

February 2015



District 6690 News

District Governor's Message

Rotarians,

It is with a heavy heart that I greet you this month. Kristi and I are sharing in the grief with the Wellston community in the loss of Dan Lockard Jr., president of the Rotary Club of Wellston. I was blessed to have shared this year with Dan. His love for his family, his community and for Rotary was so abundant. Dan suffered a massive heart attack last weekend and passed away Tuesday evening at OSU's hospital.



During my visits this year, I became close with many clubs and even more Rotary friends. But Dan held a special place in my heart. Kristi and I shared Thanksgiving with the club, along with many other visits to this beautiful southern Ohio community. I will always remember his one-of-a-kind new member induction speech. It meant so much to hear him relate the Rotary wheel to that new member as being the key to their club. And I will never forget that special time we shared together with other members of the Wellston club, including Mayor Connie Pelletier at this year's District Conference when I was given the key to the city. Also during our conference, Dan met his "sole mate", David Sams, another great Rotarian from Belpre. Dan and David became good friends and invited David to share Thanksgiving the same evening Kristi and I were invited. That's the kind of guy Dan was. He loved people. He loved life and loved helping others, whether he knew them or not. He was the man behind the club project replacing street signs throughout the city with new signs that had the Rotary wheel on each one. Mayor Connie has called Dan "Mr. Wellston". I believe that is so true. David, Kristi and I were fortunate to share that evening together in Wellston with Dan, Mayor Connie and members of their families and club members.

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District Governor's Message

In the Jimmy Stewart movie, "It's a Wonderful Life", one of the most memorable moments is when George Bailey is holding his daughter Zuzu and when she hears a bell ring on the Christmas tree, she says that magical line "Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings." I want to believe that on Tuesday night, somewhere around the world a Rotary bell rang and at that moment Wellston's angel got his wings.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday in Wellston. Please remember Dan's family, his mother Norma, wife Sharon, daughter Dana, son Jay and the rest of Dan's family during this difficult time. Also continue to remember Dan's Rotary family as they continue his legacy to change lives in his hometown and hometowns around the world. Here is a link to Dan's funeral arrangements. <http://hosting-13531.tributes.com/obituary/show/Dan-H.-Lockard-Jr.-102221721>

Dan, thank you for sharing your life with others. You were the true example of Service Above Self.

Rest in peace my friend.

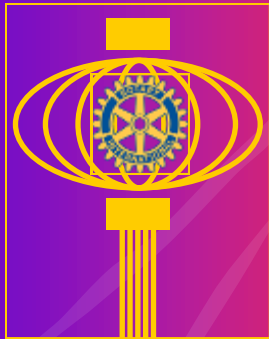
Randy Davies, District Governor 2014-15



District 6690 Rotary Day

District 6690 Rotary Day with the Columbus Blue Jackets. Rotarians and guests can attend the game on March 15, at 5 PM for \$56 and receive a free CBJ hat, hot dog, popcorn and beverage. Tickets are available through the Blue Jackets website at

www.columbusbluejackets.com/Rotary



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL OF OHIO
NIGHT WITH THE BLUE JACKETS!

Come celebrate "Rotary International of Ohio Night" with the Columbus Blue Jackets! All Rotary International of Ohio members, friends, and families are invited out to Nationwide Arena on Sunday, March 15th to see the Blue Jackets take on the Carolina Hurricanes! As a special thank you from the Columbus Blue Jackets, all Rotary International of Ohio members, friends, and families will receive a FREE CBJ Hat, Hotdog, Popcorn, and Soda with their exclusive Rotary International ticket!

Columbus Blue Jackets vs. Carolina Hurricanes
Sunday, March 15, 2015
Nationwide Arena, 5:00 PM

To purchase tickets, go to: www.BlueJackets.com/Rotary

For more information, please contact James Garland at 614-244-3289
or jgarland@bluejackets.com

All sales are final. No exchanges or refunds. All persons 2 years and older require their own ticket.
For more information on parking, please contact Standard Parking at 1-866-300-7273

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Thanks for District 6690 Support

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Dear Rotarians of the Rotary International District 6690,

Thank you for your support of Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation.

Attached please find your donation acknowledgement letter.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

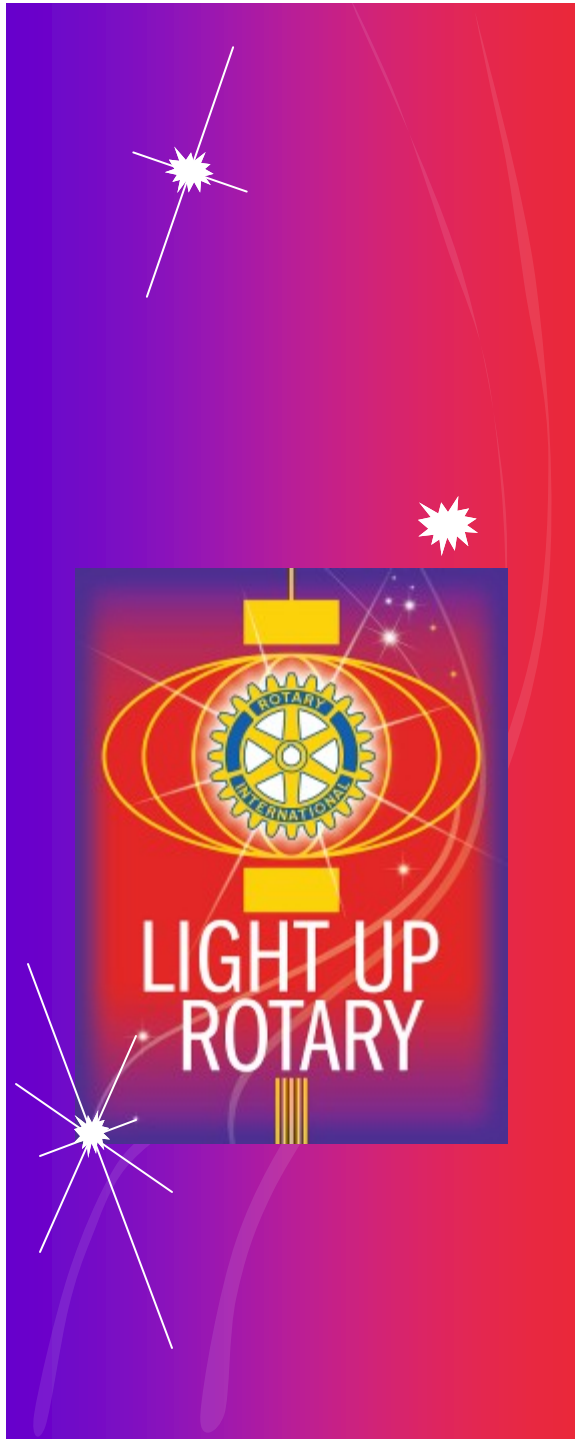
Andrea Luehmann, Treasurer, Paul Harris Home
Foundation

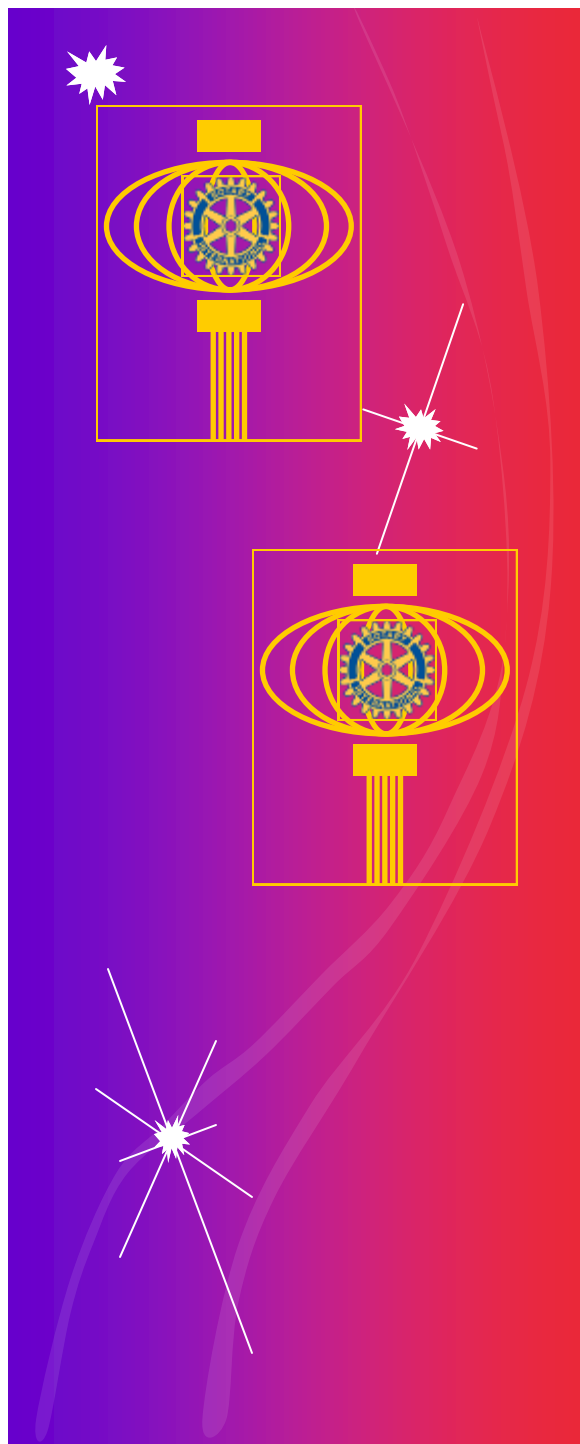
Members of Rotary District 6690,

During the District Conference held during my term as Governor, these funds were generated as a result of the silent and live auction at the Family Reunion (District Conference) held May 16-17, 2004.

The funds raised were send as the contribution we made to the restoration to the Harris home.

Submitted by:, PDG Bart Mahoney





Paul Harris Home

November 20, 2014

Rotary International District 6690
Governor Bart Mahoney
P.O. Box 387
Hilliard, OH 43026

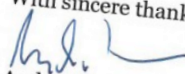
Dear Rotarians of the Rotary International District 6690,

We wanted to extend our heartfelt thanks to you for being an early supporter of the Paul Harris Home Campaign. Your donation of \$3,870.00 is not just saving a building, you are saving the birthplace of Rotary. By taking action, you have paved the way for Rotarians worldwide to join together to restore an irreplaceable part of our history.

We have ambitious goals and are on our way to raising US\$5,000,000 to restore the home and ensure it is available to future generations. We welcome you to share news of this important work with others that you feel may be interested in learning more and in contributing to this cause.

You will find important details about this project at www.paulharrishome.org and we will keep all our donors informed and updated as this project progresses. Thank you again for your generosity and your leadership in this important cause.

With sincere thanks and admiration,


Andrea Luehmann
Treasurer

Donation Amount \$3,870.00

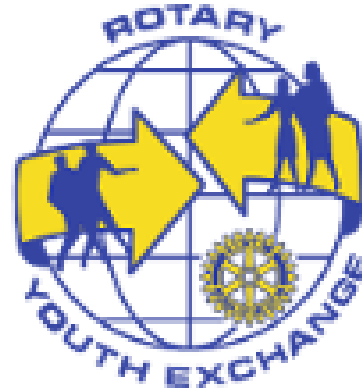
Donation Date 06/30/2014

Tax Information: The donor received no goods or services (in whole or in part) in exchange for this contribution. Contributions to the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation are deemed charitable under section 501(a) of the internal revenue code as an organization described in Section 501 (c) (3). US Federal Tax ID 20-4508753.

UNITED STATES TAX RECEIPT

Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation, Inc. c/o Andrea Luehmann, Treasurer
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www.paulharrishome.org (312) 372-3900

Rotary Youth Exchange



Rotary Youth Exchange - The Typical Exchange Student Is Atypical

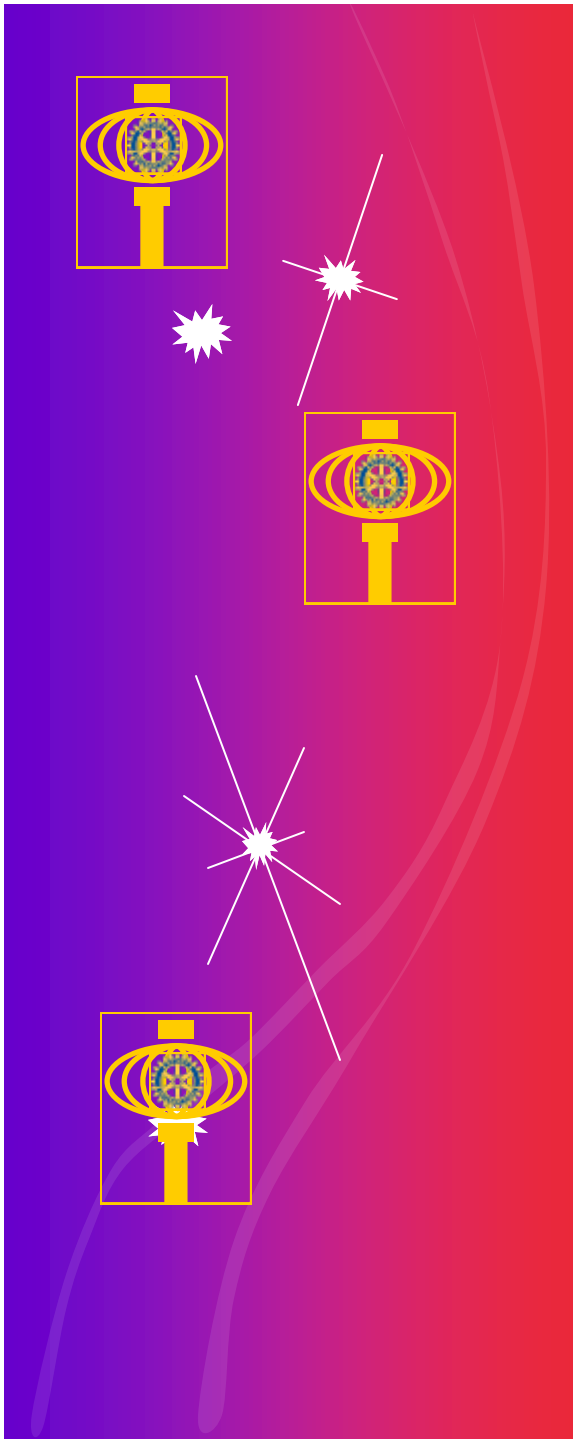
There is no such thing as a typical exchange student. Many types of kids can excel at exchange and not fit into any one mold.

The exchange experience, given a chance, will positively impact any student who completes the program. I often compare it to boot camp in the military. You go through both happy and unhappy emotional swings but in the end you exit the experience confident, self-assured and more mature. Add to this, you also come out of the experience as a man or woman of the world, multi-lingual and able to feel at home anywhere.

Some of our most successful exchange students don't fit any mold. We have had great students and not so great students doing great in the program. The fit, talented athletes and the out of shape do equally well. Extroverts and introverts complete the program. Funny, but introverts are much less introverted after the experience. One benefit everyone gets is an enhanced ability to make friends. You are forced to make friends just by the very nature of the experience.

People with positive outlooks do great on exchange, but I know of at least three nihilists who were fantastic exchange students and they were some of my favorite kids. You see a transformation in attitudes in the darker outlook kids.

One positive which always comes out of exchange is a question of what the student values most.



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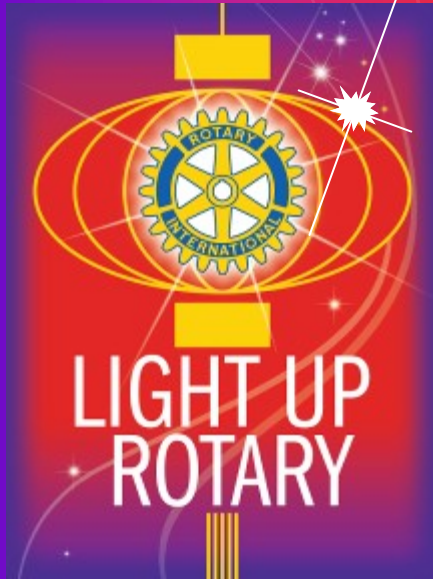
Exchange students find themselves putting a much higher value on experiences over material possessions. Especially travel and life experiences. They want to explore; they want to do things rather than own things. Family becomes very important to exchange students. School becomes a means to accomplish what they want to do.

Many students discover their ideal path of study, so they can enjoy their jobs as much as they did their exchange. Many become business people, or teachers, or medical professionals. Some go to the law, especially international law. A sizeable number go into foreign service or non-governmental organizations (NGOs) so they can have an impact on the world. Studying foreign languages and the related, study of teaching of English as a 2nd language (ESL) is growing in popularity because of the opportunity to work overseas, or work with foreign students.

If you know students at your local junior or high school (lower classmen), offer them the chance to look into exchange. The benefits of the program are life changing. A country kid can use it to experience an urban outlook. A city kids can discover the expanding vistas of the rural world. Don't think the B- student can't do it. For most of them it turns on the light in their brain which improves their scholarship.

Rotary Youth Exchange is also the most affordable of all the exchange programs. It's very doable for any student. It's actually considered a scholarship as the cost are very low.

Submitted by: Bill McMurray , Volunteer on the Committee



Club Activities

Baltimore:

Baltimore Ohio held their annual State of the Village address February 16th 2015. During the event Baltimore mayor Robert Kalish presented the Baltimore Ohio Rotary with a proclamation honoring the club for their service to the community.

At the podium, Mayor Robert M. Kalish presenting. Baltimore Rotarians from left to right accepted the certificate.

Mr. Brad Williams, Mr. Todd Osborn, Mrs. Irene DiPaolo, Pastor Joe Grubbs, and Mrs. Trudy Reeb,



Club Activities

Bethesda-Belmont-Morristown:

The Bethesda-Belmont-Morristown Rotary Club recently made a \$1000 investment in the education of the children at Union Local Elementary School (ULES) in Belmont, OH. The B-B-M Rotary Club pledged \$500, which was matched by the District 6690 Rotary Grant program, to be dedicated to ULES.

In a discussion with Principal Mrs. Dana Kendziorski, it was determined that video projectors would provide the most impact across the school. The video projectors will aid the teachers in their classroom instruction times. With the help of Mr. Jeff Bizzarri, ULSD Technology Director, three projectors were purchased with the \$1000 grant.

We appreciate the assistance and co-operation with our local Staples store, located at Valley Plaza Drive, St. Clairsville, OH

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Rotary International, founded by Paul Harris in 1905, is the world's first service organization. It is made up of 1.2 million business and professional leaders in more than 200 countries and territories, providing humanitarian service, building goodwill and peace in the world. Its main slogan is "Service Above Self," and Rotary is largely responsible for the nearly complete eradication of Polio from the face of the earth. Its main areas of focus include: Peace and conflict prevention and resolution, Disease prevention and treatment, Water and sanitation, Maternal and child health, Basic education and literacy, and Economic and community development.

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> BBM Rotary club was founded in 1949 and currently meets at the Epworth Center in Bethesda on Wednesdays from noon till 1pm.

> Pictured here are Union Local Elementary School Principal Mrs. Dana Kendziorski and Tim Snyder, 2014-2015 BBM Rotary President, and one of the three video projectors soon to be in use at ULES



Club Activities

Byesville:

Byesville is working on two spring projects. The first is participation in the Multi-Service club Food Drive which will take place March 21 at two locations in Cambridge—Riesbecks and Wal-Mart. The five service clubs in the county work together to collect food for 5 local food pantries.

Members from each service club will be staffing the collection sites for 1 hour shifts between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Riesbecks and Wal-Mart provide pre-packaged grocery bags for donations of \$5.00 and \$10.00. People can purchase a bag when they go through the store check-out line or donate cash to the service club volunteers who will use the donations to purchase pre-packed bags. The bags contain items that the food pantries considered the most needed by their clients.

Byesville is also preparing for its annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. An all you can eat breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, milk, and coffee plus a free photo with the Easter Bunny is provided for \$5.00. The kids get special bunny pancakes.

Submitted by: Shana Fair, PR .



Club Activities

Chillicothe First Capital:

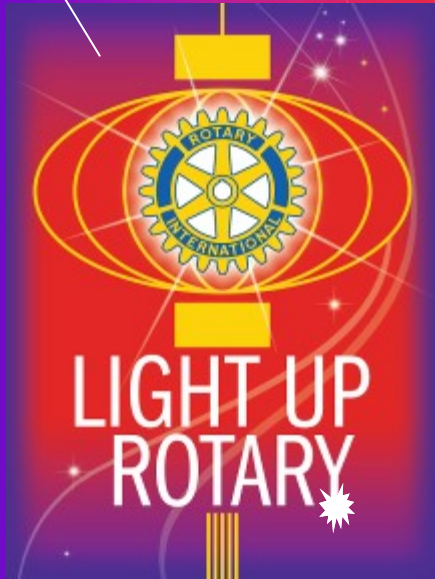
Good morning! Attached is a photo of two new members being inducted into First Capital Rotary at our January 22nd Meeting. The significance of this is we are now at 50 members and in the almost 23 years our clubs history we have never had 50 members.

Chillicothe First Capital Rotary is Growing!!! Our club was chartered in March of 1992 and we are fortunate enough to still have 5 charter members (Jon Lodge, John Sams, Steve Early, Hank Malone & Greg Kauffman) who are still very involved with our club. In the history of our club we have never had 50 members but as of January 22nd that all changed and we are not looking back.

We have lost a few members this year due to job changes which no longer give them time to be involved with our club. We understand and miss those folks, but have overcome those losses by inducted 6 members since July with 2 more proposed we expect to add in the coming weeks.

Our Goal is to be at 70 members someday and we believe our excitement for Rotary, commitment to community improvement through Service Projects and Fundraising will help get us there. I believe it doesn't hurt that we have an absolute blast at our Thursday morning 7:00 am meetings where you can find the Pump House Center for the Arts full of laughter and fellowship every week. We are all using our community connections to target and add business owners and leaders who want to "flat get things done" and improve our world!!!

Submitted by: Dave Huggins, President.



Club Activities

Columbus:

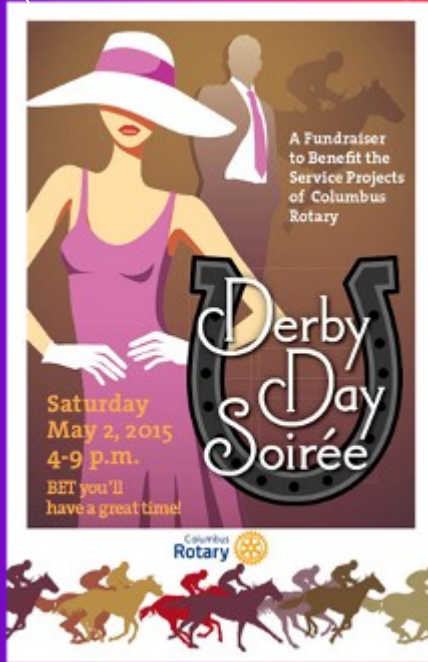
District 6690 Rotarians and their spouses are invited to join the festivities and watch the 141st running of the Kentucky Derby with Columbus Rotarians at its annual Derby Day Soiree on May 2 from 4-9 p.m. at the LifeCare Alliance Event Center, 670 Harmon Avenue, Columbus.

The Derby Day Soiree festivities include a silent and spirited live auction before the race. A buffet dinner and Kentucky Hot Browns, a Derby Day tradition, will be served. *(For you first-timers, the Kentucky Hot Browns were invented as a late night snack for the Derby crowd at the Brown Hotel in Louisville. It's an open face turkey, bacon and fresh tomato sandwich baked with cheese. YUM!)*

Proceeds from the Derby Day Soiree go to the Columbus Rotary Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to support a long list of humanitarian projects including an orphanage in Africa for children of parents who died of AIDS, the Homeless Families Foundation Recreation Center and self-esteem building programs and scholarships for Columbus City School children.

Ladies are encouraged to dress in their Derby attire complete with a fashionable hat, which historians claim brings "good luck."

Tickets for this fun and very sociable event are \$40 per person or \$500 for a reserved table of 8. To purchase tickets email Rotarians Dana Charlton, dcharlto@columbus.rr.com or JoAnne Schorsten, jschorsten@kw.com.



Club Activities

Dublin:

Helping Salvation Army at the Holidays



Dublin A.M. Rotarians once again showed their holiday spirit with Salvation Army Bell Ringing and Adopt a Family, benefiting families chosen by the Salvation Army and also by Dublin Counseling Center/Syntero. Thirty-eight people enjoyed a holiday this year that they might not otherwise have had.

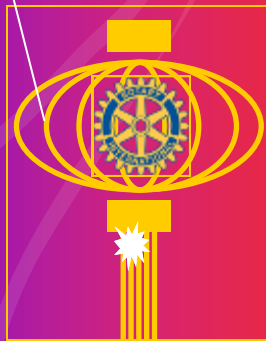
Between the Bell Ringing and our direct contributions, Dublin A.M. Rotary raised \$15,000 this year to benefit families in the holiday season. A special thanks are due to our Interact Clubs, as students from Dublin high schools took all the shifts on one Saturday of bell ringing.

Former Dublin A.M. Rotarian Sinan Yaykin provided photos from Batman, Turkey of a portable library created by donations from Dublin A.M. Rotary. Thanks, Sinan

Children there are enjoying books in an area that doesn't often see a library. Thanks to the International and Literacy Committees for using the power of Rotary to foster literacy. Speaking of literacy, Batman in this case isn't a typo or a superhero, it's the name of a town. But Rotarians can all feel like superheroes when they see this photo.

We have been joined by three wonderful new members: Steve, Mike, and Todd. Remember to give them Rotary welcomes as they start making contributions to Rotary and our community. Also, David Bentz has completed his introductory duties, removed his red badge, and has become a full-fledged Rotarian

Submitted by: Michael Blackwell.



Club Activities

Gallipolis:

On February 10 the Gallipolis Rotary celebrated Heart Month. Dedicated Rotarian Bonnie McFarland , RN, BSN Director, Community Health and Wellness, Holzer Health Systems, brought a nursing crew from Holzer Hospital to give Rotarians heart related checks and let us know how we are doing with our heart health.

All of us lead busy lives and were thankful for the preventive heart check and healthy living advice that the nursing staff gave us.

Then another dedicated Rotarian Shana Booher, Manager, Credentialing and Privileging at Holzer Health Systems, introduced her guest for the day - Ramesh Chandra, MD - Interventional Cardiologist. Dr. Chandra provided a very interesting presentation on the latest heart surgery and testing techniques. There were many questions from Rotarians, and we all felt much enlightened about heart health and medical procedures.

Bonnie topped off the all-star performance by the Holzer team by winning the Split-the-Pot drawing and donating her winnings back to the Rotary Foundation. Way to go Bonnie and all the Heart team from Holzer Health Systems!!

Submitted by: Kevin Den, Gallipolis Rotary President



Holzer heart team



Holzer heart team and Bill Koch



Ramesh Chandra, MD, Interventional Cardiologist at Holzer



Club Activities

Lancaster :

On Feb. 7, Lancaster Rotarians (from left) Heather Bower, Donna Stalter, Jodie Phayer, Kristin Ankrom and Ken Culver participated in the Rock N Bowl fundraiser to bowl for a cause. Our club along with other Rotary clubs supported Nationwide Childrens Hospital by bowling at this event. Special thanks to these Rotarians for making a difference.

The Lancaster Rotary Club raised \$2,500 from our Feb. 5 Rotary Regift Auction.

Submitted by: Angela Krile.



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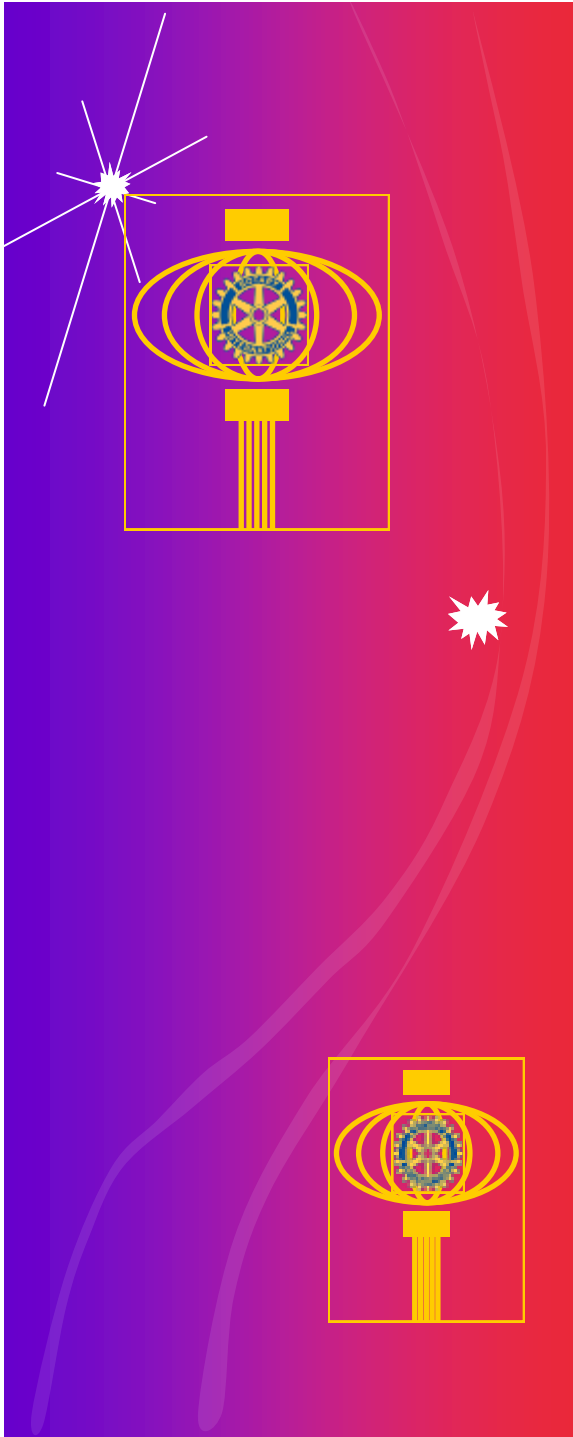
Auction

Club Activities

Newark:

Service Above Self Takes Many Forms

Newark Rotary stood out at the recent Licking County Chamber of Commerce Groundhog Breakfast with 800 community leaders in attendance. Rotarian Steve Layman won the John Alford Community Service Award. Rotarian Tony Adams was the Groundhog, dressed up as an economic forecaster.



Club Activities

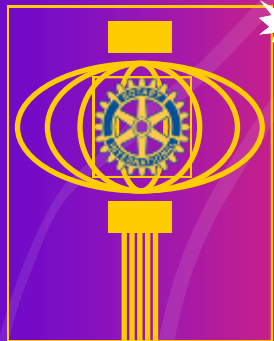
Short North (formerly Capitol Square):

Short North Rotary (formerly Cap Square Rotary) celebrated our official name change launch on January 15th at Denmark Bar downtown. Over 60 people attended and a great time was had by all.

Special thanks to our celebrity bartender Marshal McPeck from ABC news. The event raised over \$200 for the club and marked the beginning of an exciting new

Now our attention has turned to planning for the 10th annual "Music in the Round" event at Via Vecchia Winery March 7th! Musical guests include Happy Chichester, Josh Krajcik, Jared Mahone and Counterfeit Madison.

Show starts at 7pm with a silent auction before hand. Tickets are available now at MusicInTheRound.com



Club Activities

West Lafayette:

Rotary Club of West Lafayette Honors Two Deceased Members

The Rotary Club of West Lafayette honored two of its recently deceased members for their long years as Rotarians and their service to the community of West Lafayette and Coshocton County.

The families of Harold Ott And Clyde Zimmer attended the meeting. They listened and participated in a walk down memory lane about the qualities of each of these men that made them exemplary Rotarians. In honor of each man a plaque was hung on the Rotary meeting room wall. The plaque contains the member's name and Paul Harris medal.

Harold Ott family



Clyde Zimmer family



2015 District meetings and events

Feb. 23—Happy 110th Rotary International Birthday

March 13—Pre-PETS.

March 13-14—All Ohio PETs.

March 15—Rotary Rotary Day.

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

July 16-18—2015 RYLA Conference



Club events

February

World Understanding Month

March 1—Westerville Noon 2015 Annual Fish Fry and Bake.

March 7—Columbus Short North Music in the Round.

March 8—Whitehall-Bexley All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast.

March 14—Dublin AM Blarney Bash.

March 21—New Albany Annual Pancake Breakfast.

March 21—Byesville and Cambridge, Multi-Service Club Food Drive.

March 28—Byesville Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

Deadlines:

March 31— Submitting [Club President Presidential Citation Form](#)

April 1—Submitting **District Grants for 2015-16.** [Grant applications.](#)

April 19—Selected RYLA student registration due.



March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Westerville Noon Fish Fry and Bake	2	3	4	5	6	7 Columbus Short North Music in the Round
8 Whitehall-Bexley All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast	9	10	11	12	13 Pre PETs	14 Dublin AM Blarney Bash
						All Ohio PETs
15 District 6690 Rotary Day with the Columbus Blue Jackets	16	17	18	19	20	21 New Albany Pancake Breakfast Byesville and Cambridge Food Drive
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Byesville Breakfast with the Bunny
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