

January 2016

District 6690 NEWS



District Governor's Message

Happy New Year!

As a new calendar year begins and we mark the halfway point of this Rotary year, it is important to reflect on what we have done, what we are doing, and what we will do. The past 6 months have been both exhilarating and exhausting at the same time!

It was amazing to visit each club and see what all of you are doing. Right now, I am making plans to attend fundraisers, service projects, Interact and Rotaract Clubs (please send me an invitation to anything you have happening!).



- RYLA
- Four Way Test Speech

Many of our fellow Rotarians are also mourning the loss of one of our Club Presidents, Erin Kennedy, President of the Rotary Club of Newark. Erin was a wonderful lady who will be missed by many. To all who have lost loved ones in the past year, I wish you peace and happy memories.

Going forward, I hope to continue to encourage and support all of you in the work that you are doing to make our world a better place!

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One of my goals for my District Governor year is to review and update the District Strategic Plan and Bylaws. The Strategic Plan Committee has met, revised the plan and finalized a new plan as of January 1, 2016 through 2019. This will be shared soon on the website and will be available at District Assembly in April.

I hope that all of you are doing similar exercises with your Clubs. A strategic plan is a great place to start your planning for the future of your Club. The District Bylaws Committee will be meeting soon to put together a document that can be approved by the Clubs at District Assembly. I believe that the entire District Leadership Team is working hard to make sure we are providing all that is needed to the Clubs and individual Rotarians.

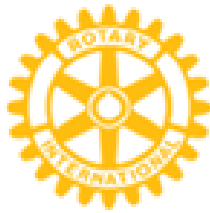




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Tara Craaybeek, District Governor 2015-2016

Rotary



All Ohio P.E.T.S.

Presidents-Elect Training Seminar

March 11-12, 2016





RYLA
Send your
club
sponsorship
agreement in
by
February 15.

Go to:
www.ryla6690.org

2016 RYLA

Registration now open for



RYLA DISTRICT 6690

Friendship
Leadership
Trust
Self-Confidence
Great Speakers!
Teamwork
Building the Next Generation of "Service Above Self!"

2016 RYLA CONFERENCE
July 21 - 23
Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

Important Deadlines to Remember...
February 15th
Club Sponsorship, Agreement Form & Payment Due
April 19th
Selected Student Registrations Due

Now accepting students that will be entering their Junior or Senior Year!

Log on to www.ryla6690.org to complete the form

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Four Way Test Speech contest

The Rotary District 6690 Four-Way Test Speech Contest

WHERE: The District 6690 Rotary Four-Way Test Speech Contest will be held on 23 April 2016 at Zane State University, 1555 Newark Road, Zanesville, OH 43701. The contest will be held in conjunction with the 2016 Rotary District Assembly.

REGISTRATION & TIMING: Check in will begin at one half hour before the contest. The contest starting time will be 9:00 AM. A pizza lunch with beverages will be provided. The entire contest, judging, lunch should end between 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM but is dependent upon the number of contestants.

PARTICIPANTS: High School students who are winners of a District 6690 Rotary Club contest are eligible to participate. Prior contest winners of the District 6690 contest may participate but must have a speech different from a prior winning speech.

RULES: The complete rules are in a separate attachment.

ESSAY CONTEST: An essay contest has been added and the rules and registration are covered in separate attachments.

PARTICIPATION at the DISTRICT ASSEMBLY and other DISTRICT EVENTS: The First place winner will be asked to speak again the same day at the Rotary District Assembly which is running concurrently with the contest. The First place winner may be requested to speak during other Rotary District events TBA by mutual convenience of the winner and the District.

STATE FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST: There is no State of Ohio Four-Way Test Speech Contest at present.

VIDEO: A DVD recording of the event will be available for \$5.00. DVD videos of prior contests are also available for \$5.00 each. See the *DVD ORDER FORM* attachment.

INTERNET: All rules and forms: <http://rotary6690.org/get-involved/four-way-test-speech-contest/>

PRIZES: FIRST PLACE \$500, SECOND PLACE \$400, THIRD PLACE \$300.





Newark

Club Activities:

Newark Rotary lost its president, Erin Kennedy, to cancer on January 2. She was the Club's 100th President.

The following tribute ran in the Newark Rotary Club newsletter:

"Our beloved president, Erin Kennedy, passed away Sunday morning after her second courageous battle with cancer. Our hearts are broken.

People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. They each teach us something, if we let them. Erin taught us many lessons: how to cope with terminal illness, how to love, how to lead with faith and grace. She lived our motto: "Service above Self." The great blessing of death is to have learned something valuable that we can hold onto forever. As Erin's friends in Rotary, we have all learned from her.

May our lives honor her with continued "service above self", and may we be strong support to Scott, Brendan, Sean and the rest of her family."

The regular Tuesday, January 5, 2016 meeting of the Newark Rotary Club served as a tribute to Erin Kennedy, with family, friends, coworkers, clergy, and Rotarians in attendance.



President Erin Kennedy was on the minds of all Rotarians as her friends and family gathered in a Rotary tribute to our leader who passed away January 2, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer. Slides on the projector screens gave those gathered a glimpse back into her years with Newark Rotary.

Attendees at the meeting included members of Erin's family-- her husband, Rotarian Scott Kennedy, and her mother, sisters, and brothers. Also attending were visiting Rotarians District Governor Tara Craaybeek; Assistant District Governor Craig Maxey; Mike Myers, Joel Spahr, and Jamie Frush (Newark-Heath); Gary Smith and Jeff Rothweiler (Pataskala) and Past District Governor Brent Rosenthal. Guests of Rotarians were in the dozens.

A "Resolution of Respect" was read at the meeting and incorporated into the club's formal minutes.

Submitted by: Jack Neely, President-elect
Thomas E. Slater, Secretary





Wellston

Club Activities

The Wellston Rotary Club was privileged to have Valleri Crabtree as the speaker at its regular meeting Wednesday Dec. 30. Valleri is a low key but powerful speaker who spoke on “Is it the Truth” one of the four items on the Rotary’s Four Way test.

The Four Way test is a simple easily remembered guide, four items, 24 words, to encourage the right conduct, for both businesses and individuals. Valleri did an excellent job of making six key points about ‘Is it the Truth,’ one of which was, is it the truth or a trick, and our individual obligation to search for the truth.

Valleri, who lives in Florida, grew up in Wellston, and brought along with her, her daughter Alex, and her mother Ida Mae Crabtree, a well-known, and retired teacher in the Wellston City School System.

Valleri Crabtree has had an amazing career, a graduate of law school from Capital University, published two spiritual books, and hosted a weekly radio show for three years. She is very involved with her community in Florida, as a member of numerous organizations, and as a volunteer for several charitable and non profit organizations.

Valleri is currently running as a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, 9th District in Florida.

Pictured: Valleri Crabtree and Connie Pelletier, club president. Valleri Crabtree, Ida Mae Crabtree, and Alex Crabtree.

Submitted by: Connie Pelletier





Club Activities

Dick encouraged by his fellow Rotarians authored a book on St. Clairsville's namesake—Governor Arthur St. Clair. During his 40-years of military and public service to America before, during and after the revolution, St. Clair was one of Washington's most trusted military strategists, serving as Major General, Congressman, President of Congress and Federal Governor of America's first expansion west of the Ohio River.

The Rotary Club of St. Clairsville decided to fund an historical plaque as a community project. The plaque was placed in front of the Belmont County Court House and dedicated by the Ohio Historical Society.

St. Clairsville.

Dick suggests that funding an historical marker memorializing an area's local history is an excellent project for a Rotary club. The Ohio Historical Society manages a state program, approves the subject and the text, and attends the dedication ceremony. The Historical society does not fund the production of the marker which typically costs between \$2300-\$2500 .

Dick would be happy to answer questions of any who are interested. [740-827-0966](tel:740-827-0966).

Pictured: Historical marker placed in front of the Belmont County Courthouse.
Community members attending the dedication of the marker.

Submitted by: Dick —





Mount Vernon

Club Activities

Mount Vernon club will be busy in the new year. George Small, one of their members, is looking for people to travel to Africa to work on a water project. The club is supporting this service project by raising funds for travel expenses. Monetary and airline mile donations are welcome.

The club has begun encouraging high school seniors and adults who want to further their academic careers to apply for the scholarships. Four \$1000 scholarships will be awarded. The deadline to apply is April 15.

One method the club is using to raise money is by encouraging members to use their Kroger Plus Shopper's Card. Club members are asked to sign into their account and choose the Mount Vernon Rotary Foundation as the non-profit organization to receive Kroger community Rewards whenever the shopper uses their Kroger card.





Byesville.

Club Activities

Byesville Rotary provides 175 families with Xmas food baskets

Byesville Rotary provided food baskets to 175 families living in the Rolling Hills School District. This meant the club provided food for about 700 children and adults.

Rolling Hills Schools contributed hundreds of canned goods. Each school held a canned food drive. The schools provided all the non-perishables in the food baskets. The Rotary club purchased the perishable items: turkeys, milk, eggs, milk, bread, potatoes, onion, apples, and oranges.

Students at Meadowbrook High School held a competition among classrooms. Which were challenged to collect enough canned goods to fill in the doorway of the classroom. The winning classroom partnered with the students at Brook and combined the canned goods collected at Brook with the cans the high school class collected. Byesville Elementary held their drive in conjunction with their Literacy Night.

The club used several methods to raise funds for this project. Members solicited donations from local businesses and community members. The club also held a successful fundraiser in October by collecting funds at the intersection of Main and 2nd streets in Byesville. Additionally, the club wrote a District grant.



Pictured: Byesville Elementary students show off their donations. Secret students ready to load their canned good contribution. Brook students with their donation.

Meadowbrook High School students collecting their contributions in the school cafeteria.



Submitted by:
Shana Fair, Byesville President





Columbus Short North

Club Activities

Thanks to all who came out to the Cambridge Tea House 12/17/2015 for the Short North Rotary's annual Holiday Party. It was a fabulously fun night full of tasty food, great conversation, and holiday cheer.

Your generous personal donations combined with a donation from the Short North Rotary Foundation enabled us to raise **\$500** for the Columbus Diaper Coalition, our holiday service beneficiary this year. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



Calendar



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February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Schedule of Events

Club Events

Feb. 6—Westerville Sunrise Club Chilly Open.

Feb. 6: Annual Polar Golf Open.

Feb. 6—Gahanna Rotary Auction.

Feb. 12—Athens AM Alien Invasion Murder Mystery.

Feb. 17—Columbus Rotary Downtown Business Expo.

[More information available on](#)

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

Schedule of Events

District Events

March 11-12: Pre_PETS training.

Club Events

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