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June 2015

District 6690 News



District Governor's Message

Rotarians,

I can't believe this year has pasted by so quickly!

When Kristi and I began this journey along the Rotary Road we weren't sure where it would take us, who we would meet, the experiences we would encounter or the lives we would see touched. But looking back over our Light Up Rotary years has been amazing. We have met so many new friends from our own district and around the world. We've seen lives changed and communities brought together through the hard work and dedication of our Rotarians.



This has truly been a blessing for both of us.

Rotary International President Gary C.K. Huang said earlier this month in his remarks at the International Conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil, that he wishes he could share with everyone what he has seen with his own eyes this year. I feel the same way. There is no describing all of the experiences, notes, conversations, fellowships, fundraisers, service projects...and so much more.

All I can say is "thank you" for doing what I asked as I shared with you during my official visits; make a difference in your Rotary clubs and be the difference in your community. We all can be that person who reaches out and extends a helping hand, either by giving or by doing. And you have done that remarkably this year.

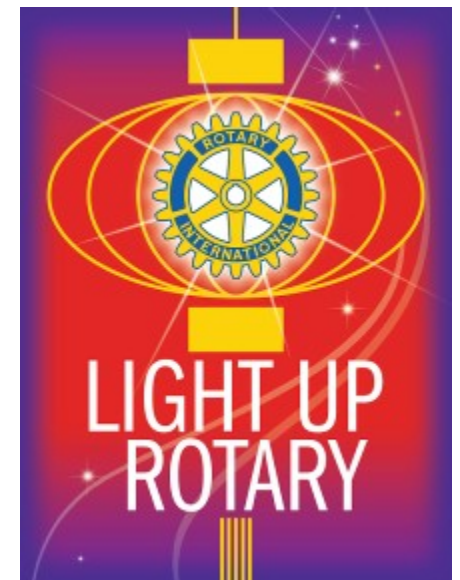
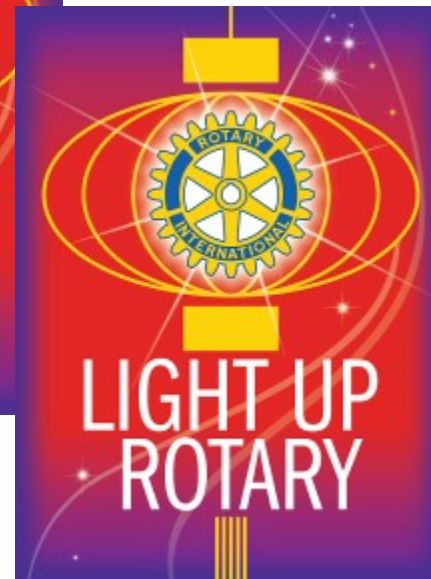
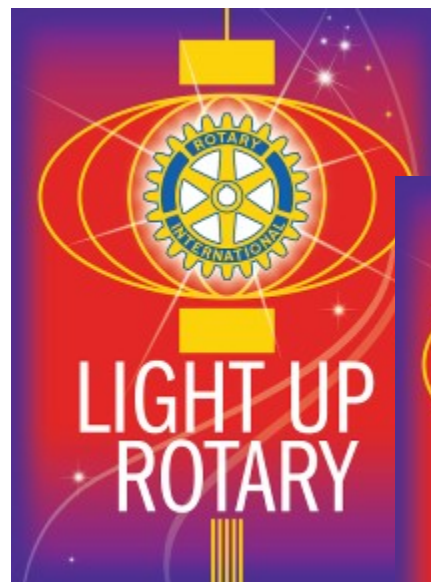
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As we transition into the new Rotary year there will be new ideas, new experiences, and new opportunities that will occur. I want to wish District Governor 2015-16 Tara Craaybeek and her family the very best. Her leadership and that of our world-class District team will continue to do great things.

On behalf of my First Lady, Kristi, and my entire family...thank you all for making 2014-15 the best year of my life. You not only worked to Light Up Rotary, but you filled my life with a light of service that I will never forget.

Thanks again for your hard work and dedication to Light Up Rotary.

Randy Davies, District Governor 2014-15



Memories from the 2015 Rotary International Conference in San Paulo



Club Activities

Zanesville :

Zanesville Centennial Celebration a Spectacular Success

On May 15th nearly 300 Rotarians and guests enjoyed the entertaining and meaningful celebration of their 100th anniversary at Zane State University. Event Chairman Elden Hudson and his group of committees organized an event that was befitting of a Centennial celebration!

Highlighting the evening was the passionate address made by Rotary International Immediate Past President Ron Burton. One important theme of his address was how to meet the challenge of maintaining and increasing membership. His advice of inviting prospective members to a project, rather than a lunch, to engage in them in our Rotary spirit was priceless. He challenged us to “stretch our limits” by committing to sponsor at least one new member this year.

Other speakers included Past District Governor T. D. Griley, District Governor Randy Davies and Club President Paul McClelland.

You can view the event at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkpiVSTZOmg>

The Zanesville Noon Club is now looking forward to their “Second Century”!



Club Activities

Pataskala:

Pataskala held their annual Flags over Pataskala Golf Outing June 11 and their Rotary Day on June 14th. The club will hold an induction picnic on June 30th 6:30pm at the residence of Bart Weiler.

Submitted by: Bart Weiler



Gahanna:

Gahanna Rotary President Brian Timm presented a \$10,000 check to Gahanna Residents in Need (GRIN) Executive Director Brenda Johnston. The funds were raised at Gahanna Rotary Auction Night this past February. The Gahanna Rotary Club has donated over \$20,000 to GRIN over the last 5 years.

For more information about the Gahanna Rotary Club please visit gahannarotary.org or contact Brian Timm at 614 397-5470.

To learn more about how you can support GRIN please visit GRIN4Gahanna.org or call (614) 214-4747.



Club Activities

Westerville Sunrise:

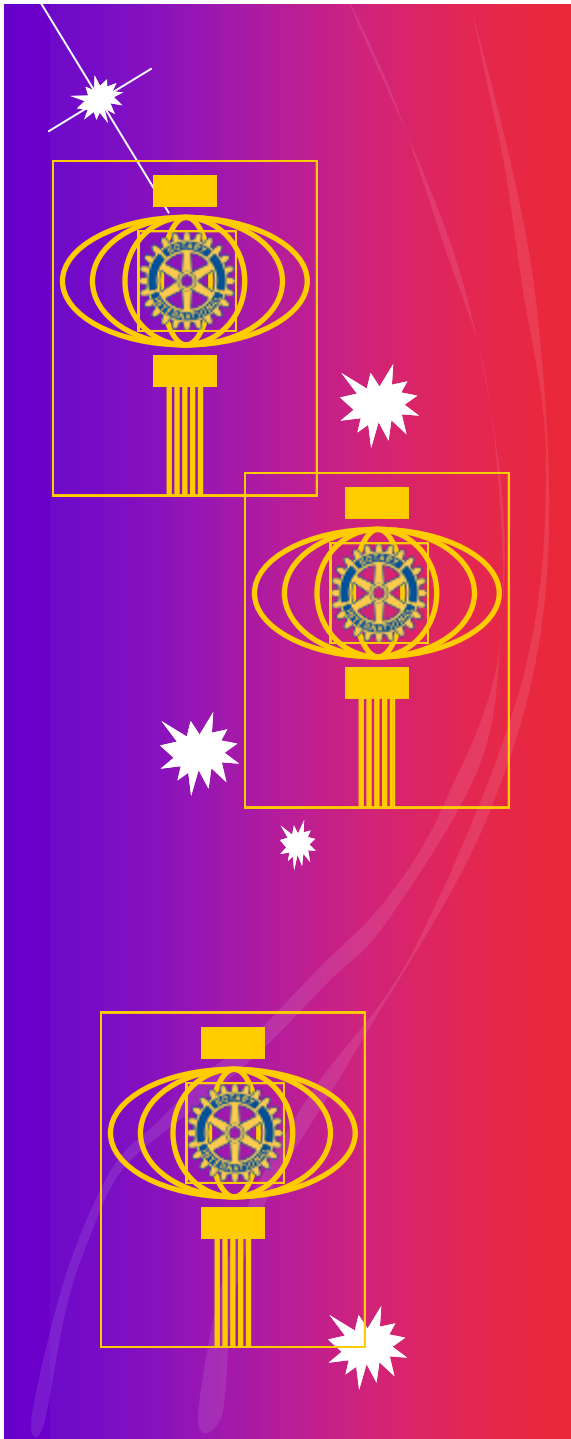
The Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club organized its 19th Annual Chilly Open fundraising event on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. This family-oriented event brought in nearly 3,000 attendees and featured food from 23 area restaurants with three new restaurants stepping up to join the event. A crowd favorite, Papa John's, gave out around 200 pizzas and Skyline gave nearly 2,000 chili dogs all while The Debits kept the crowd energized with live music.

There was a wonderful silent auction with many great items to bid on. This year's live auctions were able to bring in nearly \$13,000 thanks to the help from Frankie Hejduk of the Columbus Crew. The crowd was also entertained by local celebrities Dom Tiberi of WBNS 10TV and Woody Johnson of WCOL 92.3. The number of families attending this event continues to rise thanks to the Children's Open always being a huge hit with supervised entertainment in the Activity Pavilion of the Zoo.

The event had wonderful media coverage again this year with donated cost at nearly \$300,000! There were 116 video clips shown on WBNS 10TV, over 280 live promotion announcements made on WCOL 92.3 during their community breaks and in e-blasts and website ads. ClearChannel Outdoor provided over 840,000 digital ads and helped develop a consistent image to use throughout promotions. Columbus Monthly, Columbus ALIVE!, and Columbus Parent all ran ads for the event. The Westerville Magazine ran a 2-page spread about the history of The Chilly Open. The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium ran an ad in the Beastly Banner Publication which reaches 65,000 homes, an ad in the Beastly Bytes which goes out to 45,000 email addresses, and had an ad on their website which averages 150,000 monthly visits.

Over the course of 19 years, the Chilly Open has raised over \$2.4 million. The Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club organizes this event, so all proceeds go to area children's charities such as The Children's Hunger Alliance, The Ohio Trooper's Caring Fund, The Maria Tiberi Foundation, Mount Carmel St. Ann's, W.A.R.M., The Buckeye Ranch, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, and the Ubumwe Community Center in Rwanda, Africa. Together, we have made a positive impact on the lives of many children in our area.

Please visit the Chilly Open event web site at www.chillyopen.org for additional information. We hope to see you at next year's event on February 6, 2016 at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium!



Club Activities

Newark:

Newark Rotary Poised to Celebrate 100 Years with Playground Expansion Legacy Project

In preparation for its 100th anniversary in December 2016, the Newark Rotary Club will expand Rotary Park in Newark, including improvements to the popular Rotary Accessible Playground built in 2005.

The goal of the improvements is accommodating more groups, expanding parking and creating a new, safer entrance. Newark Rotary members unanimously voted to proceed with the estimated \$500,000 investment. The existing pavilion, built in 1998, is frequently too busy with scheduled groups arriving to find others already using the facility. A new smaller pavilion (first-come, first-served) is proposed along with six picnic pods with seating for up to 12 people each.

A May 2015 groundbreaking ceremony saw Newark Mayor Jeff Hall, Newark Rotary President Ed Bohren, and 100-Year Committee Chairman Jack Neely kick off the project.

Submitted by: Rick Platt



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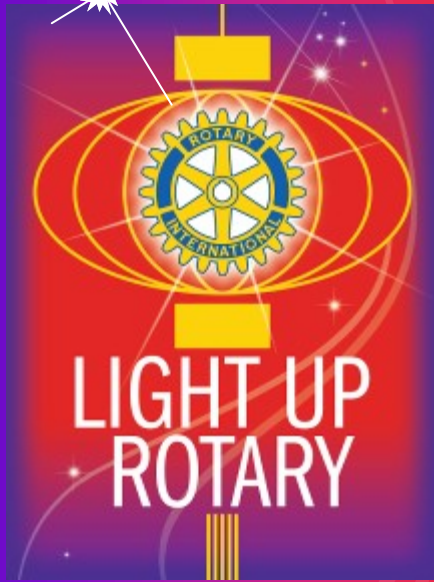
Whitehall/Bexley:

On Friday, May 29, 2015, the Whitehall/Bexley Rotary Club awarded eight \$1,500 scholarships to seven East Side graduating High School Seniors and a Capital University student at the club's regular luncheon meeting at the Columbus Country Club.

Stephen Brubaker, a Whitehall/Bexley Rotary member, Past Club President and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee recognized each scholarship recipient and their families during the awards ceremony.

These scholarships are funded by the Whitehall/Bexley Rotary Foundation, a charitable foundation dedicated to supporting community service in our East Side Community.

Scholarship winners are pictured below. They are from left to right Nicolas Rosales (Whitehall/Yearling); Evan Cook (Bexley) Daijona Hedrick (Walnut Ridge); Emily Franz (Bishop Hartley); Mary Ojerinde (Eastmoor Academy); Cristina Cross (Capital University); and Andrew Dinapoli (St. Charles). Sangita Biswas (Columbus School for Girls) was unable to attend the meeting. Stephen Brubaker is behind the students.



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



**July is
Light Up Rotary
month**

2015 District meetings and events

**July 2—Tara Craaybeek, District Governor
2015-16, Installation Banquet.**

July 16-18—2015 RYLA Conference

October 23-24—District Conference.

Club events

June

June 27—Byesville Rotary Chicken BBQ.

July

July 3— Granville Rotary Bridge Dedication.

July 3—Columbus Rotary Red, White, and Boom
at the Boat House.

July 4—Granville Rotary 42ed Annual Firecracker
Five.

July 4—Westerville Rotary Annual July 4th Parade
and Fireworks.

July 4—Hillard Rotary Freedom Run.



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