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May 2015

District 6690 News



District Governor's Message

Rotarians,

This year is winding down quickly, but it seems like schedules are not. I know many of you have been just as busy with kids attending proms, graduations, club fundraisers, club anniversary celebrations and all of the other spring activities. It's an exciting time of year. And for those of you that are preparing to assume new duties in just a few short weeks, it's an even more exciting time.



I want to thank all of you, again, for your hard work in 2014-15, but we're not finished. We are just a few donations shy of reaching our Foundation giving goal for this year. It is the highest goal our district has ever had and I know with a little more digging we can make it and then help make a difference in the lives of people around the world during DGND Shane's year when this money is returned to our District for you to use in your projects. So help me get the word out and support the Rotary Foundation before July 1st.

Kristi and I also want to congratulate once more the Rotarians in Zanesville and TriVillage for their club anniversaries. Especially those in the Muskingum County area. Celebrating 100 years of Service Above Self is exciting and worth a celebration.

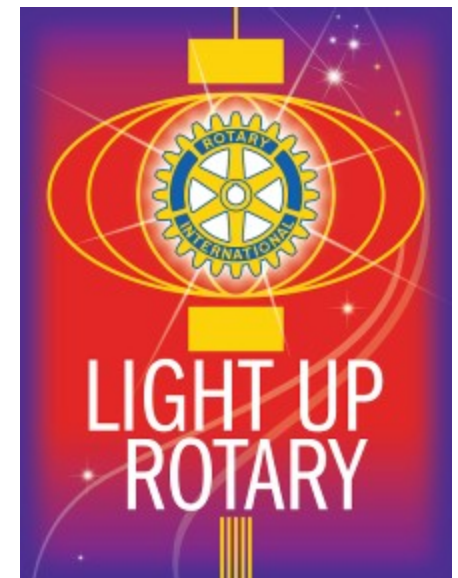
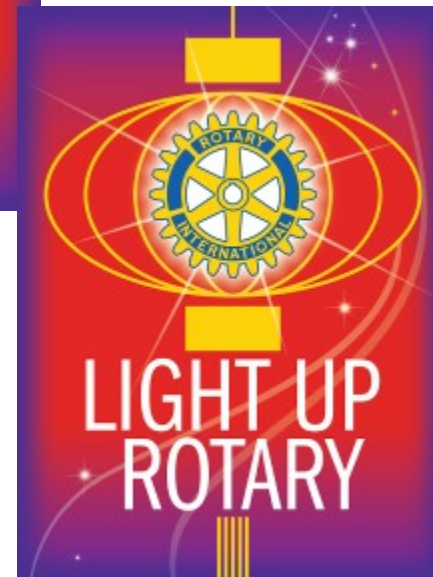
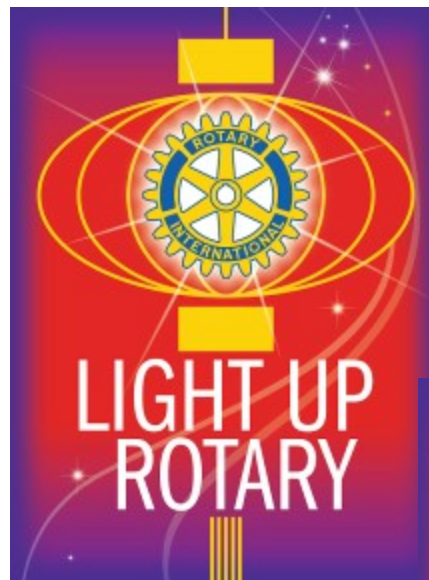
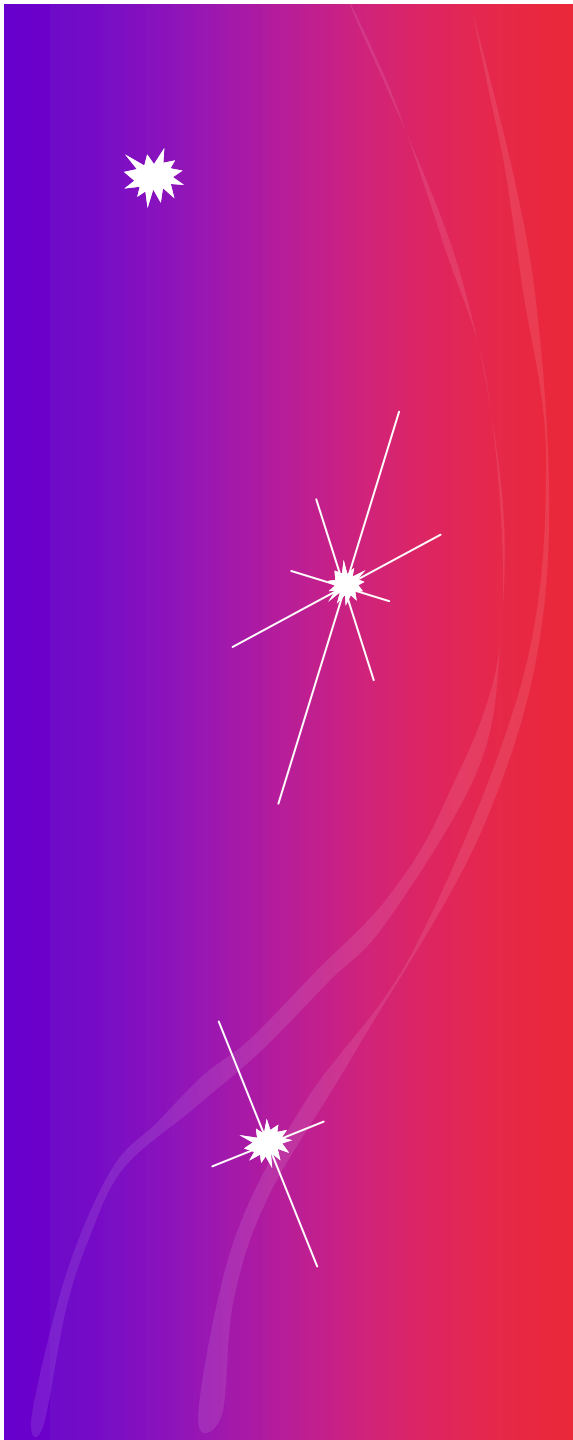
We look forward to visiting as many clubs as we can over the next couple of weeks, to thank you for your support and hard work and to congratulate those clubs who received this year's RI Presidential Citation.

District Governor's Message, con't.

For those of you heading to Brazil for the Rotary International Convention next week, we are trying to get together one evening for a District 6690 social. Please contact DGN Steve Sandbo at ssandbo@aol.com and let him know you are going to Sao Paulo. And we can't wait to see you there.

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

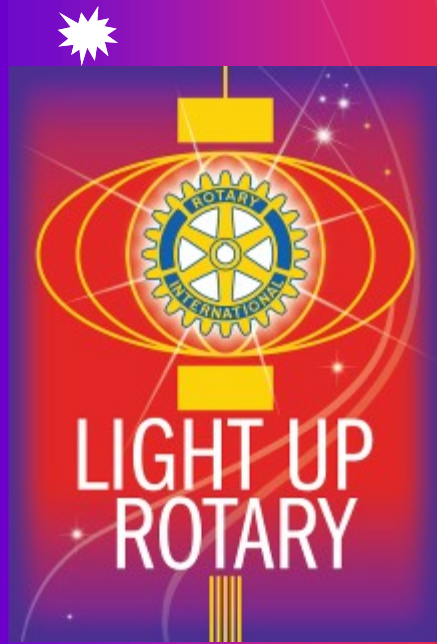
Randy Davies, District Governor 2014-15



Four Rotarians Named to 2015 "Forty Under 40" Class

Columbus Business First has chosen its 2015 class of up-and-coming professionals and community leaders as part of its annual Forty Under 40 awards program. Among the 40 honorees are four district 6690 Rotarians: **Mark Fleming, Jr.**, **Brent Foley**, **Andy Mills**, and **Tracy Najera**. The honorees were chosen from a field of more than 350 nominations, a record for the 23-year program. They'll celebrate their accomplishment with friends and family at a gala May 28 at Hollywood Casino Columbus.

District 6690 extends our enthusiastic congratulations to this year's honorees!



Mark Fleming, Jr.
Rotary Club of Columbus
Signature Closers, LLC



Brent Foley
Rotary Club of Canal Winchester/
Groveport Area
TRIAD Architects / TRIAD Facility



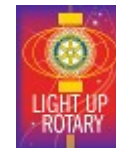
Andy Mills
Rotary Club of Upper Arlington/
Granview (Trivillage)
Elford Realty, LLC



Tracy Najera
Rotary Club of Columbus,
Battelle for Kids



District Assembly Montage



District Assembly Montage—Break-out Sessions

The Global Grant Pipeline

- Gary Vaughan-International Service Chair
First Contact when considering doing a Global Grant
- Contact info:
– grv@aol.com
– Cell 614-579-2189



Rotary Youth Exchange & the RYE Scholarship! District 6690



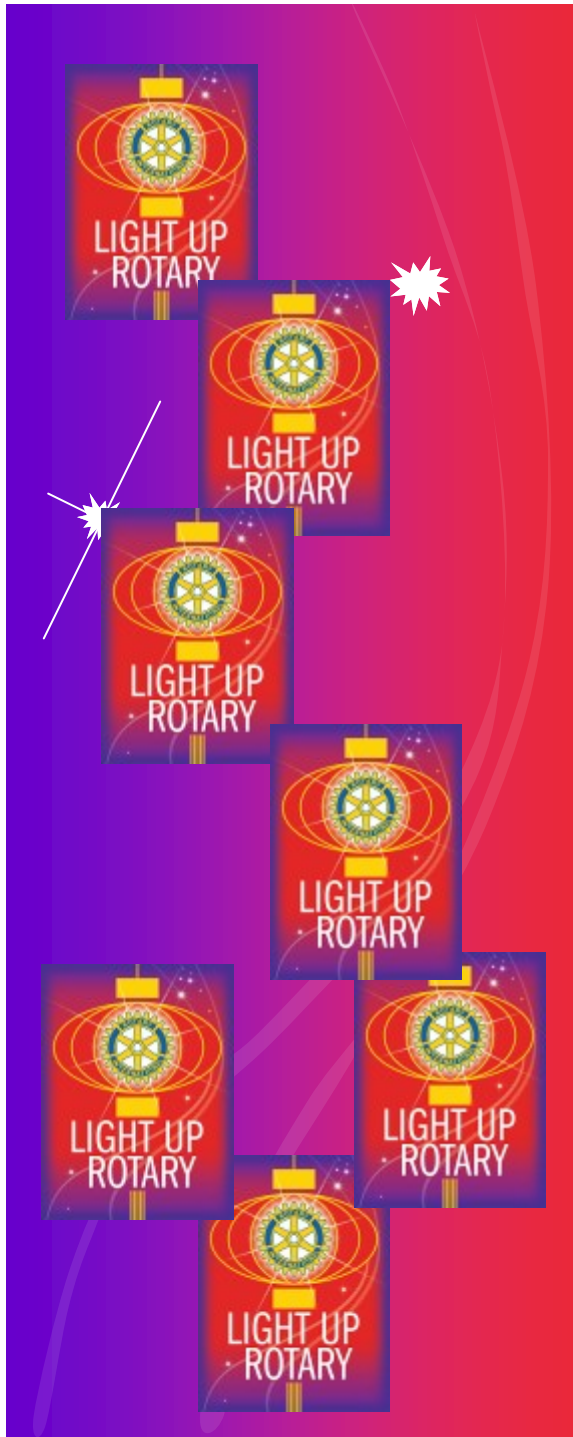
The 4th objective of Rotary:
"the advancement of
international understanding,
goodwill and peace"... one
exchange at a time!



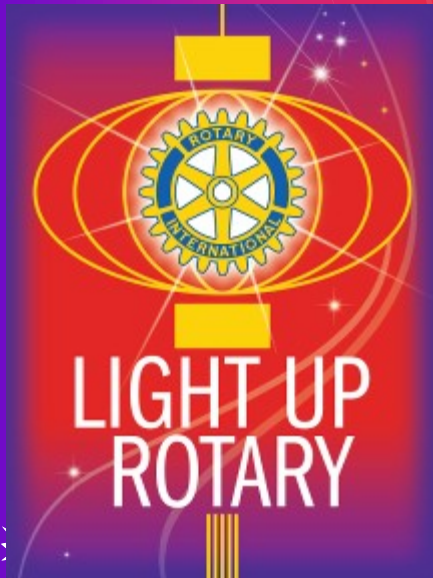
D6690 - Two Programs



1. Short Term Exchange Program
 1. Rotary District 6690's Youth Exchange Scholarship (the RYE Scholarship)
- Both programs are for high school students ages 15-18.5 at their departure.



District Assembly Montage—Break-out Sessions



Next year—put yourself
in the picture.



Foundation



Secretaries/Treasurers

Four Way Test Speech Contest



Judges: LtoR: Doug Waltman, current President of Zanesville Daybreak Rotary, Chris Shaw, Facility Advisor to the Zane State/Ohio University - Zanesville Rotaract Club, James Barrington, Chillicothe Rotary club, Contest timer: Paul Nestor, Zanesville Daybreak Rotary

The Rotary District 6690 Four-Way Test Speech Contest was held on 25 April 2015 in conjunction with the 2015 Rotary District in Zanesville at Zane State University State/Ohio University - Zanesville. The Assembly was sponsored by District Governor Elect Tara Craaybeek and numerous Rotary Clubs in the District.

Thirteen High School students from Central and Southeastern Ohio who had won their local Rotary Club contest competed for honors and cash prizes. The subject of the speeches was applying the Rotary Four-Way Test in our everyday relationships with other people. The Rotary Four-Way Test is "Of the things we think, say or do, 1. Is it the TRUTH?, 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?, 3. Will it BUILD GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?, 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?" Herbert J. Taylor who was President of the Club Aluminum Products Company, authored the Test in 1932. The Test was adopted by his company as a succinct code of business ethics.

Sophia C. Fisher won first place and a cash prize of \$500. Sophia is a junior at Upper Arlington High School and represented the Tri-Village Rotary Club. Durya Nadeem of Hilliard won second place and a cash prize of \$400. Durya is a freshman at Hilliard Darby High School and represented the Rotary Club of Hilliard. Mateo Saxton of Columbus won third place and a prize of \$300. Mateo is a senior at Bishop Hartley High School and represented the Whitehall-Bexley Rotary Club.

First place winner Sophia C. Fisher repeated her winning speech for the attendees of the Rotary District Assembly luncheon that same day.

Judges were James Barrington, Chillicothe attorney and a member of Chillicothe Rotary club, Doug Waltman, current President of Zanesville Daybreak Rotary and a Certified Public Accountant for 40 years and Chris Shaw, Facility Advisor to the Zane State/Ohio University - Zanesville Rotaract Club and the Ohio University - Zanesville Public Relations & Development Officer. Contest timer was Paul Nestor, Zanesville Daybreak club member and a Funeral Director at Hills, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home.

For additional information, contact:

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Chillicothe OH 45601

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Four Way Test speech Contest winners



Sophia C. Fisher, Upper
Arlington High School,
Tri-Village Rotary Club—
-1st place.



Durya Nadeem, Hilliard
Darby High School,
Rotary Club of Hillard—
2nd place



Mateo Saxton, Bishop
Hartley High School,
Whitehall-Bexley Rotary
Club—3rd place.



Club Activities

Bethesda-Belmont-Morristown:

The Bethesda-Belmont-Morristown (B-B-M) Rotary Club recently had a club service day, on Saturday, April 11th, in which they collected money for Project Manna. They manned buckets at the intersections of Main & Maple Streets (26 & 147) in Bethesda & 147 & 149 in Belmont asking donations from passing vehicles. We say THANK YOU and give our appreciation for all those who stopped to make a contribution. All money collected that day will go to Project Manna. Standing and representing the B-B-M club were: Mike McCormick, Dan Mumma, Tim Snyder, Chuck Phifer, Dawn Livingston & Amy Latham. Joe Braido supplied the buckets and safety vests. Altogether we collected \$762.44

Project Manna food pantry serves residents in the Union Local School District, averaging around 35 families a month. At Christmastime, we reach out to about 175 families with food, and clothes and toys for children. Project Manna is appreciative of the generosity of the community and BBM Rotary! As our numbers increase, we continue to be able to help our neighbors because of the servant volunteers and donations from local individuals, businesses, organizations and churches.



Project Manna distributes the second and fourth Fridays, monthly, from the Bethesda UMC.

Pictured :L-R, Dan Mumma, Amy Latham, Chuck Phifer and Tim Snyder.

BBM Rotary club was founded in 1949 and currently meets at the Epworth Center in Bethesda on Wednesdays from noon till 1 p.m. You can “Like” us on our Facebook to see more about Rotary and our local club.

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Newark Rotary:

Special Needs Kids Annual Bowling Party

Newark Rotary recently held its annual Rotary event in which developmentally atypical students from Newark City Schools, along with their educators and aides, convene at Park Lanes, for a rewarding morning of bowling, pizza, and loads of fun! The children love it and the Rotarians enjoy being able to serve and brighten the day for these very deserving young ones. It proves. Service above self is fun.

Submitted by: Rick Platt



Baltimore:

The Assistant District Governor, Robert Earney presented fellow Rotarian, Baltimore Mayor Robert M. Kalish the Paul Harris Award.

From left to right: Baltimore Rotary club president Mr. Chris Welsh, Mayor Robert Kalish and Mr. Robert Earney,



Submitted by: Jackie Collins

Club Activities

Wellston:

The 61st Wellston Rotary Show "APPALACHIAN SPRINGTIME" was a success!!!! I'm sure Dan, Dr. Essman, and all of the other end men and cast members that have passed on would be proud. A big thank you to the community members that took their time (and lots of it) to join us!!! We have some really GREAT talent in our community! We have some pretty AMAZING Rotarians also!! Not only talented, but they put their heart and soul into making this show. There are many Rotary members and those from the community that help "behind the scenes" also.

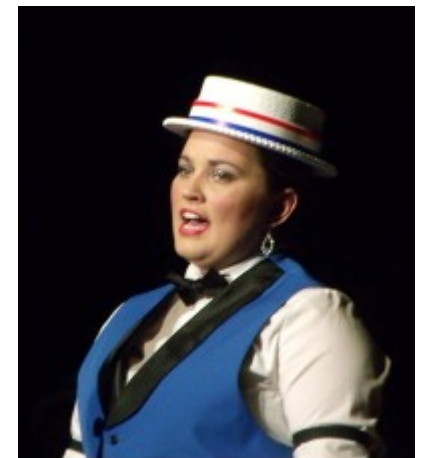
Thank you to all that come to see our show! We give scholarships and do community projects with the money we raise. And we hope to make you smile while doing so!!

There are many people to thank, but the three at the top are Dorothy Riepenhoff (Musical Director, Dana Wiseman (Circle Director), and Connie Hendershott (Olio Director). Without them, this show would not go on.

Our Interlocutor John Pelletier, who amazingly pulls it all together while on stage.

Our "End-Men"....we had one empty chair this year, in remembrance of Dan Lockard Jr. Filling the other three were Don Souders (who has only missed 5 shows EVER), Mark Anderson, and Gregg Sheets. Each lending their own "special" talents!!

Submitted by: Connie Pelletier, President



Club Activities

Canal Winchester:

A Rotary meeting speaker presentation leads to club service project. Canal Winchester members are working to sponsor 2 1/2 year old for 1 year of equestrian therapy.

From the Canal Winchester newsletter:

“As most of you witnessed we had an excellent speaker yester-day. (Brent, thank you again for setting that up!) Here is an important detail you missed. I tracked down my friend; and he attended yesterday’s meeting.

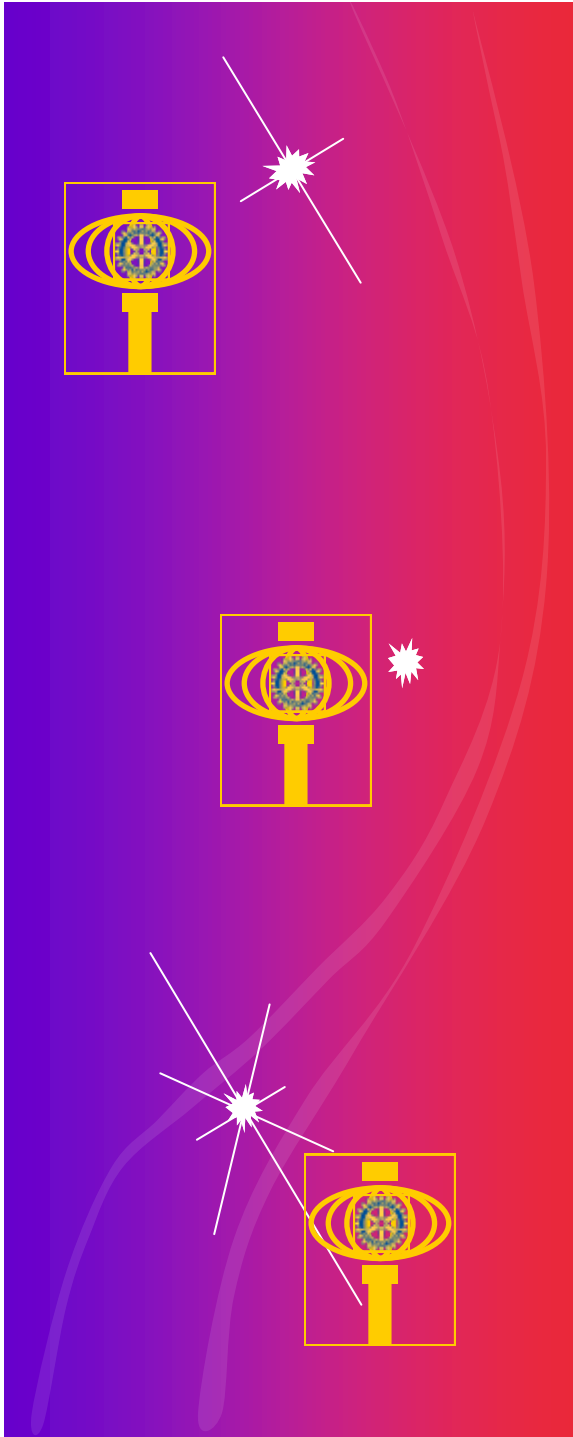
As you recall, if you were able to attend, Jennifer Hansen shared the amazing accomplishment of an Autistic girl who had not spoken for 2 1/2 years who had learned to speak within 6 months of entering her program, due to her love for the horse and desire to get the horse to move to her commands!

Here is the truly amazing thing: Right after the meeting my friend came to me and told me how he was so glad he came; this is exactly what he has been looking for. He has a 2 1/2 year old Autistic daughter who is non-verbal, as well.

This is just one example, one Rotary moment for our Club. As we go about our daily lives and struggle to fit Rotary in, it's easy to overlook what we are accomplishing. Lives are changed as a result of our hard work and commitment to service above self.”

We have much to celebrate. Thank you all for making so many good things happen for our neighbors and brothers and sisters around the world.

Submitted by: John Kershner



Club Activities

Short North:

Short North re-launches BREW Fellowship

We are re-launching the Rotary BREW Fellowship in Central Ohio as our new member project for the Short North Rotary. We would greatly appreciate it if you would circulate the message below to your club members and consider posting the event to your events calendar. We think BREW has a lot of potential to bring great value to local Rotarians and greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word about our re-launch event. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or ideas.



Please join us at **Land-Grant Brewing at 6:00pm Wednesday May 13** for the re-launch of the Central Ohio BREW Fellowship Chapter!

The **purpose** of the BREW (Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide) Fellowship is to bring together Rotarians from different clubs to network, support charitable causes, and have FUN together at beer-themed events and activities. The May event will be a happy hour gathering with drink discounts and a brewery tour; future events will encompass varying themes and activities. Please view the **attached flier** for additional details.

Visit <http://brewohio.org/> to **RSVP for this event** and/or sign up to be notified of future events.



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Registration is not required to attend, but it will help us plan properly for the event. All Rotarians are welcome to attend their first BREW event **free of cost or commitment**. If you decide to join BREW, an annual membership fee of \$20 can be paid to the international BREW Fellowship at http://www.rotarybrew.org/join_us.php. Membership fees are used to provide water to deprived communities.

We hope to see you
May 13!

Cheers, Erin An-
thony & Vijay Rajan



PLEASE JOIN US!

When: Wednesday May 13 from 6:00-8:00pm
Where: Land-Grant Brewing Co. (424 W. Town St)

What: Social networking happy hour open to all
central Ohio Rotarians • \$1 discount on
beverages • Reserved tables • Brewery tour

Register at <http://brewohio.org>
Attend your first event free - no obligation to join

Why join BREW?

- Network with other club members
- Enjoy beer with other beer lovers
- Discounts on beer related events
- New opportunities to support charitable causes
- New opportunities to engage in joint projects
- Support local businesses (bars/breweries)
- Participate in a Rotary Fellowship!

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Club Activities

Byesville:

Byesville Rotary holds 1st of 5 Chicken BBQ fundraisers

Byesville Rotary club members sold 250 chickens during their first BBQ of 2015. They were helped by the Rolling Hills Middle School girls volleyball team who are trying to earn money to send each of their team members to a volleyball camp. Half the team showed up for the first shift at 6:30 am and helped rub spice on the chickens. The rest of the team showed up later to help sell the chickens.

The girls made Instagram ads for the BBQ. Everyone had lots of fun and the chickens were delicious.

The Byesville Rotary donated \$300 to the team for their efforts .

Submitted by: Shana Fair, PR Chair.



Mount Vernon:

Rotary Crushes Kiwanis...In a Fun Way

The 5th Tuesday evening Rotary social was a friendly competition between Rotarians and Kiwanians—bowling for a great cause! Two Rotarians played against 2 Kiwanians and the winning team received \$10 per game. Rotary won nearly every game and donated \$155 to Rotary International Foundation. The evening was much fun for both clubs and, perhaps, we will do it again next year. Thanks for Korey Kidwell for organizing this social.



Malawi Water Project

Rotarian George Small is in Malawi helping a water project funded by the Mount Vernon Club. Malawi is a landlocked country in southeast Africa. The country has a population of more than 16 million. Clean water is definitely needed for survival and for reducing disease. The Rotary club donated \$2700 to the project. The club wishes George safe travels and members are anxious to hear about this project and his experiences.

Yellow Jacket Relay a Success

Rotarians raised approximately \$500 for Rotary working the concessions at the Yellow Jacket Relay. The chilly weather didn't dampen the fun. The photos are of the concession workers and the medals. Notice the Rotary colored ribbons? Perfect!



Club Activities

Columbus:

Students shine a Service Above Self Fair

The Archie Griffin Ballroom at the Ohio State University Union was buzzing with conversation and excitement as students from Columbus High Schools explained their exceptional community service projects to Columbus Rotarians and guests at the annual Service Above Self Fair in mid-May.

More than 1,000 students spent 12,000 hours during the year to develop and implement their projects designed to effect positive and enduring change in their school or community. On hand to congratulate the students for their achievements was Columbus City School superintendent and Rotarian Dan Good and Priscilla Tyson, Columbus City Council. Columbus Rotary sponsored the event in partnership with Columbus City Schools and HandsOn Central Ohio.

Along with recognizing the outstanding service projects, 11 students received \$2,500 scholarships from Columbus Rotary for a total of \$27,500 awarded. Scholarship recipients are:

Mayla Ayers – Eastmoor Academy, major in sociology
 Desiree Bray – Independence High School, major in nursing
 Dado Danner – Briggs High School, major in premed
 Kayla Keys – Fort Hayes Arts & Academic High School, major in accounting
 Jadyn Leftridge – Columbus Alternative High School, major in education
 Tanya Radabaugh – Columbus Downtown & Whetstone High Schools, major in education
 Aminiata Lhom – Columbus North International School, major in psychology
 Anastasia Lopez – South High School, major in fashion design
 Shaman Newsome – Walnut Ridge High School, major in computer science
 Sara Schoultz – Centennial High School, major in engineering
 Makayla Warren – Northland High School, major in engineering

Highlight of the luncheon was the presentation of the Make A Difference Scholarship of \$25,000 donated by past district governor Luke and Mary Beth McCormick. Fatoumata Kaba, a senior at Columbus Global Academy was all smiles when she accepted the award. As a premed student, she



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plans to attend Denison University and major in biology with a minor in French. During her senior year at Columbus Global Academy, Ms. Kaba contributed more than 600 volunteer hours to various community service projects.

Derby Day Soiree raises **nearly \$30,000** for Columbus Rotary Service projects

While American Pharoah was crossing the finish line on a picture-perfect day at the Kentucky Derby, Columbus Rotarians were cheering on the horses and bidding on unique auction items to support the club's service projects. A specially brewed Friendship beer attracted multiple bids as did vacation condos, jewelry, art pieces and spa packages. Mint juleps kept the bidding going. Preliminary estimates show around \$29,500 was donated.



Gahanna:

The Gahanna Rotary Club has inducted 4 new members!!!

John Williams, board member with G.R.I.N.

Joe Eckart, President BEST Courier

Krista Weida, Attorney

Laurie Jadwin, with the Gahanna Convention Bureau

Submitted by: Michael A. Fisher

**June is—
Fellowship
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

May

**May 22-25—Westerville Sunrise Field of
Heroes.**

June

**June 5—Columbus Rotary “First Friday”
Networking Lunch.**

**June 12—Olentangy 20th Annual Golf Outing
and Fellowship
Dinner.**

June 27—Byesville Rotary Chicken BBQ.



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