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April 2015

District 6690 News

District Governor's Message

Rotarians,

So far, it's been a wonderful spring for me and Kristi as we continue to travel around central and southeastern Ohio visiting clubs and attending your events. A couple of the highlights has been celebrating club anniversaries at TriVillage and Westerville Sunrise. It's also been my honor to be able to present many Paul Harris Fellow and Major Donor recognitions.

As always, thank you for giving of your time, talents and treasures to this great organization. It's because of all of these things that we are seeing lives saved and changed in our hometowns here and abroad. Keep up the good work as we continue to Light Up Rotary!

We're looking forward to seeing many of you this weekend in Zanesville and as we continue to travel around District 6690.

Randy Davies, District Governor 2014-15



District Assembly 2015

Sign up now.



**Get prepared to
“Be a gift to the World.”**

Who should sign up:

- Incoming club office,
- Committee chairs,
- New Rotary members.

What: District Assembly Five Avenues of Service Training

- **Club Service.**
- **Vocational Service.**
- **Community Service.**
- **International Service.**
- **Youth Service .**

When:

- Saturday, April 25
- 8:30am—12N

Where:

- Zane State
- Zanesville

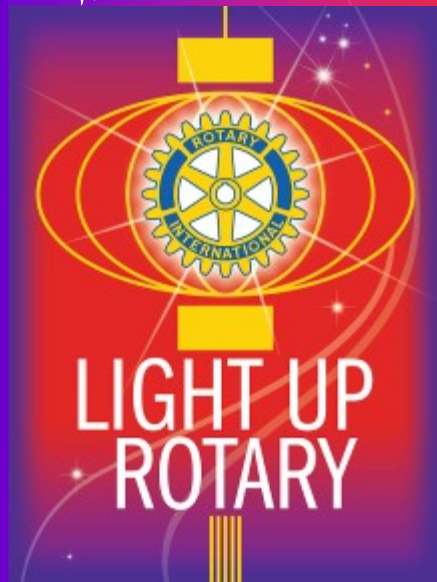
Why:

- Your reason for joining Rotary
- PLUS—Rotary fellowship, learning about Rotary, sharing ideas.

Sign up now.

See you there!!!

RI 2015 International Convention



The 2015 convention is Rotary International's 106th.

Join the celebration.

[Register by 15 December and save!](#)



Zones 30-31

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS Fellowship Event at the São Paulo Convention

Friday Evening
June 5, 2015
5:30 - 7:30
\$65 per person

[More information.](#)



Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange Chair Walter Lundstrom to Present At Youth Exchange Pre-Conference At Rotary International Convention in Brazil

Rotary District 6690 Youth Exchange Chair Walter Lundstrom (Westerville Sunrise) has been asked to make a one hour presentation to the Pre-Rotary International Convention Conference on Youth Exchange about Best Practices for Inbound and Outbound Student Orientation and Training, June 5, in Sao Paolo , Brazil.

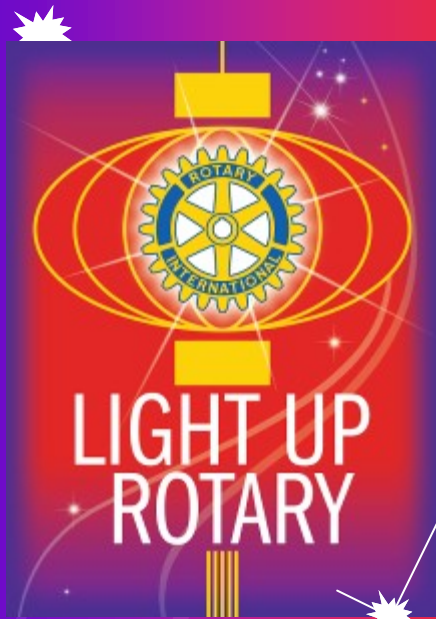
This invitation comes as a result of presentations made at the NAYEN (North American Youth Exchange Network) conferences in Cancun, Mexico and Little Rock, Arkansas. 6690 has received the coveted Gold Award for our exchange program several times for our best practices in student preparation.

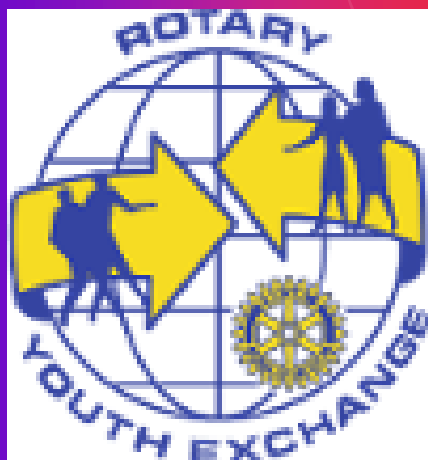
Youth Exchange chairs and District Governors from the entire world will attend the presentation. 6690 has been recognized for its extensive training in preparing our students for their exchange year. Repeatedly, returning outbound students have remarked how much more prepared they are for their exchange year than other students who are doing their inbound year from other districts throughout the world.

Walter and other members of the RYE6690 Committee train students each month of the year before their leave. We also have an intensive training program for students coming here from other countries. Combined it has raised our Exchange Student success rate, and lowered our rate of student exchange terminations.

“Going on exchange for a full academic year is incredible difficult, so I feel it’s our obligation to make sure that our students receive the best training possible. I’m so glad that we have a chance to share these best practices with Rotary districts all over the globe,” said Lundstrom. "Having these skills means they represent their Rotary Club, District 6690 and their country well. Exchange students bring these skills back to their hometowns and on into college to create good citizens and great future Rotarians."

Submitted by: By Bill McMurray





11 March 2015

Dear Rotarian Walter Lundstrom,

Congratulations! I am excited to recognize your outstanding contributions and invite you to participate in the 2015 Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention on 4-5 June as a workshop facilitator.

You were selected based on your accomplished leadership, professional experience, and interest in developing the Youth Exchange program globally. I have included the suggested title and description of your session below:

Workshop Title: Best Practices in Student Training and Orientation
Date: 5 June 2015
Workshop Description: A review of best practices in training both inbound and outbound students for the exchange experience.

Session time: 11:30 – 12:30

The Youth Exchange Committee invites you to the Leaders Meeting on Wednesday, 3 June at Novotel Center Norte, from 17:00 – 18:00. This fellowship gives you an opportunity to meet with meeting leaders and RI staff, learn more about the preconvention meeting, and ask any questions you have.

It is amazing what we can accomplish when we come together. In sharing our stories, we strengthen our connection, which in turn invigorates our *Service Above Self*. I hope you are able to accept my invitation and attend the 2015 Youth Exchange Officers preconvention. Please understand however that this invitation is at no cost to Rotary.

Along with my invitation, you will also find a description of the facilitator role and responsibilities. If you have any questions along the way, reach out to us at youthexchange@rotary.org or +1-847-866-3421.

I hope you take this challenge and opportunity to learn, exchange ideas, and take action as we *Light Up Rotary*. Please let me know if you accept or decline by 24 March 2015.

Best wishes for a successful meeting,

Gary C.K. Huang
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Club Activities

Westerville Sunrise:

Field of Heroes

Annual Field of Heroes

Westerville Sports Complex

**May 22 through May 25,
2015**



This Memorial Day weekend, the Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise will host the seventh annual Field of Heroes. This event is an opportunity to honor your personal heroes whoever they are... a family member; a friend; a veteran; a member of the armed services; a favorite teacher; a police officer; a firefighter or any other person who has made an impact on your life.

The Field of Heroes offers a unique and moving way to honor your heroes by flying a flag with a custom tribute in a spectacular display of 3,000 American flags that visually represents each individual hero joining together with others to form a community. Flags can be purchased for \$30 each from the Field of Heroes web site (<http://fieldofheroes.org>) or at the event. There are options for picking up the flag, shipping it, or donating it at the conclusion of the event.

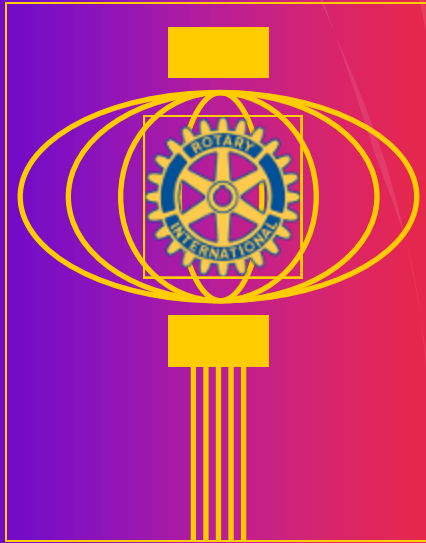
Themed programs run throughout the weekend, including opening and closing ceremonies, a free Saturday evening concert, a 5K Run/Walk, historic tours, and a flag retirement ceremony. And this year's Field of Heroes will pay tribute to America's veterans of wars in the Middle East with a special display, a Sunday evening memorial ceremony and an education center.

We invite all Rotarians to visit the seventh annual Field of Heroes throughout the Memorial Day weekend to join the Central Ohio community in remembering and honoring our personal heroes. The event is held across from the Westerville Community Center.

Follow the Field of Heroes on Twitter @FieldOfHeroesOH and "friend" us on Facebook [facebook.com/fieldofheroes](https://www.facebook.com/fieldofheroes). Videos from prior years' Field of Heroes can be found at [youtube.com/user/FieldOfHeroes/videos](https://www.youtube.com/user/FieldOfHeroes/videos).



Club Activities



5K Run / Walk for Heroes

In partnership with Ohio Health, Westerville will also host a 5K Run/Walk. Funds raised will benefit the Blue Star Mothers and Buckeye Military Moms, Ohio Chapter 9.

Race date: Sunday, May 24, 2015

Start time: 8:00 am

Location: Westerville Sports Complex

Fees:

- \$25.00 through April 15.
- \$30.00 April 16—May 23.
- \$35.00 race day (if not sold out).
- \$20.00 Active and Veteran Military and children under 12.
- Fee includes: Tech T-shirt, custom medal, special bib, post-race snacks.
- Register: www.fieldofheros.org

Club Activities

Lancaster:

Foreign Exchange student speaks to cl



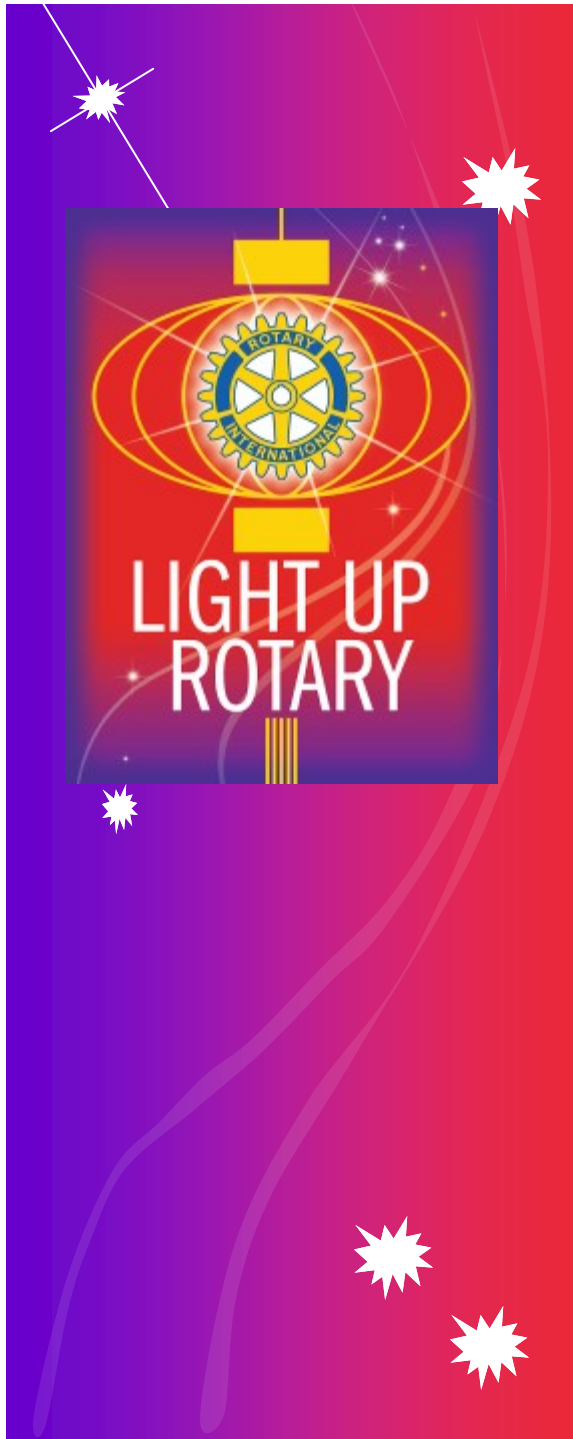
Natan Remy (center) from France presented at a March 2015 meeting about his country and his experiences in the US

Library books presented to Forest Rose School Library



The Lancaster Rotary Club presented library books to Jodi Blais (second from left) Director of Educational Services Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities, for the Forest Rose School library. Each week, Lancaster Rotary donates a book on behalf of that week's program or speaker to the school library. Penny Wasem (far left) began the program during her presidency of Rotary five years ago. Pictured with Jodi and Penny are current Club president Donna Stalter (middle right) and immediate past president Jay Nauman (far right).

Submitted by: Angela Krile



Club Activities

Zanesville:

Gala Centennial Celebration!!

On May 1, 1915, Zanesville, Ohio became the 156th group to form as Rotarians. A. Clyde Reasoner formed our Zanesville club after attending a Rotary Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in January of 1915. Alva Rea was the inaugural president of our club, which began with 12 charter members.

On 5/15/15, we will celebrate a **“Century of Service Above Self.”**

- Event at Zane State University. 5:15 pm to 10 pm.
- Limited amount of tickets still available. \$35/person.
- Contact Elden Hudson at ehudson001@columbus.rr.com.
- Featuring Past Rotary International President Ron Burton!
- Music program featuring Jesus Hernandez, protégé of Placido Domingo.

If you miss this, you will have to wait another 100 years!!

Submitted by: Jim Buchbinder



Club Activities

Newark:.

50 Years of Service Above Self to Newark

What were you doing in 1965? Newark's Don Gunnerson joined Rotary that year. He was recognized at a recent meeting with a Fifty-Year Membership recognition from Rotary International. An architect by trade, Gunnerson has also made his mark in Newark Rotary donating his paintings of Licking County landmarks for the Club's annual auctions. His work is always the top fundraising draw for the Club's top fundraiser.

Submitted by: Rick Platt



Club Activities

New Albany:

March was a busy month for the New Albany Club. In addition to our regularly scheduled meetings and social, we took part in a service project and hosted our Annual Pancake Breakfast.

On March 10th, many of our members donated their time to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. Everyone in attendance echoed the sentiment that it was a very rewarding experience. The goal is to spend some more time helping out the Mid-Ohio Food Bank whenever we can. The follow weekend was the PETS Conference, and the New Albany Club sent Incoming Presidents Sara Colton (2015-16) and Mary Cameron (2016-17). Past President Marilyn Hughes was a speaker at the convention as well.

We hosted our 4th Annual Pancake Breakfast on the 21st. Nearly every member donated their time to the event, and we had a wonderful turnout, including the New Albany Fire Department. It was an honor getting to serve those who serve us!

The group has also found a new home to host its weekly meetings. We now meet in the Philip Heit Center for Healthy New Albany. This brand new building is a wonderful compliment to our ever-growing club. Please feel free to and visit us.

In May, we will be hosting our first ever weekend event for the Rotary Youth Exchange. We will share the details with you next month.

Submitted by: Jan-Michael Gintz



Club Activities

Zanesville Daybreak:

Students from the Rotaract Club of Muskingum University presented a \$500 donation to the Muskingum Valley Miracle League. The students presented their donation to Rotarians at the Zanesville Daybreak Rotary meeting which was held at the Zanesville Country Club on Thursday March 19,

Muskingum Valley Miracle League is an organization of community volunteers sponsored by the Zanesville Daybreak Rotary Club. The League operates a specialized baseball program for nearly 9,000 disabled children in Southeastern Ohio. The donation will help provide scholarships and equipment to the Miracle League players and help fund maintenance services for the Miracle League field. Rotaract student Marissa Brenly worked in conjunction with Shepler Church of Coshocton Ohio to help raise the funds for Rotaract to use for various community projects.

Pictured left to right: Josh Colborn (Rotaract Student), Justin Gilmore (Rotaract Student) Caribeth Legats (Rotarian and Miracle League Board Member), Christine Holmes (Rotaract Student) and Marissa Brenly (Rotaract Student)

Submitted by: Maryjane Shackelford



Club Activities

Zanesville Daybreak:

Justine Gibbon wins Zanesville Daybreak Rotary Four Way Test Speech Contest!

Tri Valley High School student Justine Gibbon, earned a \$150 prize after being declared the winner of the annual Rotary 'Four-Way Test' speech contest. Runners-up, Ashley Ferrell and Reagan Wasileski each received \$100 prizes.

The annual contest included participants from Tri-Valley and Maysville High Schools. The competing students were selected by their faculty to represent their school. They each presented a 5-7 minute speech to the members of the Zanesville Daybreak Rotary at the club's regular weekly meeting, March 26th. The topic of each speech was 'applying the Rotary Four-Way Test in our everyday relationships with other people'.

Justine's parents and speech advisor, Pam Page also attended the contest. Mrs. Gibbon was brought to tears by her daughter's speech. "Justine had not let us hear the speech before today." Mrs. Gibbon said. As winner of the local contest, Justine will now compete in the District Contest later this month.

The Rotary Four-Way Test is designed as a decision-making guide:

Is it the Truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned.

Millions of Rotarians around the world strive to guide their lives with these simple questions in mind. To learn more about the Zanesville Daybreak Rotary Club, visit zanesvilleydaybreak.org

Submitted by: Ed Mulholland



Pictured: Reagan
Wasileski,

Justine Gibbon (contest
winner), and

Ashley Ferrell.

Club Activities

Tri-Village:

The Tri Village Rotary celebrated our Clubs 20th Anniversary Friday April 17th. We had 10 of our charter members in attendance, as well as District Governor Randy Davies and his wife Kristi.

Submitted by: Doug Trotter



Tri Valley charter members.



Club Activities

Byesville:

Byesville Rotary supports “Maria’s Message”

Byesville Rotary joined other individuals and groups to insure that the high school students of Guernsey County were able to attend Dom Tiberi’s inspirational “Maria’s Message” presentation aimed at discouraging distracted driving.

Byesville Rotary donated \$500 to help pay for bus transportation needed to take Meadow Brook sophomore, junior, and senior students to Prichard-Laughlin Civic Center. Additionally, Byesville club members Becky Brunner, Nellie Bichard, Chuck Fair, and Shana Fair volunteered to work during the program to direct students and staff in and out of the building and to pass out goody bags to each student attending.

About 1200 students from Meadow Brook, Cambridge City, Mid-East Career and Technology Center, and Buckeye Trails attended the program. AVC Communications live streamed the program to each high school so that freshman could see the program.

Offering the program in Guernsey County was the inspired idea of Deputy Chad Kerns of the Guernsey County Sheriff’s Office. Deputy Kerns is currently assigned to Rolling Hills School District as the School Resource Officer.

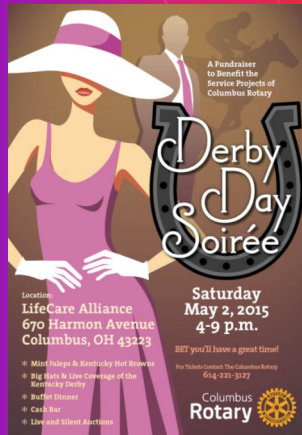
The program was supported by a coalition of individuals and organizations who donated funding to support the project. Supporters also included the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, Guernsey County and Cambridge Court elected officials, local school district superintendents, and area first responders as well as law enforcement officers from the Guernsey County Sheriff’s Office, Cambridge and Byesville police departments, and the highway patrol.

Submitted by: Shana Fair



Club Activities

Columbus:



May is a busy month for Columbus Rotarians. The month kicks off with the annual Derby Day Soiree on May 2 at the LifeCare Alliance, 670 Harmon Avenue. A silent and live auction will be conducted to raise funds for the club's various service projects. The evening of fun and fellowship will be capped off with the live video feed of the Kentucky Derby. Ladies, don't miss this chance to show off your favorite Derby hat. For more information, contact Dana Charlton, dcharlto@columbus.rr.com.

The Ohio State University Union is the venue for the annual High School Service Above Self Fair set for May 11 at 11 a.m. Students from various Columbus High Schools will be hosting displays of various community service projects that they developed during the school year. The purpose of fair is to showcase the variety of ways students worked to improve their community and foster a community service attitude. Scholarships will also be awarded to help exceptional students achieve their goals of pursuing education and training following graduation from high school. Look for more information on the scholarship winners in upcoming editions of the District Governor's newsletter.

A lazy day floating down big Darby Creek will give Rotarians and their spouses a chance to relax and enjoy nature. The two-hour river trip will launch on June 6 from Trapper John's Canoe Livery in Grove City. Cost is \$25.



Changed your email address? Let District 6690 know.

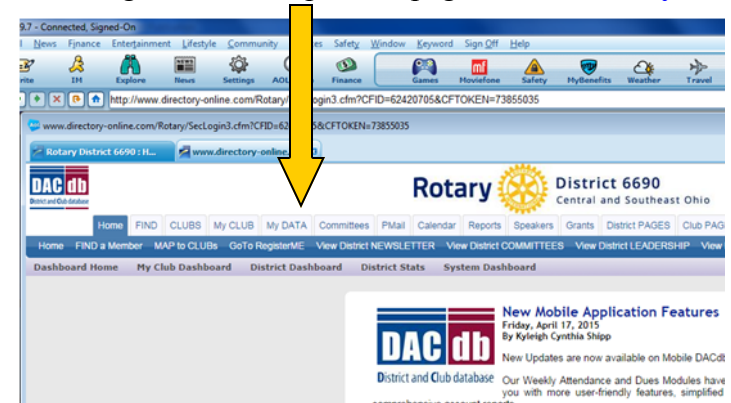
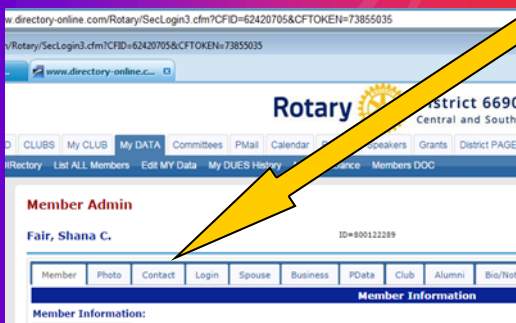
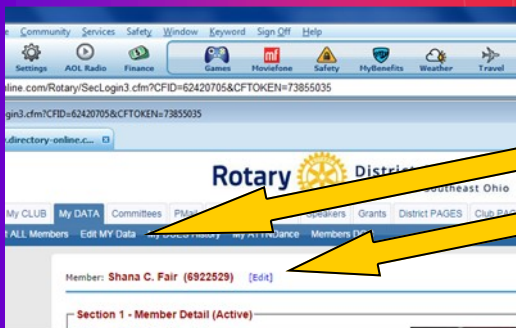
Using DACdb to update your email

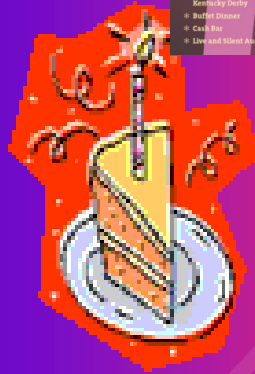
You will need to add your new email address to your personal Rotary record on the District 6690 web site— <http://www.district6690.org/>

From the District 6690 home page:

- Select **“DACdb log-in”** tab on the right.
 - Sign into DACdb.
- Once you are in DACdb, look at the tabs running across the top of the page and select **“My Data.”**
- The second line of tabs will turn blue. On this line select **“Edit my data.”**
- You are on a new page. Look for your name. To the left of your name find and select the **“Edit”** button.
- On the next page, the “Edit” page, look for your name. Under your name is a line of tabs. Find and select **“Contact.”**
- You are on another new page. Go to the **“Member emails”** box and select the **“Pencil.”**
- Fill in the dialog box that pops up with your new email. **Don't forget to select the yellow “Update”** button in the upper right box before you close or leave the box.

Need more help? Talk to your club secretary.





2015 District meetings and events

April 25, 2015—District Assembly—5 Avenues of Service Training. Registration open now.

July 16-18—2015 RYLA Conference

October 23-24—District Conference.

Club events

April

April 24—Byesville Rotary Health Fair.

April 25—Taste of Granville.

May

May 1—Columbus Rotary Networking Lunch.

May 2—Columbus Rotary Derby Day Soiree.

May 2—Zanesville Daybreak Annual Wine/Beer Tasting Auction.

May 3—Byesville Rotary 29th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament.

May 13—Columbus Club Euchre Event.

May 15—Zanesville Rotary 100th Anniversary Celebration.

May 16—Byesville Rotary Chicken BBQ.

May 22-25—Westerville Sunrise Field of Heroes.

