

October 2014



## District 6690 News

### District Governor's Message

Rotarians,

Thank you for a great Retreat at this year's District Conference at the Shawnee Lodge and Conference Center. The Conference Committee and I have heard glowing reports from those attending. Kristi and I are thrilled by the turnout and the way each one contributed in discussions, service projects, fellowship, and of course relaxing in the beauty of southern Ohio.



We worked hard for two years to plan this event with everyone in mind. I think we succeeded with our expectations and I hope word gets around from those that attended what a wonderful time it was and make plans to attend next year's District Conference Oct. 23-24.

The speakers this year were on spot. Dr. Roger Hall, of Hilliard, provided us with a light-hearted conversation on conflict management and leadership and we had a fantastic ice-breaker to begin our sessions and get us motivated to interact. Our district friend Floyd Lancia from Ft. Wayne spoke on our foundation and provided a polio update, plus we were fortunate to have RI Director Mary Beth Growney Selene from Wisconsin who shared why we do what we do as Rotarians. Bill Tubbs, of Iowa, was our president's representative this year and gave us an inside look at membership growth and a welcome from our president Gary C.K. Huang.

There were so many awesome moments for me that I hesitate to mention many in fear of leaving many out. But a huge thank you goes to the Rotary Club of Wellston and Mayor Connie Pelletier for presenting me with the key to the city. It was my honor to represent the Ohio Patriot Guard as paid tribute with dignity and respect to the late Stephen Byus. I think our service project was the

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right thing to do as we all sat in solemn quiet writing words of comfort, healing and thanks to our military men and women and then packing care packages that have been delivered to the Chillocothe VA Medical Center. It was heart-warming for me to especially have our Youth Exchange students from around the district join us to share in this special event.

It was a wonderful Retreat. Thank you for sharing a beautiful weekend with Kristi and me.

October 24 is a day we want to commemorate and share with our family and friends. It's time to talk Polio as Rotary marks the 2014 World Polio Day.

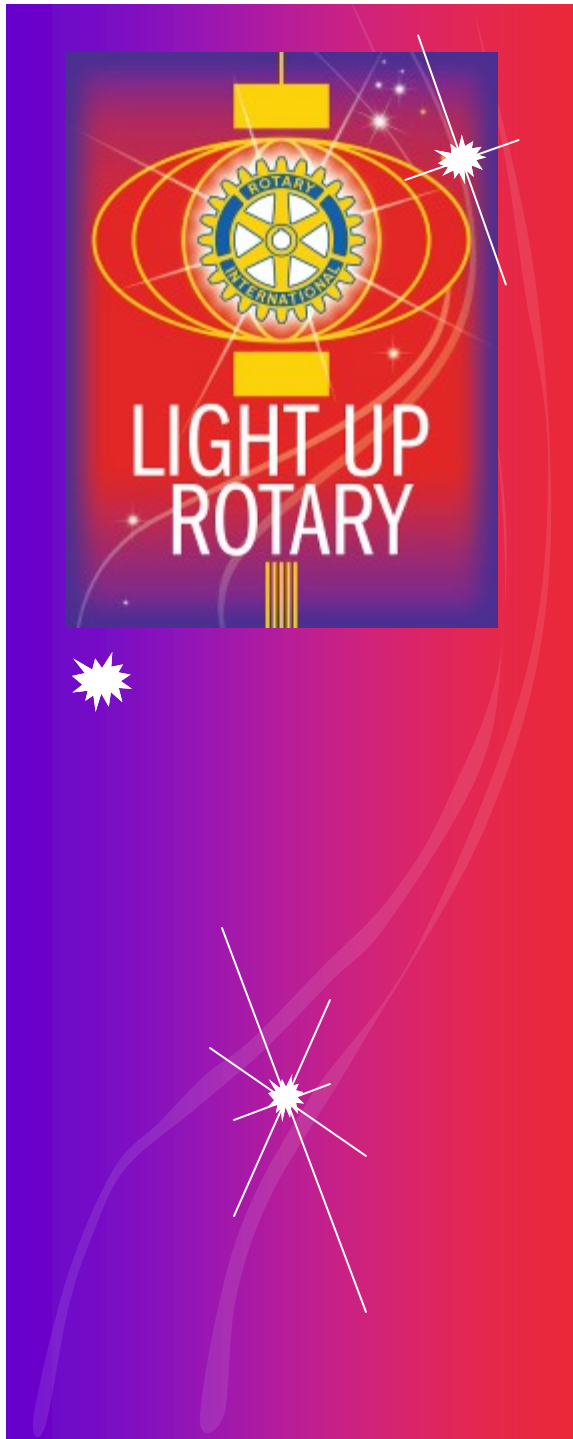
Through 2018, the Gates Foundation will continue to match every dollar we raise with two dollars from the Gates Foundation. On average, each Rotarian in District 6690 contributed about \$ 18. This included fundraisers for PolioPlus, Club foundation grants, and personal giving. Because of the additional power of the Gates match, if we could increase per capita giving to \$25, we would reach our RI PolioPlus goal set for our District. For example, over \$4,500 in Polio Plus contributions was raised at this year's District Conference. With the two for one match from the Gates Foundation, Rotary will have over \$13,500 more funding to continue the fight against Polio.

Last year, the District 6690 PolioPlus program initiated the PolioPlus Challenge Cup to be given annually to the club with the highest per capita giving to PolioPlus. The 2013-14 Cup was earned by the TriVillage Club where each Rotarian gave an average of \$177. Considering the \$2 for \$1. Gates match, TriVillage Rotarians each gave \$531 to PolioPlus.

Keep up the good work and let's wipe this disease off the face of the earth.

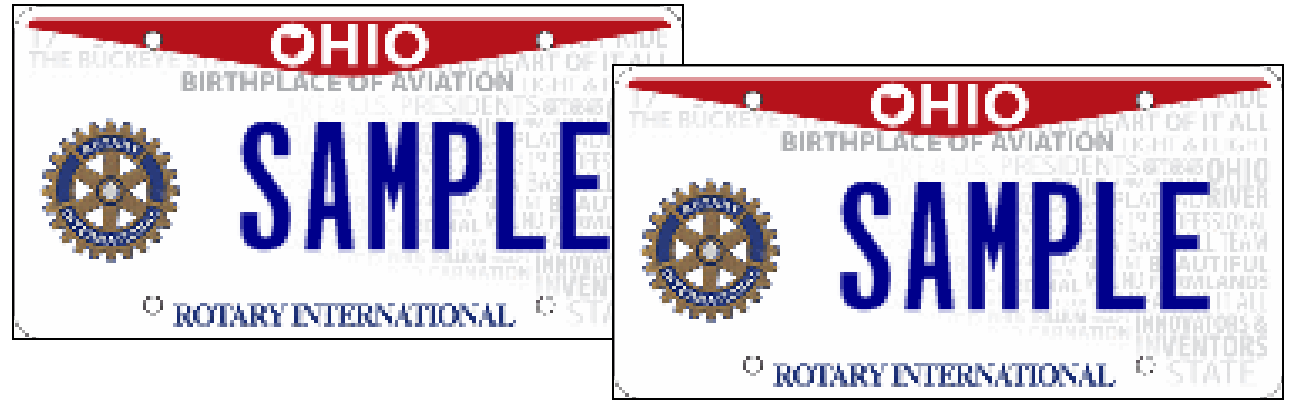
You are making a difference in your hometown and hometowns around the world. Be Rotary Proud District 6690!

Randy Davies, District Governor 2014-15



## Save our license plate

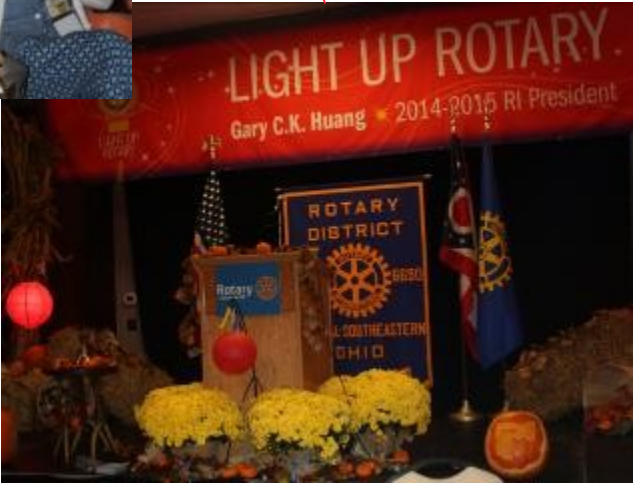
**Deadline to  
save—  
December 31,  
2014.  
Buy a plate  
by this date.**



Rotary license plates are scheduled to be discontinued on December 31, 2015 unless we can generate 99 new license plates before that time. Many Ohio Rotarians cherish their Rotary plate. If we want to continue to see Rotary represented on the bumpers of Ohio vehicles we need to be proactive in spreading the word and gaining 100+ plates over the next year. <https://www.plates.com/PlateSpecial.aspx>



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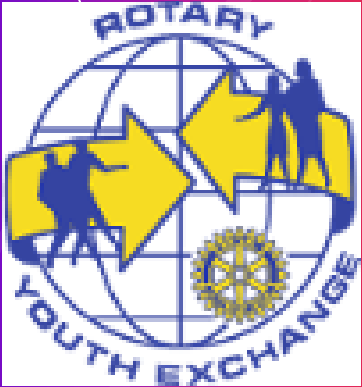
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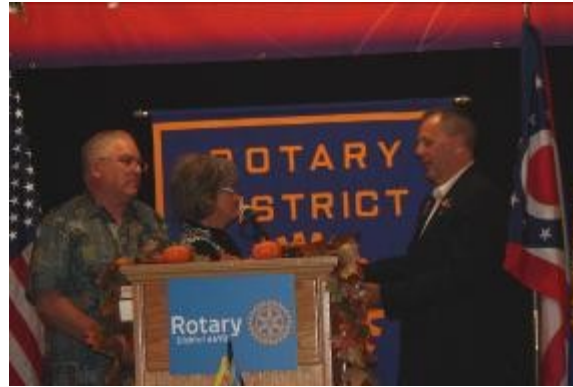


This year's class of Rotary Exchange students.





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DG Randy receiving  
"Key to the City:  
from Wellston for ser-  
vices to veterans.



Doug Torrance, TriVillage.  
accepting PolioPlus Chal-  
lenge Cup from Thomas  
Halpin.

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Put yourself in the picture.



Save this date:

October 23-24, 2015.

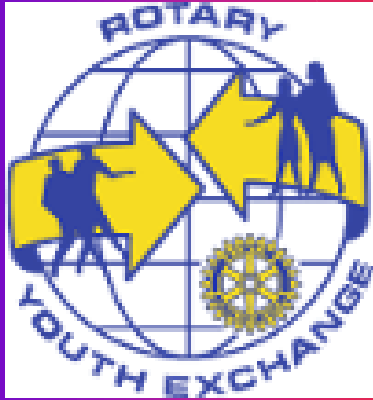


Network with other Rotarians and learn more about Rotary.



## Rotary Youth Exchange

### Youth Exchange Volunteer: A Higher Calling



Being a Rotary Youth Exchange (RYO) volunteer and committee member has been described as a compulsion. One long time RYO I know from Florida has described it as a cult. It quickly becomes something to which you become devoted if you care about the future of our kids.

In youth exchange you quickly come to the conclusion that what you are part of one of the most effective and important programs in Rotary. That sounds condescending, but time and again we have seen amazing changes that unlocked potential in students you would never expect. We've seen that potential blossom into brilliant and caring adults changing the world.

We are looking for Rotarians to be champions for these kids. To be a Rotary Youth Exchange volunteer you don't have to be a super parent or even a parent at all. RYE needs people who can help in the background with paperwork; setting up interviews or conducting interviews; dealing with schools and community leaders to open the program up to all potential kids who want to be part of RYE. The program needs help recruiting host parents; promoting the program to every student in your local school district; finding counselors; and be a weekend volunteer. A couple of weekends around these marvelous kids and you'll discover are hooked. This is not only important work but more fun than most things we do in Rotary

Being involved with youth exchange quickly brings you to the determination that teenagers are getting a raw deal. They aren't dopey unmotivated kids who are not as well educated and disciplined as we were back in the day (in my case the late 1960s). The students the RYE committee meet are focused to become better students, leaders and citizens. They want to serve mankind. They have fewer prejudices. They want to become citizens of the world. They want to explore and learn. They want to help Rotary and be part of Rotary. There are kids in every Rotary Club area who want and need to be part of this program. It's just up to Rotarians to get the message out to them.

Kids exposed to youth exchange unleash inner strengths when exposed to students with similar goals on the weekends and then harness it during their exchange. Students who become exchange students change when they join the program. Attending one or two of the Rotary Youth Exchange Weekends transforms kids. Shy introverts quickly discover that they can quickly make new close friends and emerge from their shells. Self-centered kids quickly discover that the world is much bigger than them. Undisciplined kids quickly see that they have to develop personal discipline

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quickly to succeed. Kids quickly learn they have much to lose if they mess up in youth exchange. A lot is expected from Rotary Youth Exchange Students. As a parent or grandparent you don't have to worry about the people the kids hangout with. This is a positive, motivated group of young people.

Join the Rotary Youth Exchange committee and help unlock the potential in our District's kids. Contact Walter Lundstrom, [walterlundstrom@gmail.com](mailto:walterlundstrom@gmail.com) or Sema Thimmes [semartary6690@gmail.com](mailto:semartary6690@gmail.com).

Submitted by: Bill McMurray



Alley Speed, Brazil

RYO at Grove City





## Club Activities

### BREW Fellowship:

At the District Retreat, the BREW fellowship hosted a tour and happy hour at Portsmouth Brewing Company, the oldest brewery in Ohio. We had more than 30 in attendance and a great time—and great beer—were had by all!

BREW (Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide) is a global Fellowship. We have a growing presence in Ohio right now. Members include Rotarians from Cap Square, Newark, Newark-Heath and more coming soon! Members of the Ohio chapter of BREW enjoy beer and beer-related activities throughout Ohio. To learn more or join, visit [brewohio.org](http://brewohio.org)



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### Chillicothe:

The Chillicothe Rotary enjoyed Ohio Supreme Court Justice Sharon Kennedy as she shared about her role September 29.

Five members, Joe Corbin, Bob McKell, Julie Coleman Park, Nelson Coleman, and Dave Tener attended the District 6690 retreat and enjoyed a motivating weekend with fellow Rotarians. We also had the chance to celebrate with our own Bob McKell as the Rotarian with the most tenure, 66

A special thank you to the First Capital Rotary club for all of their planning and work.

Submitted by: Dave Tener



The countdown is on.  
Purchase your own Rotary license plate today.

<https://www.oplates.com/PlateSpecial.aspx>



## Club Activities

### Clintonville Club:

#### Kuhel completes 2700 mil journey

Clintonville Rotary Club member, Justin Kuhel has completed his 2,700-mile "March Across America"!

The 26-yr-old Kuhel arrived in Camp Pendleton, CA, on Friday, October 10th, completing his journey that began at Camp Lejeune, NC, in May. Kuhel raised just over \$70,000 on the way to his \$100,000 goal. Donations have come from individuals, corporations and a few Rotary Clubs along the route. One hundred per cent of donations will go to two Veteran's charities--**Help our Military Heroes** and **The Headstrong Project**.

Kuhel will spend a few days in San Diego to assess his physical status. It is likely he will turn around and walk back to Columbus, not stopping until he reaches his \$100,000 goal.



Congratulations, Justin!



## Club Activities

### Gallipolis:

#### Over 8000 helped with Food Pantry District Grant f

Gallipolis Rotarians assisted the Field Of Hope Food Pantry in a remodel of its location to serve more participants. Our grant from the District along with matching funds from our club bought construction materials to build out rooms. Club members participated in unloading these materials as a June service project. Club members also moved building materials from the delivered location to inside where the construction will take place. Members first cleaned the rooms and next moved 2x4's and other building materials into the rooms.

The Field of Hope Food Pantry will move to its expanded location in order to serve more food pantry participants in our community. The expanded location will be able to handle semi truck loads of food from the Ohio Food Bank as well as hold a larger inventory of food. 8500 folks were served in 2013, and that number will increase with the increased footprint at our new location.

Partners on the project are James Gruber of the Thomas Do-It Center who negotiated an excellent price on the building material, and the Field of Hope Community Campus. The new Food Pantry is located on the Field of Hope property, and several volunteers from the FOH helped with the material moving operation and prepared a meal for all the workers.

#### District Grant helps support Guatemala water project

Two Gallipolis Rotarians traveled to Panajachel, Guatemala on March 3, 2014 and presented 36 bucket water filters to indigenous Mayan family members. Indigenous Mayans in Guatemala do not have access to purified water and must carry water for cooking and sanitation. These bucket filters provide purified water through a special filter that will last over 10 years.

The recipients were screened and organized by the non-profit Mayan Families. Rotarians Chuck. The presentation took place at their offices in Panajachel. Clark and Clyde Evans assembled filter kits and presented them to the families. Mayan family staff members trained the recipients in the procedures of how to keep the filter clean. Instructions were provided in three different languages.



Mel and Clyde



Kevin and Shana's boys  
[not mine—editor]

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The total cost of the project was \$16,034. The simplified Grant provided \$2000. Over 200 family members were helped by the project.

Submitted by: Kevin Dennis,  
Gallipolis Rotary President



Chuck Clark assembling filter buckets.



Mayan Families' banner



Guatemala water project recipients



## Club Activities

### Lancaster:

#### Lancaster Rotary honors community First Responders.

Row One: Pres. Kermit Welty, Sherman Rotary; Deputy Chief Don McDaniel, Lancaster Police Department; Lt. Marc Churchill, Fairfield County Sheriff's Office; Sheriff Dave Phalen, Fairfield County Sheriff's Office; and Sgt. Andy Dreyer, Ret, Fairfield County Sheriff's Office.

Row Two: Officer Tarek Gasser, Fairfield Medical Center Police Department; Lt. Wayne Paul, Amanda Twp. / Bloom Twp. Fire Departments; Captain Tom Dempsy, Lancaster Fire Department, Ret.; Lt. Dave Medaugh, Lancaster Fire Department; and Pres. Ron Nixon, Lancaster Police Department Alumni

Submitted by: Bryan M. Everitt





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### Mount Vernon:

RYLA participant, Nash Smalley of East Knox, was entertaining. He is an impressive young man. He certainly enjoyed the leadership aspect of RYLA and stated it was much better than another camp he attended. Of course! RYLA Rocks! He is one busy young man playing football, working at McDonald's, and being involved in community service like the "Brush with Kindness" project. He is a twin and it sounds like he enjoys fun competition with his brother.

The evening social went off like a bang. Ha! **Our sincere thanks to Korey Kidwell for organizing this successful event.**

Here is Korey's recap: On September 30, 2014, Mount Vernon, Ohio Rotary Club #6690 held a Fifth Tuesday program at Campbell's Shooting Range in Howard, Ohio. The event was well attended with 26 participants plus two range instructors.

The goal of the program was to raise money for Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign aimed at extinguishing polio around the world. At the event participants received firearms handling and training instruction from local firearms instructor and Knox County, Ohio Sheriff's Deputy Courtney Biggs. Craig Campbell, a retired school teacher and owner of the gun range, also provided instructional assistance.

After a couple of practice rounds shooting rifles and handguns, the participants were split into teams of six. Each team had to shoot at a stationary target which had a full deck of playing cards affixed face down. The team with the best five card hand after all participants had shot three rounds from either a handgun or rifle was the winner. The winning team had straight royal straight flush with a last round shot for the ace. The winning team donated their winnings to the Polio Plus campaign and the event raised \$200 for that cause. A social hour was held afterwards at the Howard Hilton in Howard, Ohio.



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### New Albany:

September was a great month for the Rotary Club of New Albany. Our two monthly meetings were as productive as ever. District Governor, Randy Davies, graced us with his presence this month and gave us an update on where District 6690 is heading, including dates for upcoming events, like the District Conference. It was great to hear all the positive things he had to say about our group. We welcome District Governor Davies to any meeting he is able to attend!

In addition to our monthly meetings, we participated in 2 service projects. Early in the month we helped with the set up and tear down of the New Albany Farmer's Market and later in the month we lent our services to the 2014 New Albany Walking Classic and aided with parking before the event, and doubled down to help run a water station during the walk. This year's event was the biggest Walking Classic to date. There were 3500 walkers and another 1500 supporters blanketing the city of New Albany! We are looking forward to helping with both events next year as well.



We also had a visitor, Matthew Trebis, join us this month. Matthew is a student at New Albany High School who took part in RYLA recently. He came to discuss his time there and shared what he learned and the memories and friends he made. It's great to see the results of RYLA in these teens. We truly believe it gets them ready for the next step in life!

The New Albany Rotary Club meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday's of each month at 8a at the Rusty Bucket on Market St. We have a social on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30p, also at the Rusty Bucket. We welcome guests to come visit us.

Submitted by: Jan-Michael Gintz

## Club Activities

### Capitol Square:

The club had a great speaker at their last meeting—Brian Timm, Director of Corporate Partnerships, Greater Columbus Sports Commission.

Short North members volunteered to distribute beer during the Independent's Day weekend on September 20. A great time was had by all as they helped "distribute" beer there.

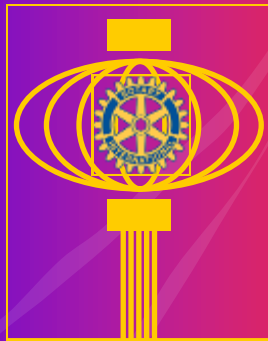
Submitted by: Thomas Trainer



### St. Clairsville:

The Rotary Club of St. Clairsville (aka Noon Rotary) is celebrating Vocational Service by sponsoring a Shadow Day for interested juniors and seniors from St. Clairsville High School who will be paired with members for a half day to observe a particular profession in which they are interested and learn of educational requirements for the occupation. At noon, the students will be luncheon guests of the Rotarians.

Submitted by: Lorrinda Saxby, President





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### Wellston:

This past week we welcomed Rotary District 6690 Governor Randy Davies to our Club for his official visit. I also learned this week that Randy is more than just a great Rotarian. Thank you Randy for all you did this week for our fallen Hero Steve Byus and his family, as you led the Patriot Guard Riders on this important mission. This took "Service Above Self" to a new level.

At our September Tuesday evening meeting we added three new members to the roster of the Wellston Rotary Club. It was great to have District Gov. Randy Davies visit our Club and present our new Rotarians with their pins. It is always an honor for me to welcome new members into our Club. Perhaps that is because I understand the power of Rotary to do good things, not only for our community, but also the world. Each member is a key to the success of our Club and I hope they each enjoy Rotary for many years to come.

Written by: Dan Lockard Jr.

Submitted by :Connie Pelletier, Pres. Elect.



Club President Dan Lockard Jr.  
and DG Randy Davis.



Randy Davies and new members:  
David Kelley, Barb Prater and Lori  
Silcott.



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### Zanesville:

Caption for first photo: Zanesville Rotarians enjoying the District Conference. (Stacy Clapper, Deanna Mox and Jim Buchbinder)

Caption for second photo: 30 year Rotarian Everett Jackson. Like many super heroes, his likeness is obscured by his ever present “mask”.

Submitted by: Jim Buchbinder



30 year Rotarian Everett Jackson. Like many super heroes, his likeness is obscured by his ever present “mask.”



Zanesville Rotarians enjoying the District Conference—Stacy Clapper, Deanna Mox, and Jim Buchbinder.



### District meetings and events

#### November

**November 15**—Annual IRS Form 990 filing due.

**November 30**—Club nominations for District Governor 2017-18 due.

#### 2015

**March 13-15**—All Ohio PETs.

**April 15, 2015**—District Assembly.

### **Nominations for DG 2017-18 due November 30, 2014.**

The District 6690 Nominating Committee is accepting completed application forms for DG of District 6690 for Rotary Year 2017-18. PDG Jim Flaherty will be chairing the committee.

**Application deadline is Nov. 30, 2014.**

Application forms and details available at <http://www.district6690.org/index.php?id=13144>

### Club events

#### October

**October 23**—St. Clairsville Spaghetti Day.

**October 25**—Newark Rotary Auction.

**October 25**—Adopt a Highway Cleanup.

**October 30**—Jackson Rotary Annual Pancake Supper.

#### November

**November 7**—Rotary First Friday Networking Lunch.

**November 11**—Whitehall-Bexley Chill and Mac and Cheese Cook-offs.

**November 13**—Sunbury/Galena Wheeling Island Casino Bus Trip.

### **District Grants for 2015-16 Rotary Year**

Grant applications available  
January 1, 2015.

Deadline for submission:  
April 1, 2015



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2	3	4	5	6	7 1st Friday Net-working Lunch	8
9	10	11 Whitehall-Bexley Chili and Mac and Cheese Cook-offs	12	13 Sunbury/Galena Wheeling Island Casino Bus Trip.	14	15 IRS From 990 filing due
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