

March 2016

District 6690 NEWS

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District 6690



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District Governor's Message

Spring is here! As we come to the end of this Rotary year, we look ahead to new leadership, projects and events in the coming year.

All Ohio PETS (Presidents-Elect Training Seminar) was held earlier this month and was once again a success. DGE Steve Sandbo is preparing his Presidents for another great year.



However, there is still a lot to do this year! Current Club Presidents, I ask that you work with your PE's and Club leadership to ensure a smooth transition for your Club. Rotary Club Central is a great tool to make sure that the Club is heading in the right direction – Club leadership can see several years of history of all of the goals and achievements of the Club all in one place.

- [District 6690 Youth Exchange wins award](#)

Also, please be sure to check the District calendar for several important events and deadlines that are fast approaching. Let's continue to make 2015-2016 a great year – the end of the year is near but the work of Rotary never stops!

Tara Craaybeek, District Governor 2015-2016

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RI President sends message to Rotary Clubs

Message from Rotary International President

My dear friends,

The month of March highlights one of our areas of focus: water and sanitation. Something as simple as clean water is often taken for granted but is still so desperately needed in many countries around the world. In fact, even now, 748 million people today are living without access to clean water.

That is why my [last two presidential conferences](#) will focus on WASH (Water and Sanitation Health) in Schools, where my hope is that we will highlight the important role that water and sanitation plays in the education of all children. In addition, Rotary is taking part in World Water Day on 22 March. Rotary has been working to build healthier communities around the world, including countries like [Ghana](#). You can help your fellow club members by [making a special gift](#) that supports projects like these.

Rotary now accepting applications for the 2017-18 Rotary Peace Fellowship

The spike in regional and local conflicts around the globe has boosted the need for professionals skilled in waging peace. The fully funded [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#) increases the capacity of current and emerging peace leaders to prevent and resolve conflict through academic training, field experience, and professional networking. [Applications](#) are due by **31 May**.

Presidential citation deadline is 1 April

My [citation](#) was created to help set goals and create activities for the Rotary year that develop vibrant, active clubs. At least 300 clubs have achieved all the goals I have set forth and over 12,000 clubs have completed the mandatory activities. I encourage you all to have your clubs work towards completing as many goals as possible before the deadline. Here are some that you can accomplish in the coming weeks:

- Use [Rotary Club Central](#) to report club accomplishments in Public Image and Humanitarian Service
- Have club members register in [My Rotary](#)
- Share a project or contribute to one on [Rotary Ideas](#)
- Post completed projects in [Rotary Showcase](#)
- [Support our Foundation](#) with a gift of at least \$20
- Have at least one club member join a [Rotarian Action Group](#)
- Work with your [Rotary Community Corps](#) to assess community needs





Message from Rotary International President

I know that many of you will strive to meet your goals in order to ***Be a Gift to the World.***

Regards,
K.R. Ravindran
Rotary International President, 2015-16



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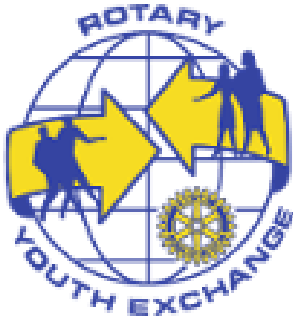


Photo by Korea Tourism Organization





District 6690 Youth Exchange wins award



Youth Exchange

NAYEN, An Experience We Won't Forget

District 6690 was the host District at the *North American Youth Exchange Network Conference* last month in Cincinnati.

NAYEN is a gathering of every Rotary District in the USA, Canada and Mexico who participate in Rotary Youth Exchange. Because of this, Rotary Districts from around the world come to this conference to make connections. During my time at the conference I met, befriended and spent time with Rotarians from Brazil, Bolivia, Italy, France, Germany, Colombia, Mexico, Canada, Croatia, Thailand, Taiwan, Japan, and many other countries. Every person at that conference is a volunteer who donates countless hours and treasure on the Youth Exchange Program.

District 6690 was honored with a Gold Award as one of the premier Rotary Youth Exchange Programs in North America during the conference. We have won this award nearly every year for 6 years. Very few Rotary Districts have won it once.

Among the guest is James Alexander, the man from the US Department of State in charge of Youth Exchange programs.

For me personally, I reconnected with people I have been working with and be friends with from all over the USA and Canada, through the four days of tours we conducted. We did tours of Louisville and Lexington, Kentucky; Dayton, Ohio and a day trip around Cincinnati.

During the tours we had some amazing encounters. One Italian Rotarian who had written a book at an incident in Italian Aviation made a formal presentation of the book to the U.S. Air Force Museum during our Dayton Tour. One of our tour participants is the nephew of the author of *Curious George*, which was dedicated to one of his uncles, who was a curious young man named George.

A honor during the first day of the conference was meeting Dr. Henry Heimlich, inventor of the Heimlich Maneuver and Heimlich Chest Drainage valve and Cincinnati Rotarian.

The conference is dedicated to perfecting the practice and improving the Rotary Youth Exchange program.





Youth Exchange

Everyone in our district RYE Committee was part of this conference. John Koetz of Columbus Rotary, did an excellent job as conference chair. Walter Lundstrom made a presentation. Sema Thimmes, Inbound chair, was in charge of volunteers. Walter Lundstrom was Co-Chair, Helen Chan was in charge of registration, Bill McMurray ran the 2 Pre Tours, Spousal Program and 1 post tour.

All in all we had about twelve 6690 Rotarians as volunteers. DGN Shane Pyle (a long time RYE volunteer), DGD Craig Maxey, Youth Services Chair Roe Mauro, all played a role in the success of the conference and it was the most successful NAYEN conference with nearly 500 participants. There were universal raves from all participants.

NAYEN is another instance where you discover Rotarians the world over are wonderful, giving people, dedicated to the notion of Service Above Self, World Peace and Rotary Youth Exchange.

Pictured: Scenes from the NAYEN Conference.

Submitted by Bill McMurray





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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.





Club Activities:

The Harlem Wizards came to town to take on the "Super Cats"- a team composed of Hilliard elementary school teachers- in a charity event organized by the Interact Clubs of all three Hilliard High Schools and the Hilliard Rotary.

The event took place at Hilliard Darby High School as nearly 2,000 students and community members filled the gym to cheer on their Hilliard teachers. In an entertaining game, the Harlem Wizards put on a show against the Super Cats and took the win.

Hilliard

The first half was mainly composed of the Wizards putting on a show full of flashy dribble moves and dunks. However, the third quarter featured the Super Cats' best players and some real basketball. The two sides went back forth in a somewhat competitive quarter.

The Harlem Wizards all have a large basketball background, whether it be college or professional, so the team enjoys playing some competitive basketball. Although they focus on putting on a show for the majority of the game, the players love to play for real. According to James "Flight" Southerland of the Wizards, "we try to bring the best people out from the other team every third quarter to really compete and show our skills."



The Harlem Wizards are well-known for fundraising events, as they travel all around to take part in charity basketball events in split-squads. The players all seem to be eager and happy to help out different communities which reflects the views of the team. Robert "Smooth" Young took a moment to remember the most memorable game he took part in. "We did a game in Baltimore for underprivileged kids, and they were able to have a good time with their families."

The proceeds from the game benefitted many local and inter-





Club Activities

national organizations, such as Pets without Parents, SON ministries, and the American Refugee booths, which were all run by volunteers from the Hilliard community.

David "DP" Paul summed up the mission of the Harlem Wizards best when he said, "it's all about the kids- everything we do out here is for the kids. To be able to travel around the world and know that I made a difference in someone's life, that's extremely gratifying for me."

Hilliard

For more information about the Harlem Wizards, please visit www.harlemwizards.com.

Written by: Brad Whittaker, a Darby High School senior.

Submitted by: Christy Clark





Club Activities

Tom Weber, Gahanna Rotary President, presents a check to "Dreams on Horseback" for \$17,600.

Funds were raised through Gahanna Rotary's annual charity auction, always held the 1st Saturday in February. During the event, over \$50,000 was raised for various charities in central Ohio. Dreams on Horseback was the beneficiary during "Fund the Need" which specific funds were donated directly for the Charity.

Gahanna

Past recipients of the Auction have been: Boy Scouts of America, building of the YMCA and GRIN among others.

Pictured: Tom Weber, Gahanna Rotary President, and representative from "Dreams on Horseback."





Club Activities

In February, The Rotary Club of New Albany celebrated the return of Hannah Price from Bora, Ethiopia. This amazing senior from New Albany High School, for her senior seminar, put together a project to help bring corrective vision to Bora, Ethiopia.

Along with the help of her father, and Rotary member, Jon Price, local optometrists and Health Gives Hope, Hannah collected hundreds of pairs of glasses and sun glasses, as well as put together a process for determining what vision the people of Bora had. Many of these people have never known what it is like to see clearly and have not had the ability to get their vision corrected.

Hannah raised the necessary funds, which the Rotary Club of New Albany was proud to assist with, to get this project off the ground. After months of preparation, she was finally able to go to Bora. Her 11 day trip consisted of 4 days in Bora and 7 days of travel. Yes, 7 days of travel! Hannah presented a documentary at our most recent meeting, showing her project in action. To see the faces of the people of Bora smile with elation over being able to see clearly for the first time was such a joy!

Although Hannah has fulfilled her obligation for her senior seminar, she has already planned her return trip to Bora in April. She wants to

We are so proud of Hannah and our club will continue to help aid this great cause.

Submitted by: Jan-Michael Gintz



Club Activities



Newark

Newark Rotary Club Continues Manufacturing Demonstration Tradition

The August 1917 edition of *The Rotarian* read, “Newark, Ohio: The manufacturers’ and merchants’ exposition, given under the auspices of the Rotary club, was a splendid success. . . There were 70 exhibits of the products of Newark and Licking County.”

The tradition continued 99 years later with Newark Rotarians taking part in the 2016 version of STEMfest! at The Works, Newark’s science museum. STEMfest is both a science competition for middle and high school students as well as an industry exposition with hands-on activities for kids (and parents!).

As it’s February service project, Newark Rotarians served as judges, emcees, greeters, and organizers for an event with a long-term community development impact. Nearly 1,000 parents and kids took part. Twenty companies exhibited. Fully 89 teams from area middle schools and high schools competed.
Submitted by: Rick Platt



Submitted by: Rick Platt





Club Activities

The Rotary Club of Lancaster Sherman will be holding their annual spring fundraiser, A Night at The Races on April 16th at the Lancaster Country Club. Join us for our annual spring fundraiser—dinner followed by an exciting series of thoroughbred races. All proceeds go towards Sherman-Rotary's local and international projects. Dinner begins at 6PM.

Submitted by: Bryan Everitt

Lancaster Sherman





Club Activities

The major fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Pike County is our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Chinese Auction. We get lots of help from our Interact Club at Waverly High School. The dinner was Saturday evening March 5.

Pictures: Members of the Pike County Spaghetti Dinner work crew.

Submitted by: Cay Roberts and Dick Roberts (president, Pike Co.)

Pike County





Jackson

Club Activities

Jackson, Ohio celebrated its 200th Birthday on March 1, 2016. The March 1 Rotary meeting was held at the Lillian Jones Museum, where local community members and organizations came together to celebrate this monumental day for Jackson County.

Both Jackson and Wellston Rotarians made a large showing at the event. We are proud of Jackson County and all the community support! The Jackson Rotary Club donated tree saplings to attendees to plant and then register with the Museum.

The museum was open for extended hours, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., for the Birthday Party, but the busiest part of the day was the midday period. The Jackson Rotary Club conducted its weekly luncheon meeting at the Carriage House Genealogy Center which is behind the museum, and invited Wellston Rotarians to attend as special guests.

The Rotarians, and as it turned out many others including government office-holders and candidates, business people, and local history lovers, were present for a brief program conducted at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Taylor Q. Rose



Happy Birthday





Lancaster Noon

Club Activities

Root Named Rotarian of the Year

The Lancaster Rotary Club is proud to announce Judy Root as the recipient of the 2016 Richard A. Benadum Rotarian of the Year.

Root has been a member of Rotary since 1994 and has taken an active leadership role by serving as the club's foreign exchange program chair for more than 18 years.

"This is the second time this award has been given and I speak for all the members in our club that we are honored to be able to bestow this recognition to Judy for all of her hard work and dedication to the club," said Melissa Walker, Lancaster Rotary president. "Judy was selected because she lives our motto, 'Service Above Self,' and has touched so many lives during her time in Rotary."

As noted above, Judy is a long-serving member and is devoted to Rotary's "Four Way Test," which all Rotarians live by to promote a better community and way of life.

"It was overwhelming and emotional to be selected for this award," Root said. "My husband Steve and I have received far more blessings from Rotary than we have given, more than 20 families have shared their children with us and allowed us to care for them for a little while and love them for a lifetime."

Root also wanted to thank Rotarians Penny Wasem and Martin Barker for nominating her. "Rotary is an amazing institution that touches people all over the world in so many ways and I thank God for every opportunity that Rotary has afforded me," Root said. "It has truly changed my life."



Criteria to be considered as the club's Rotarian of the Year include, but are not limited to: high ethical standards in business and professions, exceeding the expectations of the club membership on a regular basis, promoting Rotary by their actions and involvements, and taking an active leadership role by giving of their time to the betterment of the club

Submitted by: Melissa Walker President





Byesville

Club Activities

Byesville Rotary plans busy spring

On Saturday, March 19, Byesville Rotarians welcomed the Easter Bunny at their annual **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** fundraiser. The club served and included a complementary picture with the Easter Bunny. Children under 5 ate free with the purchase of an adult ticket.

On April 2, Byesville Rotary in partnership with Cambridge Rotary, Lions, Lioness Club, Kiwanis, and Circle K of Muskingum University will hold a food drive at Reisbeck's and Walmart between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm. Five and \$10 pre-packed food bags can be purchased. Cash donations will also be collected. The food and cash will be donated to 5 food pantries in Guernsey County.

On April, 29, Byesville Rotary partners with Southeastern Med to offer the club's 15th Annual Health Screening. Twenty-six screening tests will be available for one low price. PSA (prostate cancer) and TSH (thyroid) screening tests will be offered for an additional fee.



Pictured: Easter bunny and friend. The Byesville Rotary Easter Bunny Breakfast team.

Submitted by: Shana Fair, Byesville president and PR chair.



Byesville Rotary Interact:

Meadowbrook Interact Club holds "Purple Pinkie" fundraiser to support Rotary's effort to eliminate polio. Meadowbrook student Nate Snyder and Interact member Kaitlynn McConahay staff "Purple Pinkie" table during lunch period at Meadowbrook. Students making a donation will have a finger painted purple in imitation of the children receiving the polio vaccine have a finger stained purple to indicate they have been immunized.





Five Avenues of Service Training District Assembly

Zane State College Zanesville
Saturday April 23
8:00 - 1:00



Admit One for Dinner and the Races



District Four Way Test Speech Contest

Saturday April 23, 2016
Zane State University

Calendar

April 2016

Schedule of Events

District Events

April 23—District Assembly.
April 23—Four Way Test Speech Contest.

Club Events

April 3— Whitehall—Bexley All You Can Eat Pancakes.
April 5—Belmont County Rotary Clubs presents the Harlem Wizards.
April 16—Lancaster—Sherman Night
April 26—Olentangey presents Harlem Wizards (Liberty HS).
April 27— Olentangy presents Harlem Wizards (Olentangy HS).
April 28— Lewis Center/Polaris presents Harlem Wizards (Orange HS).
[More information available on District web site.](#)

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Rotary Month themes have changed!!

July—no theme
 August—Membership and New Club development
 September—Basic Education and Literacy
 October—Economic and Community Development
 November—Rotary Foundation
 December—Disease Prevention and Treatment

January—Vocational Service
 February—Peace and Conflict Resolution
 March—Water and Sanitation
 April—Maternal and Child Health
 May—Youth Services
 June—Rotary Fellowship