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December 2014

## District 6690 News

### **District Governor's Message**

Rotarians,

What a beautiful time of year to celebrate the season and to reflect on the blessings that we have. Kristi and I truly appreciate each and every one that has worked hard to change lives in your hometown and hometowns around the world. The gifts you have given to families and communities that you may never meet or visit is immeasurable. And what is even greater is the gift that we receive as we do for others.

Since our last communication, we have had the pleasure to visit many of your clubs again, celebrating the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rotary Club Bridgeport and the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rotary Club of Clintonville. We have enjoyed sharing in your holiday parties and attending your fundraisers. And Kristi and I look forward to more visits around our district in the coming year.

We hope you have a blessed holiday season.

Randy Davies, District Governor 2014-15



## District Governor Nominee Designate for 2017-18 announced

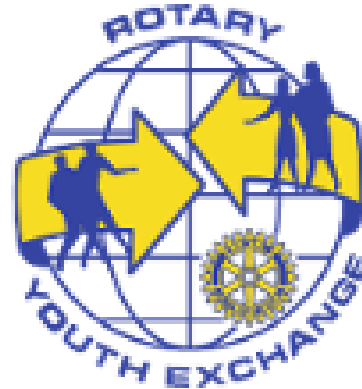
District 6690 is pleased to announce and introduce the District Governor Nominee Designate for 2017-18. Attached is a link to an article in the Coshocton Tribune announcing the selection of Shane Pyle, from the Rotary Club of Coshocton who has been selected to be District Governor for District 6690, pending approval of the presidents elect this spring.

The nominating committee met earlier this month to interview candidates from within our district for this position. We thank those who applied and interviewed and wish Shane and Angie the very best as they prepare for this leadership role.

<http://www.coshoctontribune.com/story/news/local/2014/12/21/pyle-selected-district-governor-rotary/20648687/>



## Rotary Youth Exchange



### Living Rotary Youth Exchange Vicariously

I am guilty of being jealous of exchange students.

They get to travel to another country. They have adventure after adventure exploring something entirely new and exciting. They learn foreign language the way you are supposed to, by being immersed in it. They learn new skills and make dozens of new close friends. When my own daughter was on exchange I really wanted to trade places with her.

But, alas, being an responsible adult doesn't permit that transformation.

I think I found a way to live vicariously and share in their amazing life adventure. At the same time I get to help them get the most from their adventure. I get to be one of the reasons they are having an amazing time, and at the same time know I'm making a huge difference in their lives. I do it by being a Youth Exchange Volunteer and Officer.

Rewarding is not a big enough word to describe the personal growth you get from being a youth exchange volunteer. It changes your world view. It makes you more tolerant of other cultures. You look at the news differently. You learn things about the world you can't learn anywhere else. It also allows you to make lifelong friends from the parents, students and other volunteers. It's a fraternity (or sorority) of like minded people.



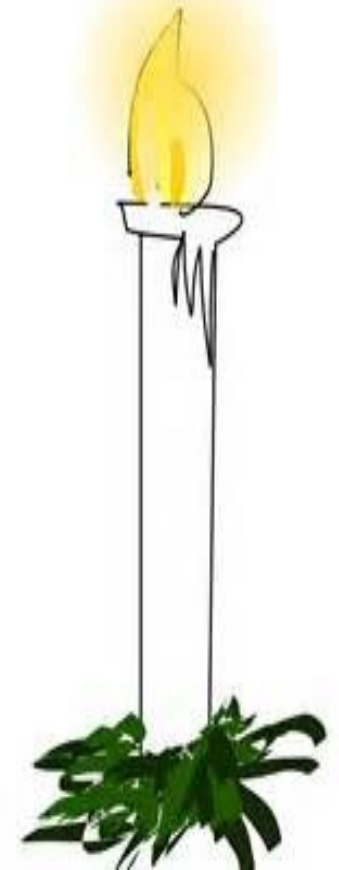
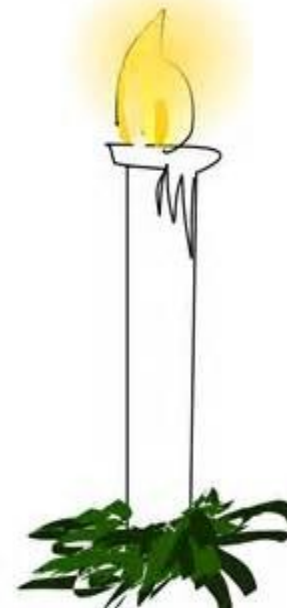
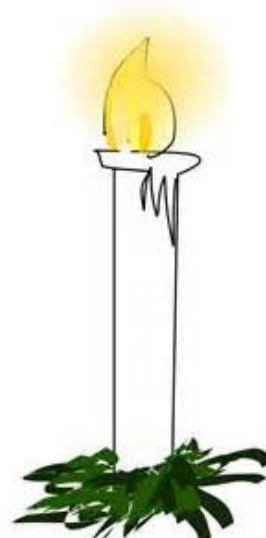
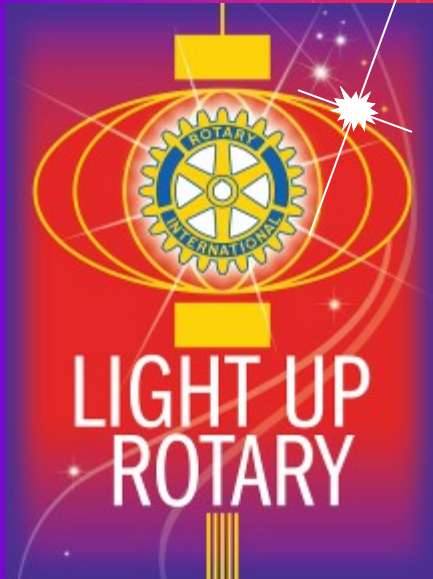
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One thing I've learned is that the youth of the world are 95% the same. They have the same likes, dislikes, desires, plans, and once you understand this you feel really good about the future.

How do you volunteer? Just ask. There are openings on the club and district level. We have all different types of jobs from paperwork, to directing the students, to training jobs.

The Rotary Weekends are really special. You get make friends in other Rotary Clubs and see how they do things. At the same time you get to know the kids on a personal level. There is always something you have never done before and often someplace you have never been before. One weekend we got a personal guided tour of General Sherman's house in Lancaster and on another we built bird houses for a nature reservation.

The work isn't difficult and you quickly realize that you will be making a dramatic difference. The best part is getting to know these amazing kids. It's also a chance to change the world one student at a time.





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### Newark Rotary:

#### Newark Rotary Club Goes Big For 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

With a recent unanimous vote of its membership, the Newark Rotary Club took a big step forward with a legacy project for its upcoming 2016 Centennial. A \$500,000 upgrade to the club's Newark Rotary Pavilion and Accessible Playground is planned. An update to equipment, a greatly expanded parking lot, a second pavilion, and accessible picnic "pods" highlight the upgrades to the already-popular community park that was dedicated as part of the Club's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Rotary International's Centennial in 2005. Fundraising has begun with a good percentage already committed.

Submitted by: Rick Platt



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### Gahanna Rotary:

Gahanna Rotary is "Lighting-Up" Rotary like no other!!!

On 11/23, the Gahanna Rotary Club entered a float in the Holiday Lights Parade and was the "Bright Spot" of the parade last night. It was the big hit of the parade (besides Santa).

President Brian Timm rode in a Hot Air Balloon Gondola and "Lit-Up" Santa and the entire parade route by firing off the propane burners of the Hot Air Balloon.

Submitted by: Michael A. Fisher, PR



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### Dublin AM:

#### Polar Bear Open Coming Up, Plus a Unique Bear/Bash Sponsorship Opportunity

Winter is coming to Ohio, and that of course means it's time to play golf!

The 18th Annual Polar Bear Golf Outing will be on February 7th at Safari Golf Club.

- Check-in at 8am;
- Shotgun Start at 9am;
- 9 Hole Scramble

(Both front 9 and back 9 will be open for speedier play)



Your \$80 registration fee includes:

- Golf & cart fee'
- Light breakfast and lunch'
- Chance to win great raffle prizes, including Taylor Made Irons.

Snow, sleet, wind or sun. . . golfing fun, no matter what!

And you'll earn the right to say "I golfed in February

[Click here now to REGISTER](#)

Submitted by: Sarah Richardson

### The Shopping Season is Upon Us

Once again, we're working with Dublin Counseling Center and the Salvation Army to provide gifts for those who might not otherwise have a Christmas. We've upped the number of people we are going to support: we'll support six families with the Salvation Army and three with the Counseling Center. That's a huge, huge number of people we'll helping this year. Save some change, for we'll

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need lots of money to help. We'll pass the hat at the Holiday Party on December 4th and then again on the following Friday meeting, December 12th. Shoppers will be spending on Saturday, and we'll be delivering the gifts on Monday, so we'll be on the fast track once again to get this done and create a great holiday for those in great need. Please put these dates on your calendars. if you'd like to help with shopping, please let me know!

A special thanks are due to Raj Hora, who donated 10% of the proceeds from our recent Tuesdays at Tutto to the effort. We have kicked off with \$100 thanks to their generosity. Thanks, too, to all the Rotarians who turned out to support the effort!

Submitted by: Susan Robenalt

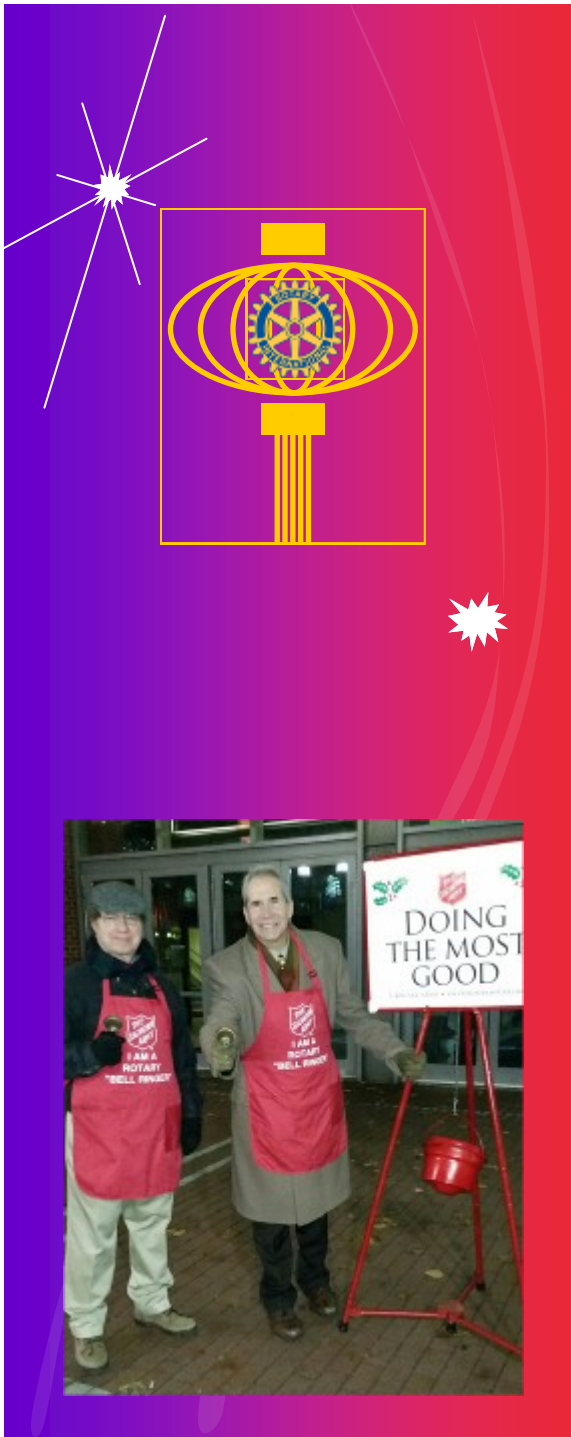


### Columbus Rotary:

Columbus Rotarians are as busy as Santa in December spreading the holiday spirit wherever they go. Throughout the city this month, you could see Columbus Rotarians at work.

Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army at a Columbus Bluejackets Game kicked off the club's events. On Dec. 6, Rotarians helped children with cancer and their siblings shop at Santa's Workshop during the Kids N Kamp holiday party. Many gifts for the party were purchased with money donated by Columbus Rotary. Then in the evening, 146 Columbus Rotarians and their family members got together to enjoy the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Wild Lights extravaganza. The evening included a surprise visit by Zoo president Tom Stalf along with a civet, kangaroo and armadillo.

On December 19, Columbus Rotarians also worked on the club's longest running service project, the Colerain Elementary School Christmas Party. The club has worked with the developmentally





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disabled population of Columbus City Schools for 94 years. Colerain School staff members purchased gifts with money donated by the club to make sure each gift fits the child's age and orthopedic impairment. Rotarians wrapped the gifts and later returned to the school to help Santa present the gifts to the students and assist them in unwrapping their special presents. As one Rotarian commented, "Helping with Colerain Christmas party changes your life forever." (Pictured: Santa (Smitty Smith) and Sergeant at Arms Teddy Damron.)



January is shaping up to be another exciting month with the Columbus Rotary Business Expo and the Barons of Business Networking Event on at 5 p.m. Jan. 21 at The Boathouse, 679 W. Spring St. Working with the Columbus Young Professionals and Junior Achievement, the evening will conclude with a panel discussion featuring Doug Kridler, Columbus Foundation President and CEO, and Yvette McGee Brown, partner, Jones Day, who were inducted into the Central Ohio Junior Achievement Hall of Fame. Admission is \$25 for hors d'oeuvres and a beverage (cash bar). Tables for the Business Expo are just \$250 or you can sponsor a table for a charity for the same amount. Call the Columbus Rotary Office for more information, 614-221-3127. Schedule for the event is:

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| 5 p.m. – 6:45p.m.  | Business expo exhibits                 |
| 6:15 p.m.          | Meet the Barons of Business Networking |
| 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | Barons of Business Panel Discussion    |

Submitted by: Sandy Knoesel

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### Baltimore Rotary:

**The Baltimore Rotary Turkey Drive 2014**—Baltimore Rotary's president, Chris Welsh, and Baltimore Rotarian Pastor Joe Grubbs presented \$650 to Ruth Crutcher-Beckwith, Director of the Baltimore Food Pantry. The money will be used by the Baltimore/Thurston Food Pantry to provide holiday turkeys for local families.

Pictured (left to right): Pastor Joe Grubbs, Chris Welsh, and Ruth Crutcher-Beckwith.

Submitted by: Jackie Collins



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### Byesville Rotary:

On Friday and Saturday (December 19 and 20), Byesville Rotarians completed their annual Christmas Food Basket service project. One hundred and ninety families signed up for the program. Each family was presented with 1 box of perishable including a turkey, milk, eggs, oleo, and bags of potatoes, onions, apples and oranges and one box of non-perishables and canned goods.

Members met on Friday to construct 360 boxes. They also picked up and sorted canned goods and finally filled one box for each family in preparation for distribution. On Saturday, Byesville Rotarians, club friends and family members arrived at 6:00am to unload perishables and begin filling the perishables boxes. Distribution of the boxes began at 7:00 am and continued until 11:30 am.

Any food remaining was donated to the Byesville Main Avenue Methodist Church food pantry and to the Stop Nine Church of Christ food pantry.

This food service program was the largest for the club in recent years. Club members are grateful for local community members and business that supported this service project.

Pictured: Day 1—club members and student volunteers from Mid East Career and Technical Center packing boxes. Day 2—surrounded by boxes needing filled with perishables.

Submitted by: Shana Fair, PR.





## Calendar

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### District meetings and events

#### **December**

**Dec. 31**—TRF contribution deadline.

#### **2015**

**March 13-15**—All Ohio PETs.

**April 12, 2015**—District Assembly—5  
Avenues of Service Training.

**October 23-24**—District Conference.

### Club events

#### **December—Family Month**

**Dec. 31**—Grove City Rocking New Year's  
Dance.

#### **January, 2015**

#### **Rotary Awareness Month**

**Jan. 15**—Short North, New Name Launch.

**Jan. 21**—Columbus Rotary, Downtown  
Business Expo.

**Jan 21**—Columbus Rotary—Barons of  
Business Evening.

Deadline for  
January  
newsletter—  
January 15.

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



### **District Grants for 2015-16 Rotary Year**

Grant applications available  
January 1, 2015.

Deadline for submission:  
April 1, 2015



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Short North New Name Launch	16	17
18	19	20	21 Columbus Rotary Downtown Business Expo and Barons of Business Evening	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31