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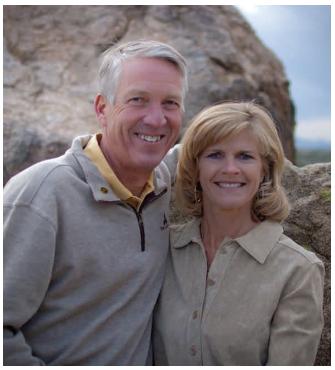

Governor Steve's Message

Welcome to the May edition of the District 6690 Newsletter. I know many of you are planning for our District 6690 invasion of Atlanta for the Rotary International Convention in June to celebrate The Rotary Foundations Centennial Anniversary. It will be an amazing experience with over 205 people attending from our District. On another convention note, I'm excited to announce that District 6690 has the second highest number of registrants and the second highest percentage of registrations out of 26 Districts in the Central United State. The only District higher than District 6690 is RI Presidents John Germ's District from Eastern Tennessee – which is a given - right! Please remember to visit the District web site and register to attend our **"District 6690 Rocks Atlanta"** evening event at the Atlanta downtown Hard Rock Café Monday June 12th.

Speaking of The Rotary Foundation, please remember what Rotary International President John Germ asked every Rotarian to do this year – honor the Foundations 100th Anniversary by giving $26.50 more than you gave last year. During each of my official club visits I asked the question "if you are proud of the work that The Rotary Foundation does, please raise your hand". Not surprisingly, every Rotarian at each meeting, at each club raised their hand. So I ask each you to remember the first part of the Four-Way Test, "Is it the Truth?" Please make the effort to go on line and give or write that special check in honor of your Foundation's 100th!

District Conference was held Saturday April 29th at COSI in Columbus with 231 attendees from around the District enjoying the day and evening dinner. Feedback from attendees highlighted hearing from 42 of their fellow Rotarians about successful projects, ideas and initiatives their clubs were accomplishing in areas like Membership, Public Image, Community Service, New Generations and World Service. During lunch, the group was entertained by four of our clubs' best Sergeant At Arms in the Sergeant At Arms showcase proving that club meetings can and should be very fun. After lunch there was a Shelter Box building competition between four clubs with the winning club having a $2000 donation made to Shelter Box in their club's name. The winning club was Athens Sunrise!

Congratulations to the Clubs who were recognized with Governor Awards for their achievements this year at the dinner Saturday night. Clubs that received recognition were:

Membership: Wellston, Athens Sunrise and Circleville Sunrise

World Service: Upper Arlington, Worthington AM and Westerville Sunrise

New Generations: Hillard, Granville and Jackson

Community Service: Chillicothe First Cap, Newark and Westerville Sunrise

Public Image: Byesville, Circleville Sunrise and Athens Sunrise

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An additional surprise was the presentation of two fire trucks from our District to our guest and fellow Rotarians Sharon and Dwight, founders of Mayan Families in Guatemala. Each truck was "Rotarized" with Rotary District 6690 logos and the name of each club in our District on the side panels. The trucks will be shipped to Guatemala and donated to local volunteer fire departments that lack any firefighting equipment. I want to thank all the clubs who brought something for the silent auction that day and am excited to announce over $5,000 was raised to assist with the expense of shipping the two fire trucks down to Guatemala. A few pictures of the fire trucks are below.

District 6690 continues to be a leader in Zones 30 and 31 membership growth! As of May 15th District 6690 had the third highest membership gain out of the 26 Districts in Zones 30/31 with 74 new Rotarians. Outstanding and a big Congratulations to the clubs who have made membership a priority, are embracing new approaches and thinking to ensure their club remains strong and positioned for the future.

Yours In Rotary

DG Steve

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Governor Steve's Message (continued)

Club Presidents Elects Jenny Stoots from Athens Sunrise and Tim Shear from Dublin Worthington ham it up!

Athens Sunrise celebrates winning the Shelter Box building club contest, nice socks Micah Covert!

Dave Dewey from the Upper Arlington Club kicked off the Sergeant at Arms showcase during lunch asking each club's Sergeant at Arms to report for humor duty.

What the heck! No one was shocked when MJ Shackelford declared Rotarians don't always have to have flowers growing out of their heads to increase Rotary's public awareness, but it doesn't hurt either!

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Polio Plus Update

By: Tom Halpin, Reynoldsburg-Pickerington

Currently there are 5 cases of polio in the world, three in Afghanistan and two in Pakistan. Although there are only three cases in Afghanistan, this is one case more than this time last year. To meet this challenge Afghanistan is improving its surveillance system using 21,000 polio reporting volunteers. These volunteers include health workers as well as community volunteers such as traditional healers, mullahs, shrine keepers, and pharmacists. These individuals find and report children that may have symptoms of paralysis. Stools samples are taken from suspected cases and sent to the lab for further testing and analysis. Most of these cases turn out not to be polio, but a high index of suspicion is needed to make sure actual polio cases are not missed. A true polio case that is missed will put many more children at risk.

Another part of the world that is concerning is Nigeria and surrounding countries. While Nigeria has made tremendous strides in polio prevention over the last 5 years problems continue. The Boko Haram extremists still prevent up to a million children from receiving vaccine. This is a problem both for Nigeria and other nearby countries. To address this issue during March 25-28 a synchronized vaccination campaign aiming to reach 116,000 children in 13 countries in Central and West Africa took place. This “firewall” of protected children should inhibit the potential spread of polio that might spread from these captive children.

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Public Image

By: Christy Clark, Hilliard and MaryJane Shackelford, Zanesville Daybreak

As we reviewed all of the applications for the District Governor Awards for Public Image, we could not help but be impressed with all that is going on in the District! It is so wonderful to see that Clubs in District 6690 have embraced DG Steve's challenge to "Grow Rotary" by telling our Rotary story and sharing all that we are doing to make a difference in our Communities and the World! There were so many terrific examples of how Clubs throughout the District have embraced the RI Brand Standards. Not to mention all of the Facebook posts, live videos, billboards, radio ads, press releases, blogs and even food trucks decked out with the Rotary logo. All of ***your*** efforts certainly have made the Rotary Brand much stronger... Way to go and ...**Woo Hoo!!**

We would like to again Congratulate Athens Sunrise, Byesville and the Circleville Sunrise Club on their recognition at the District Conference. Here are a few reasons why they were the recipients.....

Athens Sunrise

Rocking Social Media! Just a few highlights....

-Their *Written Strategy* (which would be a Great example to share will ALL Clubs in District 6690).

-The formation of an official "News Team".

-Their Interactive Social Media presence.

-The Social Media Playbook which they have shared with all of the members to encourage 100% member engagement.

-Instagram Takeover- a project that they are doing to share their member's Rotary stories with each other and the community.

-And, some of their Live Streaming posts on Facebook have been entertaining, fun and informative.

Byesville

They may be small in number but they are Huge when it comes to their PI efforts! Just a few highlights...

-Their regular presence in the local newspaper and on the local radio station. In the paper, they have a publish rate of about 90% which is terrific!

-They have their own Byesville Blog which shares and reinforces the newspaper articles and radio announcements.

-They held a contest for local graphic arts students in the area Tech school to develop a new club banner that incorporates the RI Brand standards.

-And, they wear their Rotary Gear to all fund raising events and projects!!

Circleville Sunrise

They use a multi-faceted approach to bragging about Rotary...with perfect results!

-Their use of traditional media, weekly newsletters, special bulletins (both printed and electronic) and press releases.

-In addition to a Social Media presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

-The development of a Club Brochure.

-With all of their efforts. The best outcome is that they have added 13 members!!

Keep up the excellent work District 6690!! And please continue to Like and Share!!!

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

By: Craig Maxey and Roe Mauro – RYLA Co-Chairs

Once again RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) will be held on the Ohio University Athens Campus in July. Forty Rotary Clubs from throughout District 6690 have agreed to sponsor one or more students to attend RYLA. We are anticipating that we'll have around 90 student participants in attendance this Summer. If your Club has not yet submitted the names and contact details for your student/participants, please do so using the following link. https://fs23.formsite.com/ryla6690/participants/index.html.

We will mail out the student packets with directions, permission slips and event details to these participants in early June.

RYLA is still in need of a PHOTOGRAPHER.

This should be someone with some skill who is comfortable and enjoys being around young adults. We ask that our photographer be available to take both posed and candid shots throughout the event; starting on Thursday morning through Saturday afternoon. Overnight dormitory accommodations and meals will be provided to this volunteer. This person would be responsible for gathering the photos taken into a slide show presentation to be shown on Saturday at the closing ceremony.

If you have talent in this area and think that this is something that you'd like to do, please contact Roe Mauro at roe_mauro@yahoo.com for more details.

Thank you to the 40 Clubs sponsoring students this year and to everyone who has and continues to support the RYLA program.

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The Rotary Foundation

By: Price Finley, Upper Arlington

Please look into getting your final Rotary Club and individual Rotary Foundation donations into Rotary International before June 30 In order to be counted for this 2016-2017 Rotary year.

Our Rotary Foundation is a top ten rated charity around the world. It's hard to find a charity that uses your money for programs better than ours!

If you haven't made your $26.50 contribution increase over last year, please do it now!

We've also had a lot of District 6690 Rotarians achieve the "125 Club" status ($100 to the Annual Fund and $25 to PolioPlus), and we still have a lot of pins waiting to go out to generous Rotarians.

Please be as generous as you can be.

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

The Rotary Foundation

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION 100 YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

Welcome New Interact and Rotaract Clubs!

It's exciting to announce Denison University in Granville, Ohio is our newest Rotaract Club! Congratulations Granville Rotary Club!

We've also chartered five new Interact Clubs this Rotary Year: De Sales High School sponsored by Westerville Sunrise Rotary (July 2016); Maysville High School sponsored by Zanesville Daybreak Rotary (October 2016); Jackson High School sponsored by Jackson Rotary (January 2017), Jones Middle School sponsored by Upper Arlington Rotary (May 2017), Hastings Middle School sponsored by Upper Arlington Rotary (May 2017)

A Reminder for Club Presidents:

If your club sponsors one or more Interact clubs, please update the RI contact form so I can stay in touch with all Interact chairpeople. RI and our District offer exciting opportunities for Interactors and I want to be sure every club get this important information on a timely basis.

It's easy to access and complete this online form at https://my.rotary.org/en/interact-club-contact-information

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Four Way Speech Contest

The Rotary District 6690 Four-Way Test Speech Contest was held on April 1, 2017 in conjunction with the 2017 Rotary District Assembly in Zanesville at Zane State University/Ohio University - Zanesville. The Assembly was sponsored by District Governor for 2017-2018 Shane Pyle, the 59 Rotary Clubs and 3,600 members in the District.

Fourteen High School students from Central and Southeastern Ohio who had won their local Rotary Club contest competed for honors and cash prizes. The subject of the speeches was applying the Rotary Four-Way Test in our everyday relationships with other people. The Rotary Four-Way Test is "Of the things we think, say or do, 1. Is it the TRUTH?, 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?, 3. Will it BUILD GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?, 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?" Herbert J. Taylor who was President of the Club Aluminum Products Company, authored the Test in 1932. The Test was adopted by his company as a succinct code of business ethics.

Daelyn Fry won first place and a cash prize of $500. Daelyn is a junior at Chillicothe High School in Chillicothe and represented the Chillicothe Rotary Club. Kaylee N. Hurley of South Salem won second place and a cash prize of $400. Kaylee is a senior at McClain High School in Greenfield and represented the First Capital Rotary Club of Chillicothe. Zahra Khuhro won third place and a prize of $300. Zahra is a freshman at Hilliard Darby High School and represented the Hilliard Rotary Club.

First place winner Daelyn Fry repeated her winning speech for the attendees of the Rotary District Assembly luncheon that same day.

Judges were James Barrington, Jennifer McKell and Toni Stoepfel. Contest timer was Molly Tharp. Barrington is a Chillicothe attorney and a member of Chillicothe Rotary Club. McKell is the former Director of the Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library, Past President of the State Library Board of Ohio, Board Member of Adena Regional Medical Center and Board Member of Horizon Telcom. Stoepfel is Facility Advisor of the Maysville High School Interact Club, teaches English at Maysville High School and is also a member of the Educator Preparation Advisory Team at Muskingum University. Tharp is a retired West Muskingum educator who taught 1st, 2nd & 3rd grades for 35 years, is a volunteer for Genesis Hospital and is a board member of the Foundation Board of Genesis Hospital. The Moderator was Nelson Coleman of Chillicothe who is a member of and secretary of the Chillicothe Rotary Club.

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Granville

The Rotary Club of Granville is proud to announce that it has awarded the prestigious Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship to three high school students, Anna Baltisberger, Cecilia Reinhardt and Sydney Bednarski, all of Granville High School, Granville, OH. The three scholarships, with a combined value over $72,000.00, cover room, board, tuition and a monthly stipend for one academic year. These scholarships are awarded for the 2017-2018 academic year by the Rotary Club of Granville.

In August 2017, the students will begin their role as a global ambassador when they depart for their year-long exchange. Anna's exchange will be in Brazil. Cecilia's exchange will be in Hungary and Sydney's will be in Slovakia. Between now and their departure date, they will be involved in extensive language & cultural training and preparation to be immersed in their new culture provided by Rotary.

Annually, 8,000 students between the ages of 15 and 18.5 years old participate in this program worldwide. The program began in the 1920's and its primary mission is to work towards peace and understanding the world. Rotary Youth Exchange is a member of the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), a non-profit organization committed to setting standards for international educational travel and monitoring compliance with those standards. It is also approved by the U.S. Department of State.

Speaker Recommendations

Looking for something new and interesting to present to your Club? The below are recommendations from a fellow Rotarian Allison Russo.

- The Future of Ohio Hospitals - Michael Abrams,The Ohio Hospital Association
- Redistricting Reform in Ohio - Professor Richard Gunthar, The Ohio State University
- Energy Choice and Competition - Todd Snitchler, The Alliance for Energy Choice

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Westerville Sunrise

The Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise chartered a new Interact club in January. It is the Interact Club of St. Francis Desales High School. The president of this new club is Mary Safowah, a senior at Desales. Mary attended RYLA in 2016 and was inspired to start an Interact group at the school. She contacted Claudia Trusty who put her in touch with Denny Berrier, the Interact chair for Westerville Sunrise. Mary had already gotten the okay from Principal Dan Garrick and secured a faculty representative, Amy Shockling, to guide the club. The Desales Interact Club conducted their first fundraising project on March 15 and 16 called "Purple Pinkies for Polio Plus." It was a rousing success as, on March 29th, Mary presented Westerville Sunrise with a check for $1200 for the benefit of Polio Plus. Below, Mary Safowah (second from left) received the bell and gavel from District Governor Steve Sandbo (far left). Assistant District Governor Darnell Perkins and Denny Berrier were also present.

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West Lafayette

Each month the West Lafayette Rotary Club chooses an 11th grade student from the Ridgewood School District to be the "Student of the Month". The student chosen for September was Miss Mattison Harrison. Among the many activities she is involved in (basketball, prom committee, foreign language club, STATS - Students Taking Action Through Service, and working 10-15 hours a week) she is also a representative of her high school for the 2016-17 Coshocton County Youth Leadership team. As a part of that team, each member is given money that is to be used to "pay it forward" in the community. Mattison recalled what she had been told during her month of attending the local Rotary meetings about Rotary's commitment and efforts in the battle to eradicate polio, and she chose to donate her entire sum of $100 to that effort. Mattison is the daughter of David and Erica Harrison. As part of her application for Student of the Month Mattison named her parents as the most important contributors to her self-development as they encourage her in her endeavors and help her to make wise choices.

Zanesville Daybreak

Each year Zanesville Daybreak Rotary Club presents awards to local area high school student musicians. It is an excellent program recognizing students who rarely get the praise and accolades that they deserve. It's one of our favorite programs of the year and often the meeting with the highest attendance.

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Welcome New Members

From March 16, 2017 to May 15, 2017 we welcomed 53 new members within our District! Keep Rotary growing!

Member Name	Start Date	Club
Alfred, Cody (CODY)	4/11/2017	Marietta
Ankrom, Carrie (CARRIE)	4/11/2017	Marietta
Bailey, Reid (REID)	4/11/2017	Marietta
Bennington, Sue (SUE)	4/17/2017	Delaware
Clarke, Peter (PETER)	3/16/2017	St. Clairsville Sunrise
Clifford-Sprouse, Trisha (TRISHA)	3/27/2017	Lancaster
Close, Brian (BRIAN)	4/4/2017	Upper Arlington
Compton, Michael (MICHAEL)	4/10/2017	Pataskala
Cosgray, Judith L (JUDY)	4/6/2017	Baltimore
Crawford, Jaime (JAIME)	4/4/2017	Coshocton
Darfus, Josh A (JOSH)	3/27/2017	Lancaster
Downing, William E (BILL)	3/31/2017	Columbus
Dye, Jayne W (JAYNE)	3/27/2017	Lancaster
Dyer, Alexander J (A.J.)	4/10/2017	Lancaster
Fox, George Anthony (TONY)	5/2/2017	Newark
Giffin, Wade E (WADE)	4/4/2017	Upper Arlington
Haines, Laura (LAURA)	4/1/2017	Grove City
Hammond, Jason (JASON)	4/4/2017	Coshocton
Hartsaugh, Shawna R (SHAWNA)	3/28/2017	Circleville Sunrise
Hayes, John Scott (SCOTT)	4/4/2017	Newark
Hopps, Jamie (JAMIE)	4/12/2017	Cambridge
Janoso, John R (JACK)	3/27/2017	Lancaster
Lester, David (DAVID)	3/23/2017	Olentangy
Link, Jason T. (JASON)	4/19/2017	Chillicothe,First Capital
LoRaso, Janice (JANICE)	4/4/2017	Newark
Maiden, Chelsey (CHELSEY)	4/11/2017	Marietta
Mc Neel, Douglas (DOUG)	3/20/2017	Delaware

Member Name	Start Date	Club
McCurdy, Michael J (MICHAEL)	5/11/2017	Columbus
Miller, Mathew R (MATT)	5/2/2017	Newark
Moore, Piper V (PIPER)	4/28/2017	Columbus
Morris, Stacey Buck (STACEY)	4/17/2017	Granville
Mullen, Patrick John (PAT)	4/6/2017	Worthington A.M.
Parsons, Kevin (KEVIN)	4/17/2017	Delaware
Patterson, Steve (STEVE)	5/15/2017	Athens
Pillar, Adam (ADAM)	4/17/2017	Lancaster
Pinkerton, Richard (RICHARD)	5/8/2017	Granville
Potts, Connie (CONNIE)	4/28/2017	Jackson
Rice, Thomas (THOMAS)	4/19/2017	Dublin-Worthington
Richendollar, Shawn (SHAWN)	3/21/2017	Jackson
Riggins, Melissa K (MELISSA)	4/27/2017	Olentangy
Riley, Jessica S (JESSICA)	5/2/2017	Malta-McConnelsville
Rosen, John Payne (JOHN)	4/4/2017	Newark
Rothermel, Allen E (ALLEN)	4/4/2017	Sunbury-Galena
Russo, Catherine Allison (ALLISON)	4/4/2017	Upper Arlington
Saxton, Jon Charles (JON)	4/19/2017	Chillicothe,First Capital
Scaggs, Ronin L (RONIN)	3/21/2017	Jackson
Shiflett, Nathan (NATHAN)	4/3/2017	Chillicothe,First Capital
Stanley, David (DAVID)	4/1/2017	Hilliard
Sturgill, Jennifer (JENNIFER)	4/20/2017	Marietta
Wade, Ashley C. (ASHLEY)	4/25/2017	Whitehall-Bexley
Wallis, Greg (GREG)	4/20/2017	Newark-Heath
Wilson, Nathan K (NATHAN)	3/28/2017	Circleville Sunrise
Wilson, Steve D (STEVE)	4/11/2017	Worthington A.M.

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Georgia, USA 10-14 June

ATLANTA 2017

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The yearlong celebration of The Rotary Foundation and 100 years of Doing Good in the World culminates at the Atlanta convention. Help us celebrate in the city where it all began:

- Explore The Rotary Foundation Centennial exhibit
- Attend the "Doing Good in the World" book signing
- Enjoy a special centennial birthday party
- Register to attend at http://www.riconvention.org/en/current-convention

2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta

As you can see below, all of the rooms in our block have been reserved. However, I still want to encourage District 6690 Rotarians to register for the Convention. No matter where you stay, you will be with Rotarians from all over the world, meeting persons who will expand and enhance your knowledge and appreciation of Rotary and what an impact we have throughout the world. For most Rotarians, they do not truly understand the totality of the organization until they attend an International Convention; I want you to take advantage of that opportunity. Please contact Steve Heiser, heiser1950@gmail.com, or Trevor Donaldson, trevor@donaldsonappraisal.com, with any questions or for more information.

District 6690 2017 RI Convention Event

We are close to finalizing our District Event at the RI Convention. It will be held Monday, June 12, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Park Bar Atlanta, 150 Walton St., which is within walking distance of the Convention site, the Georgia World Congress Center. For the price of admission to the event, we will have an assortment of heavy appetizers, sandwiches, and dessert, along with a cash bar. We want every Rotarian, and their spouse/roommate/significant other, to be able to enjoy one evening with all of the other Rotarians from our District. A more formal announcement with all the details will be sent to all the District 6690 Rotarians who are attending the Convention when all the details are confirmed.

District 6690 Room Block

All of the rooms in our Block have been reserved. If we have cancellations, I will contact persons our waiting list to see if they would like to register for the available room.