

June 2016

# District 6690 NEWS



## District Governor's Message

What a wonderful year! When I look back at the last 12 months, I cannot believe how quickly they have gone yet how much all of you were able to do to help your communities and the world in such a short time.

I look forward to visiting all of the Clubs again – remember, my girls and I would love to come tell you about our trip to Seoul, South Korea and the amazing Rotary International Convention that we attended.

I especially look forward to visiting several of the Clubs to present them with their Presidential Citation. A huge “Congratulations” to Columbus, Granville, Reynoldsburg-Pickerington, Westerville Sunrise and Zanesville Daybreak for receiving Gold Status for their Presidential Citations.

As you read on in this newsletter, you will find some information regarding an increase in the dues to be paid to Rotary International by the members. Please read this closely and notate the cost savings that RI has implemented as well as the additional services that will be put in place with this increase. Even with this increase, RI dues will remain less than \$100 annually/member.

I cannot thank all of you enough for the support, encouragement and fun that you have provided me this year. I wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors and continued success with all that you do for Rotary!



Tara Craaybeek, District Governor 2015-2016

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## *Dues increase finalized*

### Information regarding the Dues Increase

#### Final

**The 2016 Council on Legislation voted to increase Rotary International dues by \$4 for each year in 2017-2018, 2018-19, and 2019-20.**

- The Council took this action with a progressive look toward the future, to address both financial challenges and the need to improve service to clubs.
- 9 out of 10 Rotarians have asked Rotary to provide more services, but it was clear to the Council that without the dues increase, service to clubs and districts would have to be decreased.

#### **The \$4 dues increase was needed because:**

- World financial markets have been very volatile and Rotary, like other organizations, has experienced investment losses.
- A \$4 increase will result in sufficient funding to maintain existing services and will provide a small surplus of revenues, over and above basic operating expenses and reserve targets. This additional funding can be invested in Rotary's future.
- An updated five-year forecast of Rotary's finances indicates the following outcomes for a dues increase of less than \$4:
  - A \$1 increase would result in only a 1.8% increase in revenues -- less than the 2.5% impact of global inflation -- and large cuts in services would be needed each year to balance the budget;
  - A \$1 increase would result in reserve levels falling below the Board target by 2018, requiring Rotary to spend our convention and investment reserves to fund daily operations;
  - A \$2 increase would result in reserve levels falling below the Board target by 2019, and a \$3 increase would result in reserve levels only marginally above the target by 2018.

#### **The additional funding will enable Rotary to begin to:**

- Improve the functionality of our website, including better search capabilities.
- Improve and simplify reporting for clubs and districts, including easier reporting of membership, officer appointments, and other information.
- Invest in membership initiatives, including the regional membership officers and tools for clubs and districts (such as retention assessment).
- Bring Rotaractors into the fold, by allowing them access to online tools, thereby engaging our future Rotarians sooner.





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### ... and complete projects to:

- Improve the performance and usability for Rotary Club Central.
- Improve access to contribution data for timelier online reporting to clubs and individuals.
- Provide infrastructure and updated tools needed to ensure compliance with changing regulations in the countries where Rotary operates.

Although additional funding is needed, Rotary has taken measures to reduce the amount and rate of growth of expenses, including:

- Nearly \$3 million savings per year by moving our data processing and software development to India.
- \$400,000 savings per year by outsourcing the printing, storage and mailing of publications.
- \$250,000 savings per year through the new club invoicing system.
- \$100,000 savings per year through Rotary's continued move to digital publications and reduction in printed materials.

### Rotary is well-positioned for the future

- The world's foremost membership and service organization, Rotary has remained strong through careful investment in our clubs and districts, while other membership organizations have failed or are contracting.
- The \$4 annual dues increase – less than 8 cents a week – combined with good stewardship, will enable Rotary to deliver to the clubs and districts what they have requested, along with providing the tools needed to attract new members and support new clubs.
- Supported by the Council's action, Rotary will have the necessary resources and capacity to prepare for and achieve a strong future.





## Rotary Leadership

# Leadership is learned

here.....not here



*Leadership opportunities are yours for the taking. Now it's up to you to take that first step.*

When joining Rotary, a common reason listed by a majority of members is “To Learn Leadership Skills.” I have found that leadership is learned in the trenches by getting involved and working with other individuals towards a common goal. Perhaps you have served at the club level as President or a committee chair and asked yourself “Is there more I can learn?”

Absolutely!! Our District is always looking for Rotarians who want to step up to the next level in Leadership. Serving as an Assistant District Governor, as a committee chair or as a committee member gives you a valuable hands-on experience in leadership. Perhaps you have thought about serving at the district level, but never knew who to talk to and how to get involved?

It simple. Just e-mail me at [dg2017\\_6690@roadrunner.com](mailto:dg2017_6690@roadrunner.com) and let me know you would like more information about serving at the district level. We are looking for members to serve in the following areas:

- ASSISTANT DISTRICT GOVERNORS (must be a past president)
- MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITIES
- DISTRICT GRANTS
- GLOBAL GRANTS
- PUBLIC IMAGE
- ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS (Youth Exchange, Roteract, Interact, RYLA, 4 way speech contest)
- ROTARY FOUNDATION (Annual Fund and Polio Plus)
- CLUB VISIONING



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## Thank You

I would like to thank all the club presidents, pr chairs, and club members for all the articles and pictures you have sent me in the last four years. Without your help, the job of newsletter editor would have been much more challenging. This is your newsletter. I hope you keep on sharing.

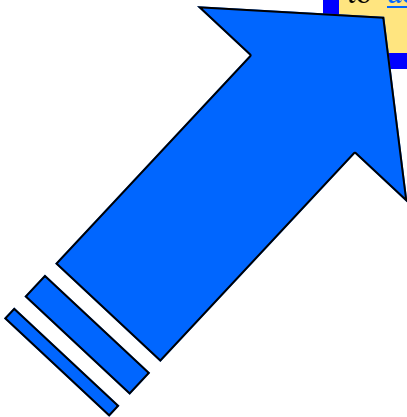
Shana Fair  
District 6690 Newsletter Editor, 2012-2016.

## Wanted— Editor for the District newsletter

The District is looking for volunteers for Newsletter Editor for the District newsletter. I

nterested in getting to know many of your fellow District 6690 Rotarian” Contact Shane Pyle, [dg2017\\_6690@roadrunner.com](mailto:dg2017_6690@roadrunner.com)

And in the interim, any submissions for future newsletters should be sent to [acollene@hotmail.com](mailto:acollene@hotmail.com)





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## Free to Smile

### “Free to Smile” Cleft Lip and Palate Report



#### Latest news:

We have raised \$19,815 with the matching campaign. 37 separate donations have been received from clubs and individuals. Two pledges are not counted so we will break \$21,000.

I CAN'T THANK  
EVERYONE  
ENOUGH

#### These smiles are thanks to:

- 1 Wonderful District Governor,
- 2 Hardworking support people,
- 1 dedicated and passionate committee,
- 1 Practically Perfect Not-for-Profit Partner,
- 6 Clubs in District 6690,
- 6 Non-Rotarian contributors,
- 25 Individual Rotarian Contributors,
- 1 really fun fund raiser,
- 1 generous anonymous donor who got the whole thing started.

**WE RAISED \$19,190 TO DATE!**



This equals enduring, positive changes  
in the lives of so many people.

**THANK YOU ALL AGAIN AND  
AGAIN!!!**

Presentations and information are  
available to you year round. Please con-  
tact Steve Weiler, 614-419-5155 or  
[steve.weiler@huntington.com](mailto:steve.weiler@huntington.com)



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## Club Activities

### Clintonville Rotary Club Awards \$4000 Scholarship

The Clintonville Rotary Club hosted a reception at Mozart's Cafe on May 19<sup>th</sup> to formally recognize and award a \$4000 scholarship to Clintonville resident Ila Boley. She will attend Miami University pursuing a degree in biochemistry.

Boley was selected from several Clintonville applicants based upon their academic and extracurricular accomplishments. In addition, each applicant submitted an essay on what Rotary's Four Way Test means to him/her. The Four Way Test is Rotary's ethical guide for personal and professional relationships, i.e. (1) Is it the TRUTH? (2) Is it FAIR to all concerned? (3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? and (4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? Rotary President Joni Schlagenhauf commented, "Ila's essay was outstanding. She spoke from the heart, and truly embraced the meaning of the Four Way Test".

The Rotary Scholarship is available to any Clintonville high school senior who is pursuing a post secondary education. Schlagenhauf went on to say, "Ila is our first Clintonville Rotary Scholar. We're excited about the future opportunity to assist Clintonville students to advance their education". Applications for the 2017 Rotary Scholarship will be available in December, primarily through high school advisers or online at [www.clintonvillerotary.org](http://www.clintonvillerotary.org).

Clintonville Rotary is one of 33,000 clubs worldwide, dedicated to community service locally, nationally and internationally. It's next community project is *Movies In The Park*, at Whetstone Park on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Photo Caption: Rotary President Joni Schlagenhauf (L) and incoming President Dave Ungar (C) present a \$4,000 scholarship check to Clintonville resident Ila Boley (R) during a reception on May 19th.





## Club Activities

The Gahanna Rotary club, once again, volunteered at the *Creekside Blues and Jazz Festival* on June 18th.

Members of the club worked the craft beer station from 11AM to 11PM. Tips raised will go to the Gahanna YMCA youth camps to give life saving swim lessons to children at the camp.

The effort raised over \$1100 for the kids!

## Gahanna







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### A Year of Giving

This past year our Rotary club made local charitable contributions in the amount of \$4,950. Thanks to everyone that made this possible!

- ☐ Boy Scouts of America \$750
- ☐ Dr. Brian Howe Mission Trip \$800
- ☐ Earth Day Donation \$300
- ☐ Food for the Hungry \$300
- ☐ Babe Ruth Baseball Sponsorship \$600
- ☐ Little League Baseball Sponsorship \$500
- ☐ New Directions, The Domestic Abuse Shelter and Rape Crisis Center of Knox County \$600
- ☐ RYLA Sponsorships \$600
- ☐ STEMFest \$500

## Mount Vernon

### 2016 Scholarships Awarded

The club awarded a \$1000 scholarship to each of 4 students. Congratulations to all and much success in their studies.

This year's recipients are as follows:

1. Julie Diding, Danville High School,
2. Danielle Nininger, Centerburg High School,
3. Bridget Roddy, Fredericktown High School,
4. Tina Cockrell, Non-traditional student attending Franklin University.



Thanks for visiting  
the farm!

### Dudgeon Farm Visit - May Social

Another fantastic event to raise funds for Rotary International. We visited the farm of Chuck and Rita Dudgeon in Gambier. Did you know a prized bull may cost \$300,000 or more? Many farmers are using artificial insemination for breeding. The semen "straws" cost approximately \$40 with about a 60% conception. The gestation period is 274 days for cows or just over nine months. Following the demonstration, we were treated to a steak dinner sponsored by the Ohio Cattlemen's Association and provided by the Knox County Cattlemen's Association. It was a wonderful dinner and great conversations with friends. A beef bundle was auctioned and raised an additional \$500 for Rotary International. Join us for the next evening social on August 30th.







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### Byesville Rotary awards scholarships to Meadowbrook and Mideast Buffalo students

During a recent club meeting, Byesville Rotary presented scholarship checks to the 2016 Byesville Rotary Scholarship winners.

Jim Bacos, Scholarship Committee Chair, presented \$500 checks to the Meadowbrook students. Students receiving the awards are Trate Allen DeVold who will attend Ohio Northern University, Claudia Rene Echard who will attend Ohio State University, and Kaleb Graham who will attend Arizona State University.

In the absence of Becky Bruner who chaired the Mideast scholarship committee, Shana Fair presented \$250 checks to the students from Mideast Buffalo. Students receiving the awards are Morgan Voytko and Kaci Miziker.

## Byesville

The Byesville Rotary established a 501C3 foundation to ensure there will be support for scholarships in the future. The foundation helps the club increase the amount of the scholarships or allow the club to award an increased number of scholarships per year.



Pictured: Shana Fair, Byesville Rotary President, Meadowbrook students Trate Allen, Claudia Echard, and Kaleb Graham.

Pictured: Shana Fair, Byesville Rotary President, Mideast Buffalo students, Morgan Voytko and Kaci Miziker.



## Calendar

July 2016

## Schedule of Events

## Youth Services Month

## District Events

June 21–23—RYLA Conference.

[More information available on District web site.](#)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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