 as a [joint](#) effort between two Rotary Districts (one in the United States and one in Mexico), Rotarians at Work Day continues to grow. Each year, Clubs around the world identify a hands-on project that all members can participate in to help their local community. The day is a great way to revitalize your Club, bring in new members and generate publicity for Rotary.

Deadline for April newsletter—
April 15.

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