

February 2016

District 6690 NEWS



District Governor's Message

February has been a very busy month! I have enjoyed several Club events, from the Westerville Sunrise Chilly Open to the Gahanna Rotary Auction; the Athens AM Alien Invasion Murder Mystery to the Worthington A.M. Thaw Your Heart Out. I truly appreciate the warm welcome (and good food) each and every Club has provided. We also had a visit from our RI Zone 30-31 Director, Karen Wentz, and her husband, Ron Appuhn, this month. Several members of District Leadership met with Karen to talk about what we are doing and what the future holds. She conveyed to us messages from RI President Ravi on how the year is going as well. Please continue to let me know where and when your Club fundraisers are so that I can enjoy them with you the rest of the Rotary year.



- District scholarships offered to Interact students

So much has happened this year, locally and internationally. We are still in the process of completing our District Grants doing wonderful things in our local communities; we have many Global Grants helping to assist others around the world; our "GSE Revival" committee has chosen the GSE team and is preparing to send them off in May. Internationally, there have been only 3 cases of Polio reported worldwide – this is truly amazing but still 3 cases too many!

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Please continue to check the District calendar for all of the great events all of our Clubs are hosting and some very important training events coming very soon. It has been a great year so far and I look forward to seeing many more of you over the next several months!

Tara Craaybeek, District Governor 2015-2016





February 2016

KICK CANCER

I wanted to give you an update on our Rotary District 6690 Kick Cancer Endowment Fund at The James Hospital and Solove Research Center. Our current balance is \$182,863.61 as of June 2015. We donated \$6,827.00 to Cancer research at The James this past year.

We could not donate the funds each year if it wasn't for the generosity of our members, friends and families. With each dollar your club raises and sends to our district treasurer, John Vogelpohl, only the interest earned goes toward Cancer research.

This is one of our largest local district projects. As long as there is Cancer research, our endowment will go on. Please help us increase our endowment again this year by promoting our project to your club members. We encourage each club to participate in their own way, either by the club itself, or individual Rotarians. Many clubs just pass around a bucket each week for four weeks. The members donate what they can and at the end of the four weeks the club makes a matching donation. If each club in our district participates, our endowment will continue to grow and each year our annual donation to fight Cancer will increase as well.

Please do what you can to help our Rotary District KICK CANCER.

Make your checks out to The James Cancer Research Center, put Rotary 6690 KICK CANCER Fund in the memo section and mail to Rotary District 6690, P.O. Box 387, Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Your donation is greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

Please have your donations sent in by May 2016.

Thanks so much,

PDG, Peggy Murgatroyd/Kick Cancer chair





Youth in Rotary

Working With Youth In Rotary

There are a lot of naysayers out there saying that the kids today are horrible and the entire country is going to hell.

After working with kids in Rotaract, Interact and Rotary Youth Exchange, I can tell you the opposite is true. Our future is in great hands.

It probably started with some poor caveman a million years ago talking about how the young cavemen weren't as hard working and upright as their caveman generation was.

When I started working with exchange students 17 years ago, I was amazed how accomplished and focused these kids were. At the time I thought it was mostly the foreign kids who were shining beacons. After my encounters with our out-bound exchange students, interact kids and Rotaract young adults, I realized American kids were just as great as my foreigners.

In fact I think kids today, in general, are more active, more intellectually curious, and focused on doing good than my generation of "baby boomers". They are more tolerant. Racist and homophobic jokes which would have been common in the 1960s and 1970s are anathema. They understand cultural differences and that people are more alike than different. They want harmony, not discord and peace, not war.

They are frightened of extremist views and can't understand why people don't want to help other people. In the words of Rotary, they have a servant's heart. They want to help make the world a better place.

Volunteer with these kids and their outlooks are addictive and they will influence you. I found my personal outlooks and opinions changing after just being around them and talking to them.

Someone once told me that I only hang out with the best of the best, when it came to our young people and there is some truth in that. Exchange students aren't angels, but normal, fun loving and sometimes irritating teenagers. Some achieve a lot, some not so much in their academic and work lives. They are representatives of their generation. Get to know that new generation. You'll be impressed.

Become a RYE, Rotaract and Interact volunteer and get a chance to see the World's future.

Submitted by Bill McMurray





District 6690 Scholarships for graduating Interactors

Big News – District 6690 Offers Scholarships for Interactors!

We are very happy to announce that District 6690 is offering the opportunity to apply for college scholarships to our graduating Interact club members.

Overview

- Four \$500 scholarships for a total of \$2000 are offered!
- Applicants must be a high school senior who will be attending college in Fall 2016, and must currently be a member of their school's Interact club.

Act now.

Scholarship
application
deadline is
April 1.

First Steps

- Contact Claudia Trusty, claudia@trustyandcompany.com if your Rotary club will be participating in the District 6690 Scholarship program.
- If your club already has a scholarship committee, they will be charged with evaluating these applications and making recommendations to the District committee. If your club does not have a scholarship committee, you will need a few club members to review applications.
- Contact your Interact Club school advisor to discuss the school's application requirements.

Timing Is Critical

- Complete information will be sent to your club as soon as you let Claudia know you will participate.
- Scholarship applications will be due to the District committee by April 1 and winners announced by May 1.
- All District 6690 Rotarians can serve on the District Scholarship Review Committee – let Claudia know if you would like to learn more about how you can help.





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.

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Worthington AM

Club Activities:

Annual fundraiser

In an effort to raise needed funds for our community we hold a special silent/live auction event on February 20th. The event called “Thaw Your Heart Out” is held at the Jessing Center in Worthington, OH. This is our 13th year holding this event that does so much for the Worthington community.

This year’s auction which includes dinner, fun, silent and live auctions, and music, will be held Feb. 20. Tickets are \$500 for a table of eight or \$125 per person.

Several hundred Worthington residents buy tables and participate in the auction. In addition local businesses participate by donating gift cards, services, or other items to be included in our silent auction. Last year we were able to raise more than \$45,000!

Contact Brian Asbury, Badgerman247@icloud.com, 614-578-7163 for more information.

Worthington AM Rotary in Haiti

The Worthington AM Rotary Club recently completed its second international project in Ouanaminthe, Haiti with the installation of 10 new water wells, bringing the total number of wells installed by Rotary in this community to 20.

The Worthington AM Club partnered with the Rotary Clubs of Granville and Ouanaminthe for these projects, bringing much needed clean water to the Ouanaminthe community of approximately 120,000. Many residents have to walk over a mile to retrieve clean water, and for those that use the water from the local river or other unclean sources, there is a high incident of waterborne illnesses such as typhoid and cholera.

The local Rotary Clubs raised approximately \$10,000, which, when matched by the local District and International funds, amounted to the approximately \$30,000 necessary to dig and install the wells.





Worthington AM

Club Activities



Pictured: Worthington AM Rotary members, Steve DeWeese (left) and Bill Lehner (middle) join with Ouanaminthe Rotary President Bedel Joseph at newly installed water well

Bill Lehner and Steve DeWeese from the Worthington AM Rotary Club joined with Don Kundrat from the Granville Rotary Club for a trip at the end of May to visit the new well sites and to discuss new projects with the Rotary Club in Ouanaminthe.

In addition to more wells, they hope to address housing and pollution issues faced by the residents of Ouanaminthe. Ouanaminthe is located in the Northeast part of Haiti on the border with the Dominican Republic.





Mount Vernon.

Club Activities

Mount Vernon supports BSA and Knox county exchange students.

John Thatcher, Foundation President, presented a check to the Muskingum Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America.



Our exchange students from Knox County shared their experiences with club members. Buckets 'n Brags supports our exchange students. Club members are encouraged to drop in a dollar or more every week when they can.

Pictured left to right are Michelle Silverwood and Sarah Powell.

Submitted by: Carol Grubaugh





Newark

Club Activities

Newark Rotary Steps Up For Women's Shelter

The January Service Project for Newark Rotary was donations for the Center for New Beginnings in Newark. Club members combined to donate over \$1,300 in goods and cash. The donations included everything from baby monitors and baby wipes to bedding and food. It helped to fulfill the shelter's winter wish list of needed items.

Pictured: New Beginnings' Director Tricia Hufford with donated items from Newark Rotary.

Submitted by: Rick Platt





Club Activities

Grove City celebrates 20th anniversary

Please Join Us! Grove City Rotary Club celebrates their 20th Anniversary this spring at Shadowbox Live in the Columbus Brewery District Saturday April 23rd.



The evening will begin with social at 5:00, short program 5:30, buffet dinner 6:15, & show time 7:30. Shadowbox Live, located at 503 S. Front Street, offers great music and sketch comedy like Saturday Night Live, but actually funny. Tickets are \$80 in advance.

Spring Swing Golf Outing

Grove City Rotary is having a Spring Swing Golf Outing, at the beautiful Pinnacle Golf Club in Grove City, Monday May 2nd. The day begins with a 11:00 registration, 12:00 Noon Shot Gun Start, lunch at the turn, and buffet dinner on completion. You can win \$10,000 with a hole-in-one, prizes for 1st - 3rd place team finishes, game holes, golf cart, great raffle packages, and beverage carts. Cost is \$125/ player or \$500/ team of four. Please join us by registering at grovecityrotary.org or contact Rotarian Greg Hritz more information at (614) 571-8619.

Grove City



Submitted by: Lawrence Titus, (614)795-3945





Club Activities

The Short North club had a sensational guest speaker at one of our January meetings. Cathy Harper Lee with The Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center shared her personal story of abuse and how she overcame tremendous adversity to found this outstanding non-profit organization!

Pictured: Club president Gary Vaughan and speaker Cathy Harper Lee.

Short North



Club Activities

Pike County

The Pike County Rotary Club holds its annual Spaghetti Dinner and Chinese Auction on Saturday March 5 from 4-6:30 (dinner) and then the auction. Location is Waverly High School, State Route 220.

Submitted by: Dick Roberts, Pike Co. Rotary.





Club Activities

The Gahanna Rotary presented a check to the ANGELWORKS foundation for their *Project Claus* to help families this past holiday season. Angelworks helps families who are dealing with childhood cancer with financial assistance and guidance while their child is in treatment.

Submitted by: Michael A. Fisher,
PR/PE Gahanna Rotary

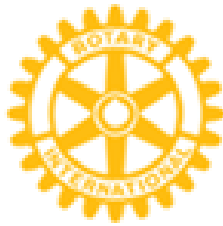
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Calendar



Rotary



All Ohio P.E.T.S.

Presidents-Elect Training Seminar



Calendar

February 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	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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*Schedule of Events***District Events**

Feb.23—Happy 11 Birthday Rotary.

Club Events

Feb. 28—Westerville Noon 48th Annual Fish Fry and Bake.

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

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
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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March 11— Pre_PETS training.
March 11-12—All Ohio PETS.

Club Events

March 5—Columbus Short North Music in the Round.
March 19—Byesville Rotary Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

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