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March 2015

## District 6690 News

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

Rotarians,

March came in like a lion and out like lamb and now we're awaiting those April showers. Time is moving by so fast and I know you have been busy preparing for spring activities and working hard on year-end projects and goals.

Thanks to all of those clubs who were able to complete their application for Presidential Citations. And to all of the Presidents Elect and their spouses/partners who attended Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS), thank you and I hope you had a great weekend of training. As you prepare for your year, your current president is working hard to complete theirs. Don't forget to work together over the next few weeks to get committees ready and as July 1<sup>st</sup> rolls around, the smooth transition can take place.

In this newsletter you will find information about the upcoming Five Avenues of Service seminar at Zane State in Zanesville. This is our District Assembly, and I hope as many as possible from each club can plan to attend. You won't be disappointed. Have a great spring and I hope to see you soon.

Randy Davies, District Governor 2014-15



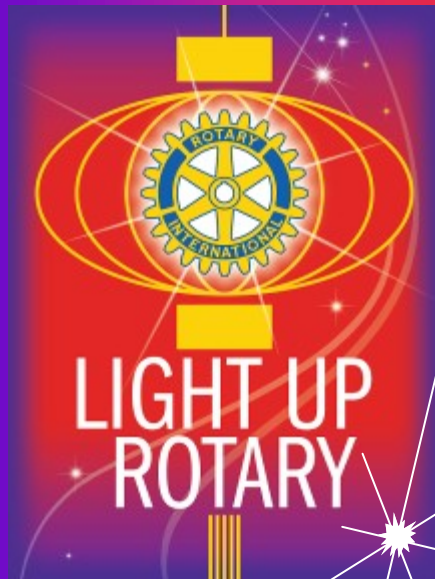
## District Assembly 2015

**Sign up now.**  
**See you there!!!**

**Who** should sign up:

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

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



### **What:** District Assembly Five Avenues of Service Training

- **Club Service**

- Help your club thrive.
- Build strong relationships.
- Create an active membership development plan.

- **Vocational Service**

- Call on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.
- Learn more:
  - [An Introduction to Vocational Service](#)
  - [Code of Conduct](#).

- **Community Service:**

- Encourage every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.
- Learn more:
  - [Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects](#)
  - [Community Service presentation \(PPT\)](#).

## District Assembly 2015



### • International Service:

- Help RI promote peace and understanding on a global level.
- Support this service avenue by—
  - Sponsoring or volunteering on international projects,
  - Seeking partners abroad, and more.

### • Youth Service :

- Recognize the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs.
- Learn more:
  - [Rotaract](#),
  - [Interact](#),
  - [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#), and
  - [Rotary Youth Exchange](#)

### When:

- Saturday, April 25
- 8:30am—12N

### Where:

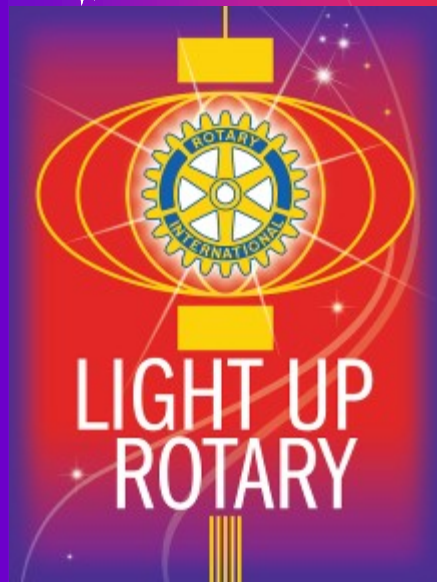
- Zane State
- Zanesville

### 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.](#)



## Four-Way Test Speech Contest

The District Four-Way Test Speech Contest will be held on Saturday, April 25, at the District Assembly at Zane State.

Prizes on the District level are:

- First place—\$500.00.
- Second place—\$400.00.
- Third place—\$300.00.

The deadline for registering a participant is April 18. Rules and forms are available on the District 6690 website under the “[Avenues of Service](#)” tab.

High school students who wish to participate at the District level must win a District 6690 Rotary Club contest.

Students who participated last year may participate again. They must present a different speech from the one presented in 2014.

Please review the rules carefully this year. There is 1 rule change—participants may use notes. A second change is the addition of an essay contest. There will be a separate attachment covering this change.

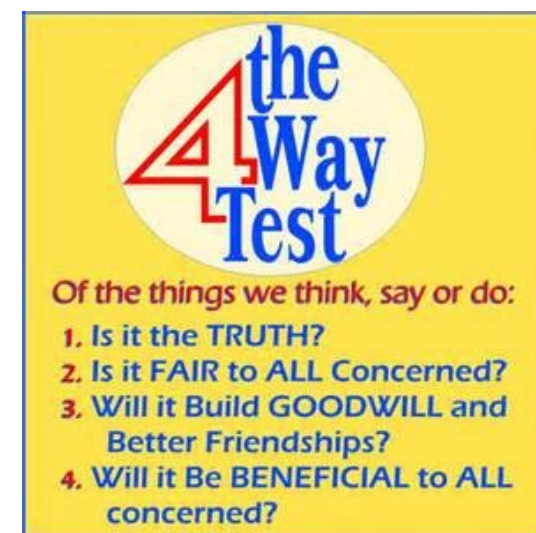
Direct any questions to:

Nelson D. Coleman

Chillicothe Rotary

Chair, Four-Way Test Speech Contest Committee

[Fourwaytest6690.net](http://Fourwaytest6690.net)





## Club Activities

### Zanesville Noon:

#### Excitement Builds for Centennial Celebration!

On May 15, 2015, The Original Rotary Club of Zanesville will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! In preparation, the club took photos of the membership to commemorate the event. The Centennial Banquet will take place at Zane State. The Club has many surprises in store for the dignitaries attending the event and for the Zanesville community itself that will be unveiled at the event. Forty year member “Hud” Hudson has led the a committee to put together a Rotary Celebration for the ages. Stay tuned for details!

Submitted by: Jim Buchbinder



## Club Activities

### Whitehall/Bexley:

#### Annual pancake breakfast

The Whitehall/Bexley Rotary Club annual pancake breakfast was held on Sunday, March 8, 2014, at the Whitehall Community Center

Music was again provided by Allen Belasco and his local folk group – Thursday Night Jam Session.

Special thanks to all of the Club members including past presidents who worked that day and Vice President Mike Johnson, who chaired the event, for helping to make the fund raising event a success.

Pictured on left: President Elect Mike Kilbourne in the kitchen and Past President George Soller holding his grand daughter.

Pictured below: Allen Belasco and his local folk group .and Past Presidents George Soller and George Igel and Mike dressed up to run the grill.

Submitted by: Linda Turner, PR Chair



## Club Activities

### West Lafayette:

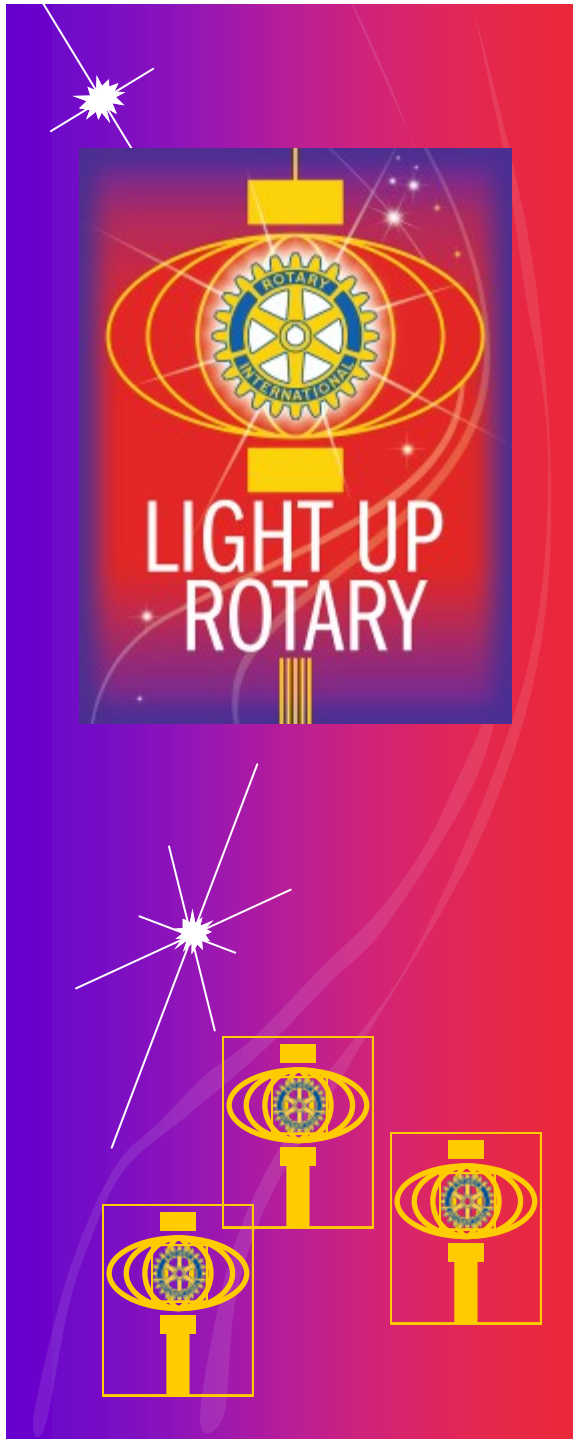
#### Rotary Club of Project for Ridgewood Schools

For the second year in a row the Rotary Club of West Lafayette made \$250 grants available to teachers in the Ridgewood School District through a donation given to the school district. The donation was funded by the local Rotary Club and a Rotary District 6690 Grant.

Teachers were invited to submit applications to the Rotary Club. A committee of Rotarians selected ten applicants to receive the grants based on criteria that included the number of students to benefit, the unique needs being addressed, the durability of the materials purchase, etc. The projects that are being funded this year range from purchasing supplemental materials to support the content standards/testing procedures in science and language arts to monies to purchase specialized materials for the speech/language pathologist.

For many years the Rotary Club purchased dictionaries for the third grade students. Then, knowing that technology makes a dictionary more accessible electronically and knowing that many teachers reach into their own pockets to provide for their classrooms, the Club voted to give teachers across the district the opportunity to apply for grants. The project was so well received in the 2013-14 school year that the club chose to repeat the project in the 2014-15 school year.

Pictured: Rotary President Louise Cardenzana and members of the Rotary Club, Catherine Miller and Vic Cardenzana, presenting the check for \$2500 to Jamie Hicks, Ridgewood Board of Education President, with John Riebesel, Board Member and Rotary Club member.





## Club Activities

### Wellston:

The Wellston Rotary Club had another successful Annual Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. The meal was cooked by President Dan Lockard, who served prime rib and chicken. The funds earned from the dinner will be used for the annual scholarships that are awarded to qualifying Wellston High School Seniors.

The Wellston Rotary Club will be putting on the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Rotary show on April 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Wellston High School. The funds earned from this annual event go into various Club Projects. The Rotary Show cast is made up of many Wellston Rotarians and talented members of our community.

In Memorium: The pictures with our article are pictures of our amazing President Dan Lockard, who died suddenly on February 24<sup>th</sup>, at age 60. It is a terrible loss for our club and the Wellston community, as Dan was extremely active in every part of our club and city. The Wellston Rotary Club extends our thanks to our District Clubs that expressed their condolences. And a special thanks to our District Governor Randy Davies, who was a close friend to Dan, and attended our first meeting after Dan had passed away.

It's so much darker after a light goes out, than it would have been if it had never shone" - John Steinbeck.

Submitted by: Gary Keller, Club Secretary



## Club Activities

### Short North:

Short North held the club's annual "Music In The Round" concert Saturday, March 7, at Via Vecchia Winery in the Brewery District. It was a complete success as always. Over 225 people attended!

Attached are some pictures from that amazing night. The event was an absolute blast and raised a lot of money for our foundation. Special thanks to club President Erin Corrigan who organized everything and booked all the musicians. Many club members helped set up and get ready for the concert as well.

Submitted by: Thomas Trainer



## Club Activities

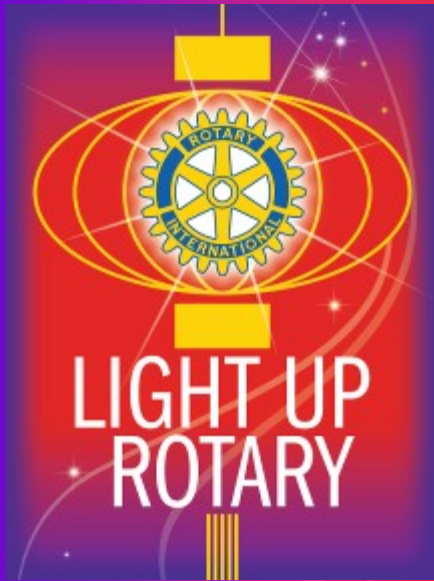
### New Albany:

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 Pat Hollern's life when 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. It was hard to keep a dry eye while listening to all the kind words spoken, and to all the great things Pat did for the basketball program, 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.



Incoming club officers and chairs, new Rotarians

Sign up for:



District Assembly  
Five Avenues of Service Training

Saturday, April 25

[Log in to register now](#)

## Club Activities

### Nelsonville:

Nelsonville sponsors Annual International Dinner

## ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DINNER



The Inn at Hocking College

Saturday, March 21, 2015: Social @6pm, Dinner @6:30pm

Tickets: \$300 Table (seats 8) \$40 Individual

Program includes Guest Speakers: Bruce & Jane Ergood, Paul Harris Society Inductees,  
Music by the Athens County Jazz Band

Proceeds support

Honduras Health Project

Polio Plus

Nelsonville Rotary Club Scholarship Fund



For table reservations or single tickets please contact [angela.booth@ohiohealth.com](mailto:angela.booth@ohiohealth.com)

Submitted by: Micah J. Covert



## Club Activities

### Lancaster:

The Lancaster Rotary Club is proud to announce Richard “Dick” Benadum as the club’s first Rotarian of the Year.

Benadum has been a member of Rotary since 1960 and has taken an active leadership role by serving as the club’s secretary for more than 15 years. He also has 51 years of perfect attendance. Benadum’s father also served in Rotary.

“This is the first time this award has been given and I speak for all the members in our club that we are honored to be able to bestow this recognition to Dick for all of his hard work and dedication,” said Donna Stalter, Lancaster Rotary president. “Dick was selected because he exemplifies the spirit and principals of Rotary–‘Service Above Self’ and has done so for more than a half a century!”

As noted above, Benadum is a long-serving member and is devoted to Rotary’s “Four Way Test,” which all Rotarians live by to promote a better community and way of life. The “Four Way Test” consists of four questions: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

“Rotary is a big part of my life and I am happy to follow in my father’s footsteps,” Benadum said. “Between the two of us, we have almost 100 years of service and perfect attendance.”

Benadum also noted Rotary has given him the opportunity to meet people from a wide spectrum and help those in need both locally and across the globe.

Criteria to be considered as the club’s Rotarian of the Year include but are not limited to:

- High ethical standards in business and professions.
- Exceeding the expectations of the club membership on a regular basis.
- Promoting Rotary by their actions and involvements.
- Taking an active leadership role by giving of their time to the betterment of the club.



Pictured are Lori Benadum, Greg Benadum, Richard Benadum, Kris Benadum Ingram, Brad Benadum, and Rotary Club President Donna Stalter.

## Club Activities

### Ironton:

Ironton held a pancake breakfast on Valentine's Day. The club raised approximately \$5500 from ticket sales, placemat ad sales and our first ever flower sale.

Manning the grills are Darwin Haynes and Jay Zornes.

The flower table was managed by Sallie Schisler, Susan McComas and Juanita Dalton.

Submitted by: Massie Schemmel



## Club Activities

### Gahanna:

The Gahanna Rotary Club hosted its annual Auction Night on February 7th.

It was a packed house! Over \$35K was raised with \$9k immediately going to a local charity—**GRIN**. The remaining proceeds will be used to fund various other projects that the club sponsors.



The Gahanna Rotary club has received an update from Madagascar. The Seed Program that was sponsored earlier in 2014 has been very successful! The seeds have allowed the villages to reap a great crop and it continues to thrive.

Submitted by: Michael A. Fisher, PR





## Club Activities

### Columbus Rotary:

#### Rotarians award scholarships at Arnold Fitness Class

Columbus Rotarians awarded scholarships to various student event winners at the Arnold Sports Festival in Columbus March 5- 8. The four-day mega sports events drew more than 175,000 attendees. Columbus Rotary has partnered with the Arnold Sports Festival since its inaugural year.



#### Vocational lunches showcase Rotarian businesses

Columbus Rotarians were on the road March 9, visiting various local businesses as part of the annual Vocation Luncheon. More than a dozen Rotarians volunteered to host a vocational lunch and spotlight their business and customers. Club members were able to choose the business they visited.

#### Auction items collected for Derby Day Soiree

The Acquisition Committee for the Derby Day Soiree is busy contacting members to donate items for the event's live and silent auctions on May 2 at LifeCare Alliance, 670 Harmon Avenue. The club is working to raise \$22,000 to fund various service projects. Big ticket items such as vacation weeks at a condo or timeshare and Ohio State football tickets are always in high demand. For more information, contact Dana Charlton, [dcharlto@columbus.rr.com](mailto:dcharlto@columbus.rr.com)



#### See Columbus Rotary Luncheon Programs on You Tube

When Columbus Rotarians miss a meeting, it's easy for them to catch a replay of the luncheon speaker on You Tube. Thanks to the City of Columbus governmental programming, Rotary programs are videotaped and available for viewing on You Tube about a week after the meeting. To access the programs, go to [columbusrotary.org](http://columbusrotary.org) and click on the You Tube box; then select the program to view.

#### High School Service Above Self Fair set for May 11

Club members have been very busy tackling the many details for hosting the Columbus High School Service Above Self Fair at its new location—The Ohio State University Union on May 11 starting at 11 a.m. Student winners from the various high schools will be on hand to discuss their community service projects and outcomes. The community service projects help to foster a community service attitude, knowledge and skills in Columbus City School students while enhancing the quality of life for those served by their community service projects. In conjunction with the fair,



## Club Activities

Columbus Rotary will present a number of scholarships. Look for an update on the scholarship winners in June.

### Canoe trip planned on Big Darby Creek

For those who enjoy getting back to nature, Columbus Rotary is hosting a river trip on June 6 down Big Darby Creek. The two-hour canoe trip is a great way to kick back and relax with family and friends. The group will depart from Trapper John's Canoe Livery in Grove City. Cost is \$25.

### Byesville:

#### Byesville Rotary joins with local service clubs to hold spring food drive

Byesville Rotary in partnership with Cambridge Rotary, Lions International, Lioness Club, Kiwanis International, and Muskingum University Circle K sponsored a spring food drive at Riesbeck's and Wal-Mart stores in Cambridge.

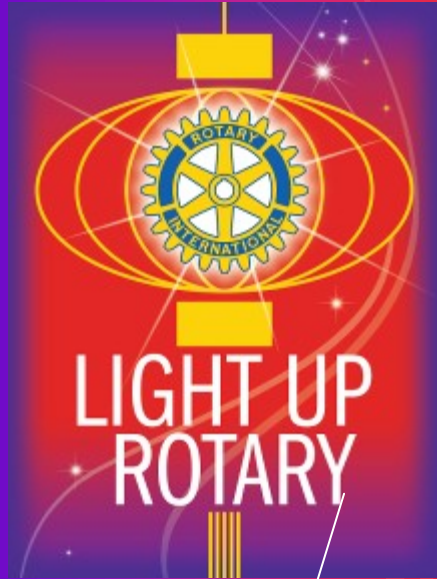
Food raised by this drive was donated to Cambridge Grace Pantry, Cambridge Salvation Army, Pleasant City Food Pantry, Byesville Main Avenue United Methodist Church Food Pantry, and Byesville Stop Nine Church of Christ Food Pantry.

Riesbeck's and Wal-Mart provided pre-packaged bags for a donation of \$5 or \$10. Wal-Mart service club workers reported that the Wal-Mart location took in 100 more bags of food this year compared to the 2014 drive.

Members from each of the service clubs worked shifts during the food drive. This drive has become an annual project for the local service clubs. The drive helps meet the need for food items during the Easter season.

Pictured: Rotarians at work Shana Fair, Dan Navicky and Jen Navicky loading the Pleasant City Food pantry pick up.

Submitted by: Shana Fair, PR Chair.



Get more information,  
registration forms, etc. —  
click here.



## 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.

## **Deadlines:**

**March 31**—Club President Presidential  
Citation Form due.

**April 1**—**District Grants for 2015-16.**  
Grant applications. due.

**April 19**—Selected RYLA student registration  
due.

## Club events

### **April Magazine Month**

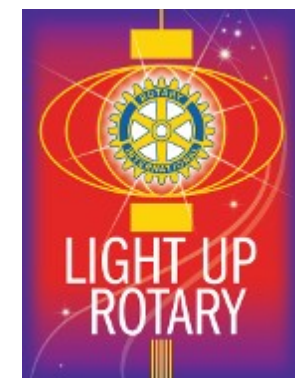
**April 7**—Olentangy Harlem Wizards Trick  
Hoops and Alley Oops.

**April 8**—Olentangy Harlem Wizards Trick  
Hoops and Alley Oops.

**April 17**—Tri-Village 25th Anniversary.

**April 18**—Westerville Sunrise 20th  
Anniversary.

**April 25**—Taste of Granville.



# April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Deadline for submitting District Grant application	2	3	4
5	6	7 Olentangy Harlem Wizards fundraiser.	8 Olentangy Harlem Wizards fundraiser	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Tri-Village 25th Anniversary celebration.	18 Westerville Sunrise 20th anniversary celebration.
19 Selected RYLA student registration due.	20	21	22	23	24	25 District Assembly.  Taste of Granville event.
26	27	28	29	30		