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# Rotary District 6690 News



November, 2013

## District Governor's Message

From high atop Granville in my Rotary Room:

I have delivered a consistent message as I visit Clubs, "If you make it important, it will be important." That is the theme for my message this month of November.

This is Foundation month and in my opinion, nothing is more important than giving to the Foundation and supporting the mission of Rotary...doing good for mankind in our community and world.

I am asking each member to follow the example of your Club President and contribute something to The Rotary International Foundation. As you know when I made my official visit to each Club, the Presidents were presented with their First Class button. Let's really do our District proud and have every Club and it's members be part of the First Class initiative.

I still believe that \$100 per member to the Foundation is not too much to ask, but more important is to see all members give something. It is ownership in something that we all should support as Rotarians, OUR FOUNDATION.

Wishing each of you and your families, a Happy Thanksgiving

How about this brevity, from a District Governor. Don't expect the same next month.

ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES.



Have Fun and Thanks People,  
Bart Mahoney



# RYLA

## District 6690 RYLA

“Building the next generation of Service Above Self”

It is time for the clubs in District 6690 to register for sponsorship of RYLA 2014 participants. Please visit the link below to submit your sponsorship agreement. Participant’s names are not required at this time. Rotary Clubs may sponsor up to TWO High School students (current juniors) for this award.

RYLA 2014 will be limited to a maximum of 96 student participants.

Submissions received with payment will be handled on a first come first served basis. Once we have reached maximum capacity we will be unable to accept additional forms and/or payments.

Rotary Clubs are therefore encouraged to complete the agreement online and mail payment as soon as possible to guarantee and hold the space.

**Deadline for sponsorship is Friday January 31, 2014.**

<http://fs23.formsite.com/ryla6690/2014SponsorshipAgreement/index.html>

For more information contact:

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OR

Larry Jenkins  
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Annie Kackley, 2013 RYLA attendee  
from Guernsey County,

“The 3 days of RYLA were amazing.  
...I made many friends and they keep in  
touch. It feels good to know I have  
friends scattered throughout the  
District.”



### Upper Arlington/Granview (Tri-Village Rotary):

November – Four members of our club visited Panajchel, Guatemala with members of the Upper Arlington Rotary Club to continue to support projects for Mayan Families. We were able to deliver a check to buy 500 water filters and were able to go to the dedication of a home that we funded for a family. Additionally, we toured other projects that Mayan Families needs financial assistance with in the coming months.

December – We will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Huffman's Market in Upper Arlington starting right after Thanksgiving thru the first week of December. This has been an annual club service activity for over 12 years. On December 18<sup>th</sup> we will have our 19<sup>th</sup> annual white-elephant gift exchange, which is one of our members favorite meetings of the year.

Other news. We have been happy to welcome 5 new members to our club in this Rotary calendar year (10% size increase of our club) and have had the privilege of having District Governor Bart Mahoney induct 3 of our 5 new members, along with present four of our club members as Paul Harris Fellows. We will be inducting another three Paul Harris Fellows in December for a total of 7 (maybe more) Paul Harris Fellows not even halfway thru the Rotary year. Tri-Village Rotarians continue to lead the charge and be inspired by our club member's (Doug Torrance) passion for the Foundation.

Locally we continue to tutor weekly at Stephenson Elementary School (Grandview) and provide donations and service hours to the Heart to Heart Food Pantry. We currently have two members hosting exchange students. One of our members is hosting a family member of a past exchange student that he hosted several years ago and the other member is hosting an exchange student from France. We also just sponsored an out-bound Foreign Exchange student and are hopefully that she is able to get to one of her top choices in South America.

Our club is energized with the work we are doing both locally and internationally and our members are engaged and excited about the work we are doing.

Submitted by: Andy Mills,  
President



Delaware— Rotary:

Delaware recognized World Polio Day and gave an update on the fight against polio. The club also focused on RI during their November programs.

Submitted by: Brandon Feller,  
President Delaware Rotary



**Dublin AM Rotary:**

Ring the Bell, and Beat Kiwanis—

Kiwanis of Dublin has had the crust, the gall, the unmitigated audacity to challenge Dublin AM Rotary this year at the annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing. Yes, they are stepping high, wide, and handsome, and allowing as how they will ring the bell more hours than our club. They say they are going to whup us.

Of course, we need no incentive to ring the bell. Dublin AM has long been a great supporter of Salvation Army's efforts at a time of year when they do so much good for so many needy. But won't it be just a little bit sweeter this holiday season if we not only help Salvation Army to help others, but also spank the Kiwanians, earning city-wide bragging rights and delivering a smack-down where it is so richly deserved?

Submitted by: Bruce Andrews



### Capitol Square Rotary:

In September, Capitol Square held their autumn fundraiser, an evening of dining, libations and auctions. Honored guests and esteemed OSU scientists Lonnie Thompson and Ellen-Mosely Thompson spoke about the importance of this project globally. Nearly \$11,000 was raised in support of the Club's Global Grant Tanzania Education Project. (Kilibooks.org)

Capitol Square is grateful to the Rotary family for their support - including volunteer OSU Rotaractors, Lancaster Rotarian/auctioneer Ryan Troup, Zanesville Daybreak Rotarian/emcee Phil Zehms, and attending project partners St. Clairsville Sunrise and Reynoldsburg-Pickerington. Many well-wishes were shared from our Tanzanian partner, the Machame Rotary Club.

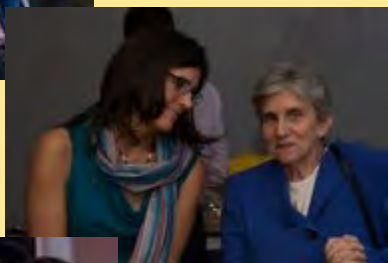
On the home-front, Capitol Square members serve at least one local community organization each month. The Club selects projects which enable member's children to participate alongside Rotarians. After holding a special morning meeting at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center, members spent an October Saturday clearing invasive species in the park. In November, members (and 7 of their children!) will build furniture at the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio.

Until January 15, the Club will continue collecting musical instrument for the Africentric Early College. Funding cuts eliminated the school's marching band, but volunteers revived it this year. Using a District Grant, Capitol Square will repair and donate the instruments to the school. If you have an instrument lurking in a closet, please consider donating it at: <https://localevents.com/events/details/668>.

Pictured:—top to bottom:

- Lonnie Thompson.
- Pres. Amy Kaspar and Ellen Mosley-Thompson.
- OSU Rotaract volunteers.
- Park cleaning crew—
  - Capitol Square Rotarians working at park.
  - Jerry Rampelt, ToriNorris, Betsey McCloskey,
  - Tori Norris, Judy Huang, Judy's daughter. (to the right =>)

Submitted by: Connie Hieatt, PR Chair  
Capitol Square Rotary Club





### **Olentangy Rotary:**

#### **Project Spotlight—People in Need**

People In Need, Inc. of Delaware County Ohio (PIN) is a private, not-for-profit social services agency dedicated to providing emergency assistance to Delaware County residents. Their mission is to assist families and individuals of Delaware County in a collaborative effort by providing personal emergency assistance with dignity and respect in their time of need. They have made a significant impact in the community for nearly 30 years.

Each year the Olentangy Rotary Club generously supplies students in Delaware County with school supplies in August and assists with the Holiday Clearing House process in December.

From the Olentangy Rotary newsletter



### **Byesville Rotary:**

November is a busy month for Byesville. Club members work to raise funds to support their Christmas Food basket program. The club provides for any needy family in the southern half of the county. Food baskets will be assembled on Dec. 13 and distributed Saturday, December 14.

The clubs annual Breakfast with Santa fundraiser will be held Saturday, December 21. Santa will visit to talk to all the kids attending. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee will be served.

On Saturday, November 23, club members helped Byesville get ready for Christmas by providing and decorating a Christmas tree to be displayed at the Rotary Gazebo on Main Avenue. Byesville Rotary was one of several organizations participating in this community event.

Submitted by: Shana Fair, PR Chair  
Byesville Rotary



### Columbus Rotary:

#### Columbus Rotary Veteran Student “Coaching” Project—

An opportunity arose in 2012 for Columbus Rotary, Ohio, to mentor students at The Ohio State University. The difference in this mentoring program is that all of the students are military veterans.

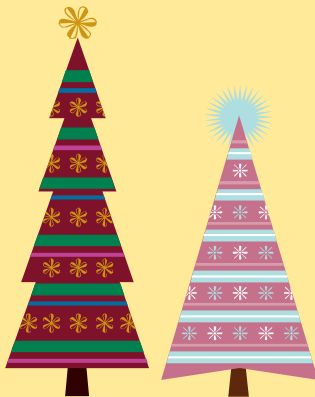
The Ohio State University Veteran Student Coaching project was born out of the idea that these young people, as military veterans, have already given back to their community. Should Rotarians, who only have to give them some of our time and counsel, not help them succeed in their chosen vocation? It has been a perfect match of mature young people, thirsting for the knowledge that every Rotarian possesses and can give.

Columbus Rotarians have responded in quantity and quality.

The project engages the University's Office of Military and Veteran Services to get the word out to their Veteran Students and arrange for an on-campus lunch. Columbus Rotarians conduct two lunch sessions, one for 10 MBA students and one for 10 upper-class undergraduates. Each lunch has one to three Rotarian presenters who give a ten to twenty minute presentation after the Rotarians and students have met and dined together.

The real results come when the Veteran Students are able to network within their vocational area of interest by meeting successful Rotarians and non-Rotarians; oftentimes, resulting in internships, part-time jobs, permanent jobs and perhaps most important, learning how to adapt to the civilian work environment.

The experience can best be summed up in the words of one of the first students through the program. *“This was the first group of gentlemen who had no hidden agenda. Their interests were pure and genuine. I often feel like veterans are treated like wounded zoo animals, a display that is photographed for the local paper and website, or just a photo-op / check-in-the-box for an organization, but the Rotarians seemed to genuinely just want to befriend us and help us succeed.”*



### Logan Rotary:

The Logan Rotary Club held an annual Spaghetti dinner in October . Money raised was for the club's Christmas Bike giveaway project.

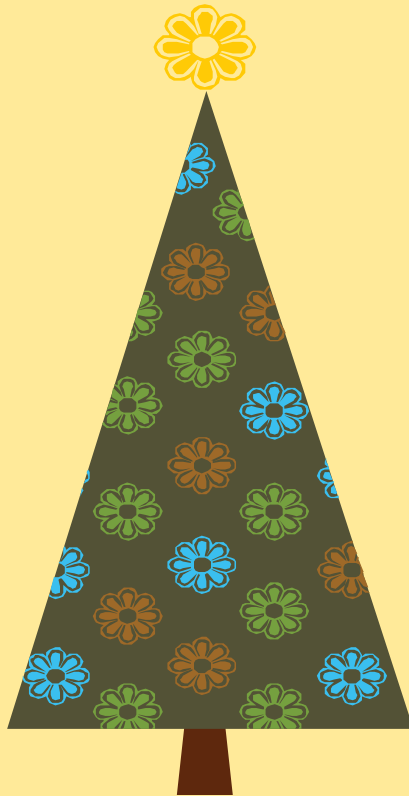
Submitted: Jon Mesarch



### Canal Winchester:

In lieu of their regular meeting, club members met SOTS (8260 Howe Industrial Parkway, Canal Winchester) to assemble Thanksgiving Baskets for Byron Saunders Foundation. The goal of the Bryon Saunders Foundation is to collect enough food to provide for 2000 Thanksgiving meals for needy families in Central Ohio.





### Gahanna Rotary:

The Gahanna Rotarians have been very busy within the last couple of months. We are wrapping up our 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rose Sale Fundraiser and are in the process of collecting canned goods, clothing and toiletries to donate to local organizations in need.

We just kick-started the planning process for our Annual Charity Auction to be held at Jefferson Country Club on Saturday, February 8, 2014. Please visit [www.gahannarotary.org](http://www.gahannarotary.org) to learn more about the upcoming event.

The Rotarians will be supporting the Gahanna Lights Holiday Party by attending the parade Friday, November 29th. Our club will be meeting at a Rotarians business office with family and friends to support the parade. The Parade is one of the largest nighttime illuminated holiday events in the Midwest!!

Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> we will host our Holiday Party and are encouraging all Gahanna Rotarians to donate clothing and toys to children in need.

Gahanna Rotary is partnering with Jefferson Country Club to host a Blood Drive Wednesday, January 22, 2014. The Blood Drive will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

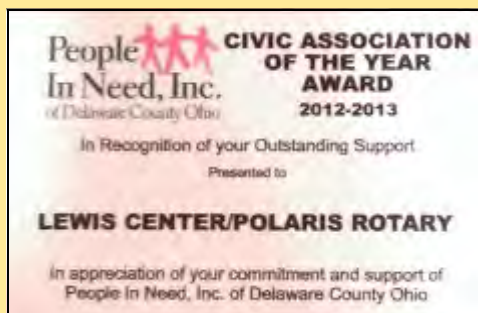
Submitted by Brianne Donovan Stone  
Public Relations Chair



### Lewis Center/Polaris Rotary

The club was presented and award from PIN for their support— talk about a feel good moment.

Submitted by: Mark J Robertson





### Dublin AM:

#### PackH2O of Columbus, Halcyon, and Dublin A.M.: Making a World of Difference

Dublin AM Rotary, in partnership with Halcyon Solutions of Dublin, Ohio, and PackH2O of Columbus, Ohio recently deployed life-transforming water backpacks in developing parts of India that are effected by the global water crisis. Working with Modern Architects for Rural India (MARI), the team of Dublin Rotary AM, Halcyon and PackH2O successfully executed on a plan that formed in summer 2013.

In October 2013 with money raised through Dublin AM Rotary, packs were delivered to members of the Hyderabad community that is served by MARI in the hopes of raising awareness about public health and the connection clean water has to improving living conditions for all.

Mohan Viddam, Chairman and CEO of Halcyon Solutions, will be personally visiting these communities in late 2013 to gain first hand knowledge of the impact the PackH2O water back packs are having on those who have received them. It is his long term vision to work with PackH2O and Dublin AM Rotary to raise more money for future distribution in 2014.

The award-winning PackH2O water carrier is designed to ease the burden of carrying household water from access point to home. It has a removable liner that is easily sanitized with exposure to sunlight. Puncture resistant and easy-to-use, it is a safe and effective way to carry and store clean water. The water backpack holds about 5 gallons of water – the amount of daily water used by people in developing economies.

The pack also relieves the physical stress of carrying water by distributing the burden evenly on the wearer's back. Its light weight--seven times lighter than the average water can--makes it more likely families will use it to get clean water.

Access to clean water is one of the most difficult and pressing problems in the world. The partnership of Pack H2O, Halcyon, and Dublin A.M. are making a difference in the lives people who might literally not live without us."

Submitted by :Michael Blackwell

### All Children's' Playground Build

Submitted by: Matt Greeson





### Mount Vernon Rotary:

#### Fall Festival

The Mount Vernon Rotary Club held its bi-annual fundraiser, Fall Festival, on Saturday, October 12, 2013. A large crowd of Rotarians, Rotary family and Rotary friends filled the Gallagher Center for an evening of food, fellowship and fun!

Silent auction items circled the room and a lively live auction followed the evening meal. Of particular note during the live auction was our “Fund a Cause” effort. Guests were asked to commit to helping to fund several of our annual club projects: 50 pounds of potatoes for Interchurch, \$60 for 100 polio vaccines or \$300 for a RYLA scholarship. Our “Fund a Cause” effort raised \$350 for our potato project, \$480 for polio vaccines and \$900 for RYLA scholarships!!

Overall the evening raised in excess of \$15,000 which will be used to fund our various Foundation and Club projects. Many thanks to all who worked to make the evening so enjoyable and such a success!

Submitted by: Cheri Butcher



### Westerville Rotary:

Rotary Club of Westerville does it again!

Forty-five members and family enjoyed crisp fall air while riding atop hay-filled wagons through bumpy farm fields under a glowing moon and stars. We arrived at a wooded glade where a large bonfire and lanterns helped us enjoy hot dogs and s'mores.

Submitted by: Nanci McCorkle  
Rotary Club of Westerville, Fellowship Chairman



### Columbus Rotary:

#### Obstacle course opens at Scioto Audubon Metro Park

After months of planning, designing and constructing, the Columbus Rotary Obstacle Course at Scioto Audubon Metro Park opened to the public on Saturday, October 26. Representatives from Columbus Rotary, Franklin County Metro Parks, Columbus 2020, Ohio State University Rotaract and ROTC as well as other young professional groups competed in a Challenge Team Run following the grand opening ceremony.

The free course features nine challenging obstacles and a half-mile trail designed to meet the recreational and competitive needs of youth 14 and older and active adults. The stations include: a tire run and flip, a tunnel crawl, a cargo climb, a balance beam, a belly crawl, monkey bars, an over/under, a climbing wall, and a log run.

Columbus Rotary secured more than \$100,000 dollars in donations and in-kind services for the project and several members along with representatives from other service clubs invested more than 300 hours of work on the design and construction of the course.

“This project started in 2012 as one of many services projects celebrating Columbus Rotary’s Centennial Year,” said, Columbus Rotary President Steve Heiser. “Fellow Rotarians were enthusiastic and committed wholeheartedly to helping Metro Parks enhance the outdoor amenities at Scioto Audubon that ultimately contribute to the health and well-being of the Central Ohio community.

Located just outside of downtown Columbus, the 122-acre Scioto Audubon Metro Park is a mecca for outdoor enthusiasts. The park features 3 miles of trails, a 2-acre dog park, frontage along the Scioto River for boating and fishing, various play structures for kids, the Grange Insurance Audubon Center and the a 35-foot high climbing wall, the largest free outdoor climbing wall in the country.

“Thanks to the generosity of Columbus Rotary in taking leadership in the design and construction of the obstacle course and trail, active adults and teens now have another opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, challenge themselves while improving their health and, best of all, have a lot of fun,” said Metro Parks Executive Director John O’Meara.

Pictured:  
Davis Zid shows award winning form.  
Mark LaMonte on the balance beam.  
Rotary team—Zied, Schorston, Wilson,  
LaMontein.  
Tire obstacle.





### Lancaster-Sherman



Planning dinner. On left—Kermit Welty; across from Bart—club president—John Mott.



Bart and his long lost one—E.J. Girile.



**Circleville Noon—  
Final visit of the year!**





### **The 2013-14 District**

**Michael Brown**, iPDG, Chair, Rotary Club of Olentangy.

**Brian Stanfill**, PDG, (term ends 6-30-14), Rotary Club of Delaware.

**Pat Peoples**, PAG, (term ends 6-30-14), Rotary Club of Marietta.

**David Bailey**, PP (term ends 6-30-15), Rotary Club of Lancaster.

**Peggy Murgatroyd**, PDG (term ends 6-30-15), Rotary Club of Cambridge.

**Bart Mahoney**, DG (ex-officio), Rotary Club of Whitehall-Bexley.

## **Deadlines**

### **Nominations sought for 2016-17 District Governor:**

Following are the steps to lead up to the interview for DGD for 2016-17:

- For a member to be nominated they must —
  - Be in ‘good standing,’
  - Have served as a Rotary club president,
  - Be willing to serve for the period of 2014 through 2017 as DGD, DGN, DGE and DG as well as having the physical stamina and leadership abilities to fulfill the duties of these offices.

All candidates need to receive approval of their club members or board.

The candidates' Rotary clubs will need to fill out a biographical sketch and nomination forms found on the district website <http://www.district6690.org/index.php?id=13144> and send to:

**PDG Michael R. Brown**  
**PO Box 387**  
**Hilliard, OH 43026**

Deadline for submission :  
November 30, 2013  
[DG 2016-2017 nomination forms.](http://www.district6690.org/index.php?id=13144)

The interviews for District Governor 2016-17 will be held on the morning of December 14, 2013, starting at 9 a.m. The location will be determined but most probably be in Lancaster.

Thanks in advance for assisting on this very important effort to identify and solicit the future leadership for District 6690.

## District and Club Events

# December 2013

### District meetings and events

Nov. 30—Deadline for club nominations for DG 2016-2017.

Dec. 15—Early registration for Rotary International Convention in Sydney ends.

Dec. 31—2013 calendar year ends; deadline for The Rotary Foundation contributions.

### Club events

Nov. 11-Dec. 5—Lewis Center/Polaris Best of Polaris Holiday Raffle.

Dec. 5—Granville, Pilsner for Polio.

Dec. 5—Medallion, Annual Christmas Party.

Dec. 6—Rotary 1st. Friday Networking Lunch.


Dec. 11—Columbus, Euchre Event.

Dec. 19—Newark 3rd Thursday Social.

### **2014**

Jan. 8—Columbus, Euchre Event.

Jan. 16—Newark, 3rd Thursday Social.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# December—Rotary Family Month

“December is Family Month, a time when we pay special attention to Rotary’s large and expanding family. Rotary is not just 1.2 million Rotarians in 34,558 clubs. We’re 365,125 Interactors, 133,860 Rotaractors, and 174,547 Rotary community Corps members. Our family includes the spouses and children of Rotarians. It also encompasses the dozens of community nonprofits and nongovernmental organizations that Rotary has forged partnerships with. The family of Rotary is missions strong—and it continues to grow as we keep developing new ties.”

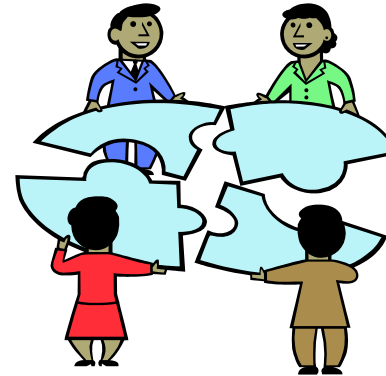
Dong Kurn Lee, foundations Trustee Chair, Rotarian, December 2013, p. 57.

## Celebrate Rotary's commitment to family in December!

Bring together mothers, fathers, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other members of your Rotary family to learn more about the organization.

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Consider having a special club event for family members to talk about service opportunities in the community that they and the club can address



Deadline for December newsletter—  
December 15.

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

