

January 2015



District 6690 News

District Governor's Message

Rotarians,

I hope this finds everyone staying warm and cozy, but still working hard to Light Up Rotary through these winter months. The holiday season was a special one in the Davies household this year and Kristi and I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season too.

This time of year is very busy for many clubs with special winter activities from Westerville Sunrise's Chilly Open to Athen's AM murder mystery dinner and a pancake breakfast in Ironton. There are many, many more so take time to check the district's event calendar to see what club activities are happening in your area and try to join fellow Rotarians in the fun and fellowship.



You may be noticing soon two new changes in club names. Recently, the RI board of directors confirmed the change of Columbus Capitol Square's club to the Rotary Club of Columbus Short North. The Short North club meets odd Tuesdays in the North Room in Yankee on High, 463 N High Street, directly across from the Columbus Convention Center.

Another change was in Canal Winchester. As those members continue to serve their community and adjoining Groveport it became apparent that combining those two communities under one club name was the right thing to do. So we welcome the newly changed Canal Winchester club as the Rotary Club of Canal Winchester-Groveport Area. This club continues to meet at the Shades On The Canal Restaurant, 19 S. High St., in Canal Winchester Thursdays at noon. We wish the very best to these two clubs as they begin to build their new brand and identity.

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Another club in the Columbus area has changed locations of their regular meetings. The Rotary Club of Upper Arlington is now meeting at the Scioto Country Club, 2196 Riverside Dr., on Tuesdays at noon.

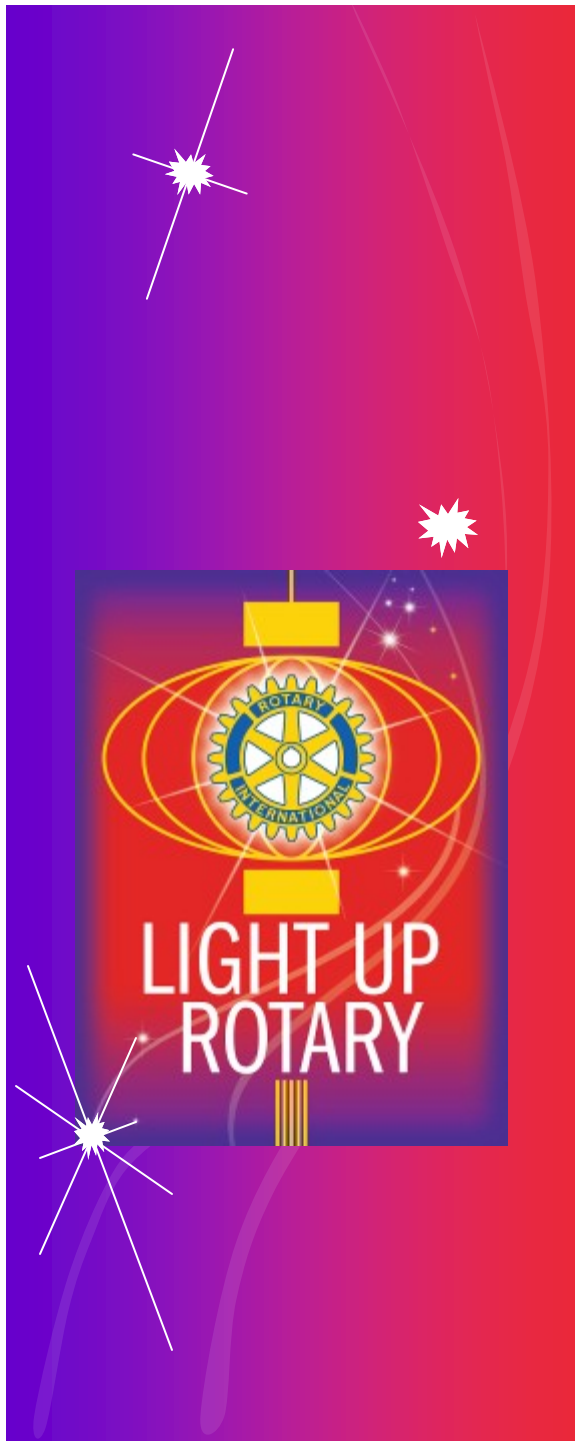
You know, it's almost hard to believe this Rotary year is more than half over. And it has been such a blessing to serve as your District Governor. Right now, club presidents-elect should be thinking about their upcoming year and current presidents begin to wind down theirs.

All-Ohio PETS is just around the corner and I want to encourage all presidents-elect to register now for this great training weekend March 13-14. To help celebrate this weekend and to host our district's Rotary Day, I've scheduled a special celebration with the Columbus Blue Jackets for Sunday, March 15 at 5 PM. More information is included in this newsletter and I hope everyone can attend.

This is also a busy time for your district leadership team to get prepared for their upcoming terms. District Governor Elect Tara has just returned from a week-long training session at the International Assembly in San Diego. For Kristi and me, this was one of the highlights of our Rotary journey. I'm positive that Tara came back to the Buckeye state with new energy and new ideas as she prepares to lead our district under a new theme for 2015-16. Tara has included a special message about her trip and next year's theme – Be A Gift To The World.

Thanks again everyone for all you do! You are changing lives in your hometowns and hometowns around the world. Keep up the good work as we, together, Light Up Rotary!

Randy Davies, District Governor 2014-15



**A message from:
District Governor Elect Tara Craaybeek**

I arrived in San Diego Sunday afternoon ready for International Assembly, feeling slightly arrogant that there was little more that I could learn about Rotary. I learned quickly how wrong I was!

From the very first discussion around the dinner table Sunday night to the Idea Exchanges and Workshops with fellow DGE's from around the world that followed, my eyes have been opened to all that Rotary is, all that Rotary does, and all that Rotary can be. I have learned that there are many things that we do

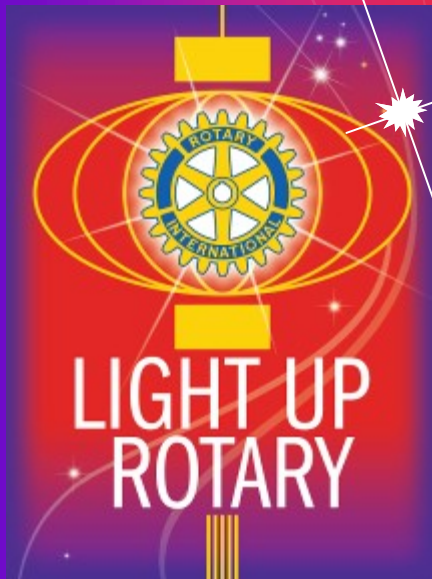
I have had the opportunity to meet many of Rotary's leaders, including RI President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, and I am confident that we are in good hands for the coming year. This has been an exciting time for me and I am anxious to share my experiences with all of you. Rotarians of District 6690 are very special and are truly a gift to the world - let's share our gifts unselfishly!

Looking forward to serving you in 2015-16,

Tara
DGE District 6690



District 6690 Rotarians—You are invited—





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

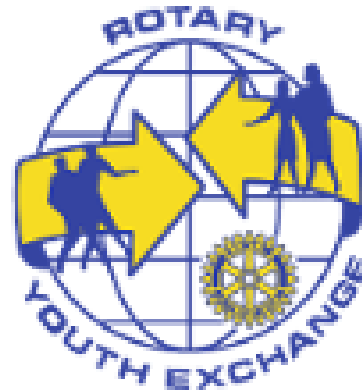
For more information, please contact James Garland at 614-246-3280 or jgarland@bluejackets.com

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 1-866-300-7275



JOIN THE BATTLE

Rotary Youth Exchange



Understanding Cultural Differences Through Rotary Exchange

Misunderstandings between our American Culture and other cultures are rampant in our society because we aren't really exposed to the intricacies of other cultures very often. RYE (Rotary Youth Exchange) is an excellent way to find bridges over that gap between America and other cultures.

What seemed weird and different melts away after you actually become acquainted with and close to someone from other places. It's the main reason you would want to send your child on a Rotary Youth Exchange because exchange is THE way to breakdown stereotypes and misunderstandings. What seems foreign stops being foreign and becomes normal after a very short exposure.

Having an exchange student in your home brings this to light quickly. Most people stop seeing differences and familiarity breeds understanding and love. Your children and grandchildren don't look at your exchange student as a "foreigner" but as an important member of your extended family.

Having Moslem student from Kyrgyzstan or Turkey helps you to understand that being Moslem doesn't mean that followers of the Koran are terrorists or even Anti-American. Having an Asian student become part of your family means you learn to appreciate the rich and friendly culture of those countries. The warmth, friendly South American student might add a exciting to spark to your daily life.

The internet has made the world a very small place and once you have experienced the joy of having an exchange student in your house, you can still stay connected with him or her through Facebook, Skype, email and Twitter.

Rotary Youth Exchange, con't

Outbound exchange students (our kids going overseas) get a very quick lesson that the USA isn't the cultural center of the universe. Once you are immersed into another country you must adapt quickly and work at improving your language skills. You also need to learn about how to live in another country as a national of that country. If you are in Turkey you have to start thinking like a Turk, or as a Brazilian in Brazil, or as a German in Germany. You have to be very present in the society and not have your mind lounging back in the USA. You also have to be proactive. We call it the "6 B's".

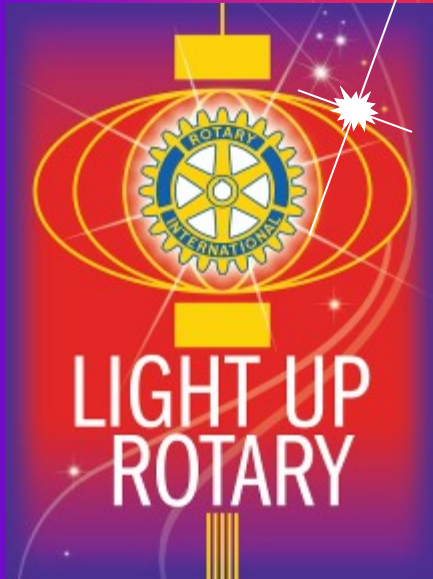
1. Be First
2. Be Curious
3. Be on Purpose
4. Be Grateful
5. Be of Service
6. Be Here Now

These are key elements in succeeding as an exchange student. They are also not a bad way to live and most exchange students carry this advice into their daily lives after exchange.

Become part of this. Host a student. Urge your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews and kids of your friends to apply for the International High School Scholarships offered by District 6690.

More information can be found at <http://www.rye6690.org>.

Submitted by: Bill McMurray , Volunteer on the Committee





[Club Sponsorship Agreement Form](#)

More information:
ryla@district6690.org

RYLA

2015 RYLA CONFERENCE
July 16th - 18th
Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

Important Deadlines to Remember...
February 15th
Club Sponsorship, Agreement Form & Payment Due
April 19th
Selected Student Registrations Due

Change in Age Requirement:
Now accepting students that will be entering their Junior or Senior Year!

Log on to www.ryla6690.org to complete the form

For More Information Email... ryla@district6690.org

Club Activities

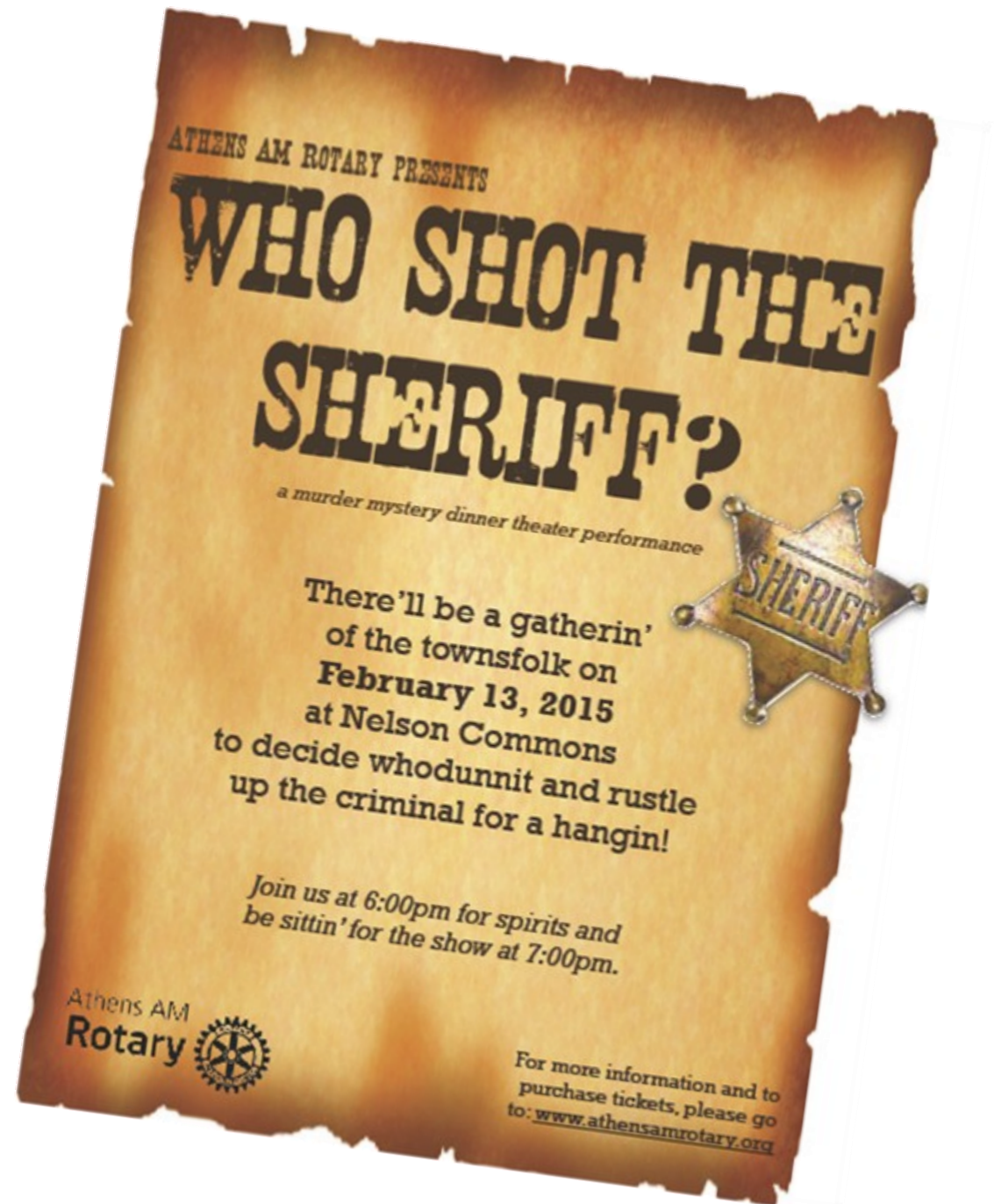
Athens AM:

The Athens AM Rotary Club's signature event for the 5th year running is a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater on February 13, 2015. The club's favorite local Rotarians appear on stage to raise money for the club's favorite local projects. The 2015 production is "Who Shot the Sheriff."

Submitted by: Jenny Stotts.

Get more information and purchase tickets here:

<http://www.athensamrotary.org>



Club Activities

Byesville:

Byesville Rotarians held their annual Breakfast with Santa celebration. Club members served pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice.

Breakfast tickets cost \$5.00. Breakfast for children 5 and under is free with the purchase of an adult breakfast. Pictures with are used by the club to support local service projects.

Santa Claus (aka the club's own Jim Vaughan) attended the breakfast to meet with any child wanting to talk to him. Children were served special snowman shaped pancakes.

This is one of the club members' favorite fundraisers. This year the club served breakfast to almost 200 people and netted about \$800. The generous support of local businesses meant that most of the breakfast ingredients were donated.

Pictured: 1) Club cooks at work on the pancakes. 2) More cooks at the sausage and scrambled egg stations. 3) Mrs. Claus (Sharon Miller) and an Interact elf. 4) Santa himself with two cuties. 5) The whole, happy gang.

Submitted by: Shana Fair



Club Activities

Chillicothe:

We have had a productive month as we inducted 2 new members. John O'Connor and Kathy Whalen have joined our club as we continue to Light Up Rotary.

We also held a Christmas party for 25 children and enjoyed sharing the Spirit of Christmas through gifts for kids.

Submitted by: Dave Tener,



Club Activities

Columbus Rotary:

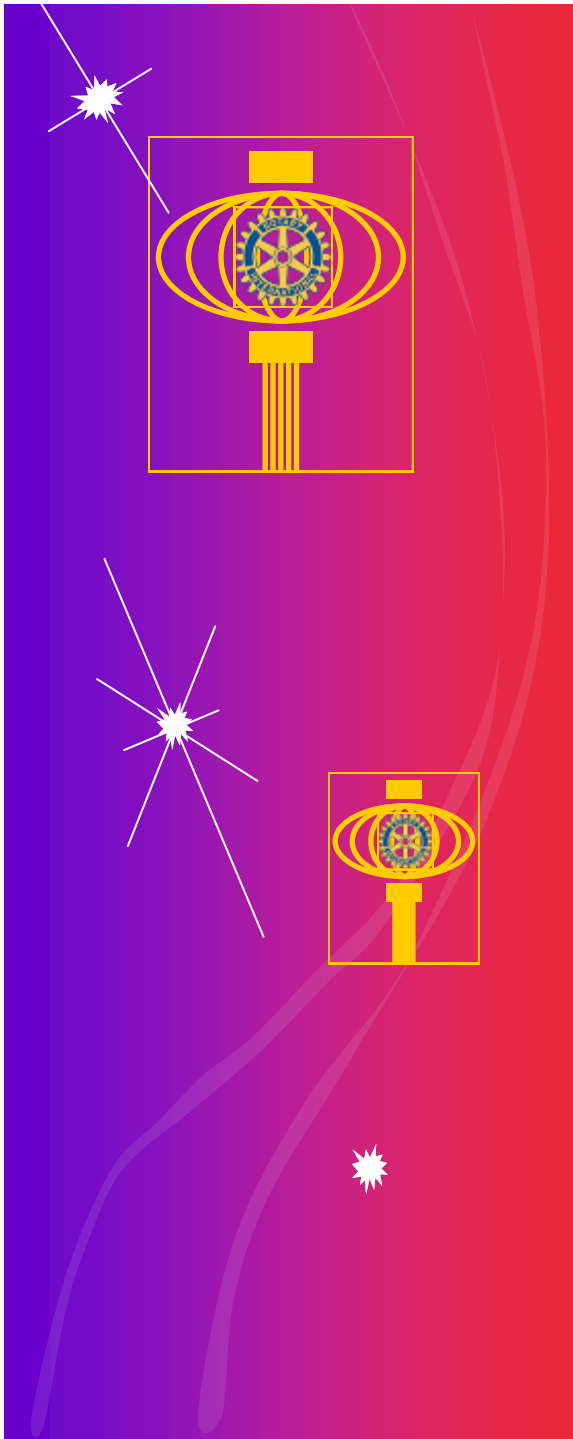
While the icy temperatures of winter still have a grip on District 6690, Columbus Rotary is thinking “summer sunshine” as it begins seeking additional financial support for its Summer Scholars Program.

Unfortunately, many gifted students from financially challenged families do not have an opportunity during summer break to explore their special talents through summer enrichment programs. That’s where Summer Scholars comes in. In conjunction with Columbus Public Schools, Rotarians review proposals from students in grades 4-11 who have their heart set on attending various summer camps offered in math, science, technology, music and painting, to name a few.

To appreciate the value of the Summer Scholars, Rotarians only need to read the many thank-you notes sent by participants. For example, Taylor H., grade 8, wrote about his experience dissecting a pig and “learning so much about the nervous, respiratory and other systems.” Carly F., grade 8, thanked Rotary for her Be-Wise scholarship that enabled her to “meet other girls who share the same interest as I do in math and science. I made new friends and learned about things I didn’t get to learn in class.”

During the past 16 years, more than 900 gifted students have benefited from the Summer Scholars program. Today, the popularity of the Summer Scholars Program has grown so much that additional financial supporters are being recruited to increase the \$15,000 contribution by Columbus Rotary to \$25,000.

If you would like to investigate starting a Summer Scholars Program for your Rotary Club or would like to sponsor a summer scholarship through Columbus Rotary, contact Steve Sundre, Columbus Rotary Scholarship Chair at sundre@schoolmatch.com.



Club Activities

Gahanna:

The Gahanna Rotary sent gifts to two "AngelWorks" families in need. This particular event is called Project Claus.

One child is suffering from neuroblastoma and another is also suffering from cancer. They all greatly appreciated their gifts as did their parents.



Club Activities

Gallipolis:

Gallipolis Rotary Christmas Fellowship

On December 16 the Gallipolis Rotary Club enjoyed a great evening of fellowship at their annual Christmas dinner. The venue was the historic Ariel theater in downtown Gallipolis - thank you Ariel Board member Mel Simon for procuring it. The evening started with a time of fellowship, and a wonderful meal was served by the Emblem Club. Rotarian Shana Booher has a connection there - her mother Kitty Davis is a leader of that group. Thanks Shana for arranging the meal. Outstanding entertainment was provided by Phoenix, the show choir from River Valley High School. This energetic group of singers and dancers delighted us all with their songs of the season and other presentations. Thanks to PP Margaret Evans for arranging their visit.

PDG Mel Simon led the program with a history of the Paul Harris Fellow awards, and Rotarian Lorelee Carmichael was presented with her PHF award by Mel, assisted by Margaret Evans. Jim Morrison led a remembrance of Bernie Niehm, a long time Rotarian who recently passed away. Margaret Evans talked about the Spirit of giving with Rotary coin boxes and is introducing a smaller, more user friendly box for 2015. The ornament exchange was held, and the exquisite taste of our Rotarians was on display with the beautiful ornaments exchanged. President Kevin Dennis ended our time together with a sharing by Rotarians of Christmas celebrations past. It was very interesting that with all the comfortable living most of us are able to enjoy, the greatest memories came from earlier years when a little at Christmas meant a lot. The spirit of Christmas - giving - as exemplified by the first and greatest gift - the God man born in a lowly barn to die for all mankind!

We truly had a Merry Christmas!!

Pictured: 1) Lorelee Carmichael, Gallipolis club's newest Paul Harris 2) Phoenix Show Choir. 3) President Kevin encouraging young people.

Submitted by: Kevin Den, Gallipolis Rotary President



Club Activities

Lancaster :

On Dec. 17, the Lancaster Rotary Club donated \$200 to the Sharing Hope Leadership Team in Fairfield County to buy Christmas gifts for those in need. This group works with community members living in poverty to help them build positive relationships to lift them out of poverty.

"We utilize the Bridges Out of Poverty and Getting Ahead in a Just Getting By World curriculum to build relationships between the community members who want to be a part of the solution and community members living in poverty," said Kristin Ankrom, Information and Referral executive director and Lancaster Rotarian. "We have had much success over the past couple of years and can't thank Rotary enough for this donation."

The holidays can bring a lot of stress to families in poverty, therefore, the group planned a Christmas dinner to hand out presents to them. "Rotary is a strong supporter of the Lancaster community and we felt a need to help those struggling during the holidays by donating to this cause," said Donna Stalter, Rotary president. "The Sharing Hope Leadership Team shares the same goals as we do to promote a better community and life for people."

Pictured (from left) are: Bill Haase, Rotarian; Donna Stalter, Rotary president; Rev. Robert McDowell, First United Methodist Church Senior Pastor; and Kristin Ankrom, Information and Referral executive director and Rotarian.



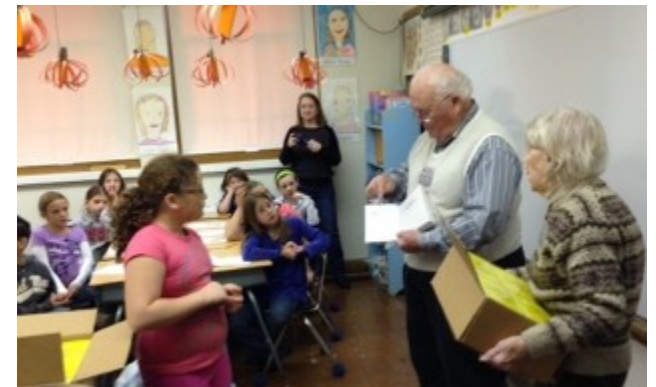
Club Activities

The Lancaster Rotary Club welcomed new member Nicole Davids of Ohio Christian University at its meeting December 8. Davis was welcomed into the club by Membership Chair Jay Nauman and sponsor Travis Markwood.



The Lancaster Rotary Club distributed dictionaries to Lancaster elementary schools to help promote literacy throughout the community. Pictured: John, Niko and Donna displaying dictionaries to be distributed.

Submitted by: Angela Krile.



Club Activities

Nelsonville:

Our annual international dinner will be held at the Hocking College Student Center on March 21. For tickets and more information, contact Cindy Baden at cindysbaden@aol.com or the Nelsonville Rotary Club website. MORE INFO TO COME

Submitted by: Cindy Baden



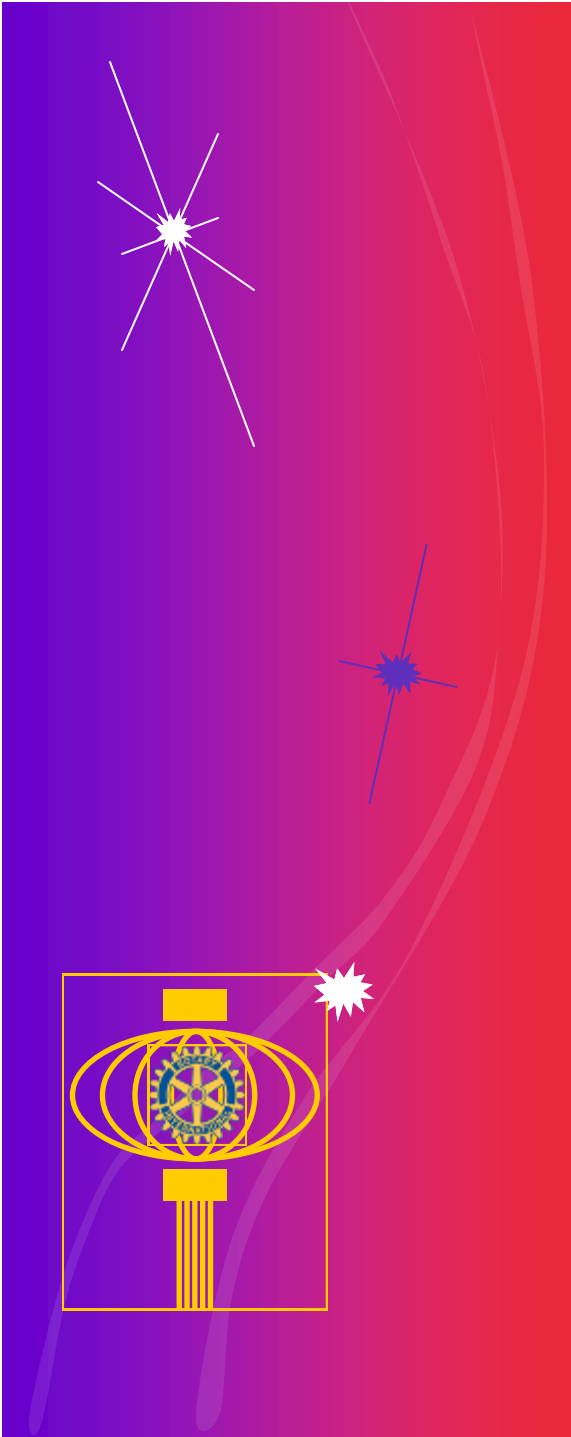
New Albany:

January was a month of celebration for the New Albany Club. We just came off a fantastic calendar year as a club, as well as individually.

Although we lost one of our own in October, we were given the chance to celebrate P Hollern's life, as The New Albany Girls Basketball Team put together a memorial/tribute for Pat prior to one of their games. As a club, we showed up in great numbers to show our support for Pat, his wife, and his daughter. It was truly an honor to be a part of this. And to hear all the kind words spoken, and all the great things Pat did for the basketball program, it was hard to keep a dry eye. We will continue to do great things as a club and will always strive to make Pat proud.

As 2015 rolls on, the New Albany Club has done a great job of lining up guest speakers as well as putting together a variety of service projects for the upcoming months. It's going to be a great year!

Submitted by: Jan-Michael Gintz



Club Activities

Westerville:

Join the Westerville Sunrise Rotary at the “Best Winter Party in Town!”

The Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club will present its 19th annual Chilly Open fundraising event on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium from noon to 5:00 p.m. This family-oriented event features food from over 30 local restaurants, live music provided by The Debits, silent auctions, live auctions, raffles, The Children’s Open with supervised entertainment in the Activity Pavilion of the Zoo and other zoo-wide entertainment, with all proceeds going to area children’s charities. The event is sponsored by Kroger and Papa John’s and hosted by local celebrities Dom Tiberi of WBNS 10TV and Woody Johnson of WCOL 92.3.

In its previous 18 years, this fundraising event has raised over \$2.2 million with 100% of the proceeds donated to area children’s charities such as The Children’s Hunger Alliance, Mount Carmel St. Ann’s, The Ohio Troopers Coalition, W.A.R.M. (Westerville Area Resource Ministry), Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Buckeye Ranch, Maria Tiberi Foundation, St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, the Ubumwe Community Center in Rwanda, Africa, and the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Foundation.

Tickets are \$45 and may be purchased in advance on the event web site www.chillyopen.org and at the Zoo on the day of the event; a \$5 discount coupons will be available in The Columbus Dispatch. Parking at the Zoo will be discounted to \$5 per vehicle. Children 12 and under may attend free when accompanying an event ticketholder. The purchase of an event ticket includes free admittance to the Zoo and all its exhibits for the entire day, free food from 30 restaurants, drink coupons, free carousel rides for children, live music and a coupon for a free large Papa John’s pizza of their choice for every paid adult ticket purchased before January 31st.

Please visit the Chilly Open event web site at www.chillyopen.org or the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium web site at www.columbuszoo.org for additional information.





2015 District meetings and events

Feb. 23—Happy 110 Rotary Birthday.

March 13—Pre-PETS.

March 13-15—All Ohio PETs.

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

July 16-18—2015 RYLA Conference

October 23-24—District Conference.

Club events

February World Understanding Month

Feb. 7—Dublin Polar Bear Open.

Feb. 7—Westerville Sunrise Chilly Open.

Feb. 7—Gahanna Rotary Auction.

Feb. 7—Worthington AM “Thaw Your Heart Out.”

Feb. 13—Athens AM “Murder Mystery 2015.”

Deadlines:

February 15—February newsletter—
Send to: ri.district.6690@gmail.com

February 15—[RYLA Club Sponsorship Agreement Form](#) and payment due.

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.



February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Dublin Polar Bear Open Westerville Sunrise Chilly Open Gahanna Auction Worthington AM "Thaw Your Heart"
8	9	10	11	12	13 Athens AM "Murder Mystery 2015"	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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