



## June 2017

### Governor Steve's Message

Welcome to the last edition of the 2016-2017 District newsletter. Wow it's hard to believe that the Rotary year is almost over. First, I want to express my appreciation to you for allowing Jill and I to be a part of your Rotary lives this year. It has been such an honor to serve you and hopefully make your Rotary experience a little better. I honestly feel many clubs have recognized and are earnestly working towards making the necessary adjustments to continue to increase their relevancy for their members and more importantly for their potential members. Did I get accomplished everything that I had on my agenda this year – not close, but no District Governor ever does. It was such a wonderful end to the year getting to spend 4-5 days in Atlanta at the Rotary International convention with 203 fabulous people from our District!

Our District has had a great year and I'd like to highlight some of the accomplishments our clubs have achieved.

As I write this, our District Clubs' membership has increased by 78 net members which put us close to the top of Districts in the Central US. Great job to all the clubs showing net membership increases.

We kicked off Rotary Club Visioning in May of this year and already 7 clubs have requested to participate in a Club Visioning session to prepare their clubs for the future. You will be hearing more in the coming several months how your club can benefit.

We brought back the District fall training event in which over 203 Rotarians participated in.

This year we grew our number of Rotary Interact Clubs by 18% with the addition of 6 new Interact Clubs bringing the District total to 39 clubs. We also recertified a Rotaract club so kudos to our New Generations team.

The District's social media footprint and exposure increased dramatically this year. We now post weekly on Twitter and have over 2,100 followers. Our Rotary District Facebook presence is up over 100% and not surprising our number one posting was the pictures and story of our 2 Rotary District fire trucks, Rotary One and Rotary Two, which were presented at District Conference to Sharon and Dwight Poage from Mayan Families. That posting alone had 3,259 followers!

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**DG Steve & Jill Sandbo**



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Our clubs and members support for The Rotary Foundation, during this special year, was off the charts! 46 clubs met or exceeded their Rotary Foundation goals reflecting an all time record (in recent times) of over \$345,000 dollars. This represents a 12% increase and \$36,000 bump over the previous record. Our clubs also did a great job supporting Polio Plus donating over \$80,500 which was matched 2 for 1 by the Gates Foundation! The District was also able to give out a record amount of District grant funding to clubs to support their local projects. Hats off to the District Foundation team in all respects.

I also want to recognize Heather Rainwater, District newsletter chair for all the effort she has put into putting together the District monthly newsletter.

My final thanks of appreciation is to my wife Jill, who accompanied me on a majority of my trips this year and club events. The friends we made and the experiences we shared were unbelievable. Jill's support of me in addition to understanding my role and responsibilities as District Governor helped keep me on track – more than once.

Lastly, the question that I have been asked more than once is "what are you going to do now with your time?" Yes, it has been a busy three years and the person worried most is my wife Jill, for her own sanity. During the past three years Jill and I became grandparents 3 times and I have not had the opportunity to see them in Los Angeles and Denver nearly as much as I wanted. I plan to re-engage with my own great club, Upper Arlington Rotary and focus energy back to one of my Rotary passions, World Service. I have also agreed to chair the District Club Visioning rollout which will be exciting along with anything I can do to support your next group of District leaders, Shane, Craig and Gary.

It has been an honor to serve you!

Cheers,

DG Steve



## Polio Plus Update

By: Tom Halpin, Reynoldsburg-Pickerington

Currently there are six cases of wild polio type 1 in the world. This contrasts with 16 cases during the same period in 2016. Four cases are in Afghanistan and two in Pakistan. While having less cases than last year is good news there are some worrisome signs in other parts of the world. There have been outbreaks of vaccine derived polio virus (cVDPV) in both Syria and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Syria currently has 17 cVDPV cases, 15 of these were reported just last week. DR Congo has two separate outbreaks of two cases each. These cases of vaccine derived polio virus occur when the live attenuated virus contained in the vaccine changes and becomes able to infect and cause paralysis. This is a rare event maybe occurring once in every million doses distributed but once this virus changes it can begin circulating in the local population. It does not have the ability to spread as rapidly as a wild polio outbreak. These type outbreaks are contained by aggressive immunizations programs, as would be true for any polio outbreak. These cVDPV outbreaks don't represent a step backwards in our ability to eradicate polio but are a wakeup call because cVDPV cases almost always occur where immunization levels are low and if they get any lower we are likely to see outbreaks of wild polio. Both the DR Congo and Syria are areas of conflict where it has been difficult to reach some children. The GPEI is working with both countries to respond to the current outbreaks but increasing efforts must be made to reach vulnerable populations in these conflict areas.

At the recently concluded RI Convention, RI committed to raising \$50 million each year over the next three years and Bill Gates announced that his Foundation will continue the two to one match of Rotary dollars. This means that PolioPlus would receive \$450 million to fight polio over those three years. Also other national leaders at the Conference pledged funds for polio elimination. The total pledged including Rotary and Gates pledges was \$1.2 billion. It is important that each club try to improve PolioPlus giving so we can reach the \$50 million pledge and get the 2 to 1 match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.





## Public Image Grant Guidelines for 2017-2018

### Program Overview

Rotary District 6690 is making \$16,000 available to its clubs via a matching grant program to fund Public Image projects/campaigns. Clubs may apply for one of these two available grants:

**1. Rebranding/Logo Update Initiative** - Up to \$250 available in 1:1 match for projects that update club supplies (e.g. banners, brochures) with Rotary's new brand/logo.

**2. Outreach/Awareness Initiative** - \$250 District match for \$500 club minimum investment to support campaigns focused on membership & awareness e.g. online advertising, social media advertising, print/TV/radio/outdoor advertising. NOTE: funds are not intended to exclusively promote a specific event, and venue/food/beverage will not be reimbursed by the District.

### Public Image Grant Application Deadlines

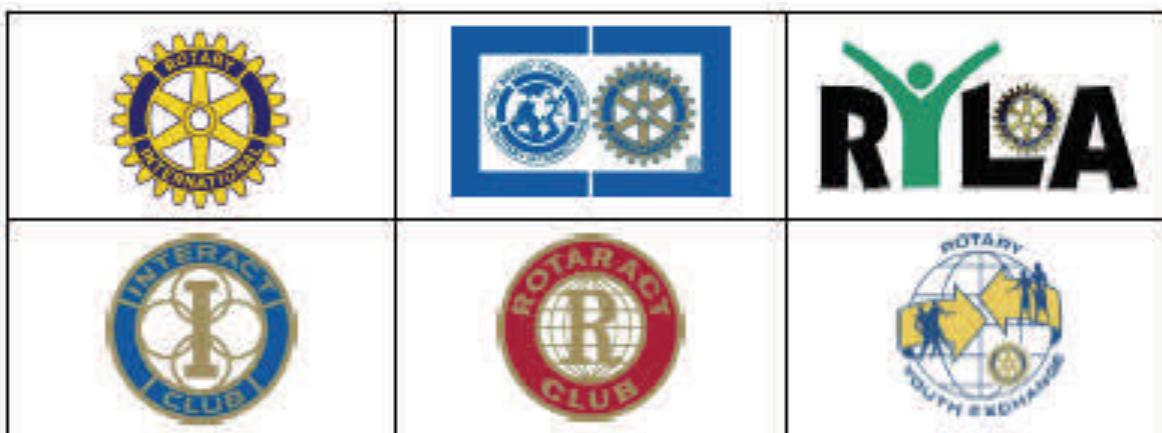
- 1) Club grant applications must be submitted electronically to Public Image Chair by **9/30/2017**
- 2) Grant approval/denial decisions will be emailed to applicants by **10/31/2017**
- 3) Public Image grant projects must be implemented and final reports submitted no later than **4/30/2018**
- 4) Reimbursement payments to Clubs from District will be released no later than **6/15/2018**

### District 6690 Contact Information

All communications or questions regarding the 2017-2018 District 6690 Public Image grant should be submitted to the District Public Image Coordinator:

Christy Clark [cjclark206@gmail.com](mailto:cjclark206@gmail.com) 614-206-9278

*Still using these outdated graphics? Time for an update!*





## The Rotary Foundation

By: Price Finley, Upper Arlington

We're down the final stretch in our celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of **OUR** Rotary Foundation.

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!**

In addition, we currently have **251** District 6690 Rotarians who have become members of the 125 Club in its inaugural year, by giving \$100 to the Annual Fund and \$25 to Polio Plus. **We still have pins left to give out for this year – please consider joining the club!**

Please be as generous as you can be.

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ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
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**Rotary**  
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## District Conference At A Glance





## With Clear Vision Comes Bright Futures District 6690 Launches Club Visioning Program

Walt Disney once said, "If you can dream it, you can achieve it."

On Saturday, May 20th, members of District 6690 gathered for all-day training on how to help Rotary clubs define, then achieve their dreams.

Sixteen volunteers, representing 14 different clubs in the District, were trained and certified as Rotary Club Vision Facilitators. Training was led by members of the International Vision Facilitation Council, including Glen Vanderford, PDG 6760 and Rotary Coordinator for Zone 30, Rita Esterly, PDG District 6080 and Tom Ripperda, PDG District 6510.

The club visioning process allows club members to dream about what their club could become. From this dream comes a new sense of identity and a renewed commitment to make the club better than it is today. A club visioning session provides a vision for the future and the beginnings of a written plan that promotes consensus, consistency and continuity. This statement of goals and initiatives provides a road map that is easy for leaders and club members to understand and serves as a foundational piece for any club that wants to grow and become more effective.

Club Vision Facilitation is a voluntary activity, available to all clubs from the District at no charge. The session takes about four hours and is facilitated by a District Visioning Team comprised of 4-5 certified facilitators.

The goal at the end of the session is for the Rotary club going through the exercise to clearly understand what it stands for in its community, what its target membership size is in five years and what its top priorities are for each Avenue of Service. This is all aligned with Rotary International's strategic plan to support and strengthen its clubs.

More details will be forthcoming over the next few weeks, but if your club has interest in being one of the first in District 6690 to go through the process of beginning to form a clearer, brighter vision of your future, reach out either to your AG or to DG Steve.



*Volunteers from around the District, along with District leadership and AGs, donated a full day of their time to become certified in Rotary Club Visioning. This process, which will soon be offered as a service to all clubs in the District, helps Rotary Clubs see and create their futures.*

## Baltimore

Ohio Secretary of State, Jon Husted, was the guest speaker at the Baltimore Rotary Club recently. He began his presentation by recognizing Rotarian Ruth Crutcher-Beckwith for her many years of service to the Baltimore Food Pantry. During his speech, he also covered a number of interesting topics including voter fraud, streamlining the requirements for new businesses in Ohio, and providing opportunities for youth.

Later, Secretary Husted recognized the Baltimore Rotary Club on its 15th anniversary. Rotarian Bob Kalish, Regional Liaison for Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted, presented the commendation to Rotary Club President Brad Williams. Husted recognized the club for it's commitment and service to the community.



## Jackson

The Jackson Rotary Club sponsored the Ponney & Marilyn Cisco Memorial 5K Race and Walk on Memorial Day, May 29<sup>th</sup> in Oak Hill. The 5K race and walk were part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Flags. The race and walk started at Aetna Park on N. Front Street in Oak Hill. Plaques were presented to the top three overall men and women, first male walker, first female walker and first boy and girl 12 or younger. Special Rotary theme awards will be presented to top three men and women in each of the following age groups for the run: 12 and under, 13-16, 17-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70 and over. First time 5K runners and walkers also receive an award.

In a fitting tribute to Ponney and Marilyn Cisco, the race was won by Cole Cisco of Lancaster in a time of 19:07. Cole is the grandson of Ponney and Marilyn Cisco. The Cisco's were well known Oak Hill community members and Ponney was a past president of the Jackson Rotary Club and a Rotary District Governor. The run and walk was coordinated by Rotarians Matt Jenkins and Brian Moore. A total of 70 runners and walkers participated in the event.



*Overall winners Cole Cisco and Amy Kentner*



*The Cisco Family and Friends*



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Central and Southeast Ohio



# Welcome New Members



From May 16, 2017 to June 26, 2017 we welcomed 64 new members within our District! Keep Rotary growing!

Adams, Jandi (JANDI)	5/30/2017	Coshocton
Anderson, Wendy (WENDY)	5/23/2017	St. Clairsville
Balbo, Jane (JANE)	5/18/2017	Athens Sunrise
Bates, Tammy Lynn (TAMMY)	5/22/2017	Marietta
Bollenbacher, Todd E (TODD)	6/1/2017	Westerville
Brown, Erin (ERIN)	5/16/2017	Delaware
Carman, Jeff (JEFF)	6/1/2017	Chillicothe,First Capital
Claggett, Phillip M. (PHIL)	6/20/2017	Newark
Copits, Rosemarie M (ROSE)	6/23/2017	Columbus
Countryman, Dustian (DUSTY)	5/23/2017	Chillicothe,First Capital
Crawford, David M. (DAVID)	5/25/2017	Circleville
DeSmet, Deanna (DEANNA)	5/31/2017	Dublin-Worthington
DeVore, Tim (TIM)	5/18/2017	Grove City
English, David (DAVID)	6/19/2017	Granville
Esdale, Melissa (MELISSA)	5/31/2017	Athens Sunrise
Fairchild, Sam R. (SAM)	5/23/2017	Reynoldsburg-Pickerington
Fribley, Magdalena (MANANA FRIBLEY)	6/7/2017	Westerville Sunrise
Garner, James Paul (JAMES )	6/1/2017	Chillicothe,First Capital
Graham, Amanda (AMANDA)	6/23/2017	Athens Sunrise
Guy, Jonathan Mitchell (JONATHAN)	5/22/2017	Athens Sunrise
Hixson, Kaitlyn (KAITLYN)	6/23/2017	Athens Sunrise
Hoskinson, Jim (JIM)	5/25/2017	Zanesville Daybreak
Ickert, Heinz E. (HEINZ)	6/26/2017	Columbus
Johnson, Evan (EVAN)	5/30/2017	Coshocton
Klein, Craig Alan (CRAIG)	5/23/2017	Wellston
Long, Carol G (CAROL)	5/25/2017	Westerville
Long, Randolph L (RANDOLPH)	5/25/2017	Westerville
Lynch, Grant S (GRANT)	5/18/2017	Columbus
Mann, Tobin (TOBIN)	6/20/2017	Newark
Masterson, Jenni (JENNI)	5/18/2017	Zanesville Daybreak
Miller, Brandy (BRANDY)	5/18/2017	Zanesville Daybreak



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Miller, Laura (LAURA)	5/22/2017	Marietta
Montgomery, Nichole (NICHOLE)	6/12/2017	Granville
Montgomery, Tisha (TISHA)	6/2/2017	Jackson
Mullen, Michael (MICHAEL)	5/22/2017	Marietta
Naim, Devin (DEVIN)	5/22/2017	Lancaster-Sherman
Neenan, Ashley (ASHLEY)	5/22/2017	Marietta
North, Jessica (JESSICA)	6/6/2017	Malta-McConnelsville
Oehlers, Kenneth J. III (KENNETH)	6/23/2017	Athens Sunrise
Parker, Andrew (ANDY)	5/22/2017	Lancaster-Sherman
Peck, Konlyn (KONLYN)	6/9/2017	Jackson
Phillips, Steve (STEVE)	6/9/2017	Grove City
Platt, Natasha Brooke (TASHA)	6/20/2017	Newark
Rainey, Jennifer K. (JENNY)	5/22/2017	Circleville
Richards, Ben (BEN RICHARDS)	5/23/2017	Pataskala
Rine, Jessica (JESS)	5/23/2017	St. Clairsville
Roush, Nathan (NATHAN)	6/14/2017	Nelsonville
Ruckman, John (JOHN)	6/6/2017	Mount Vernon
Ruud, William (WILLIAM)	5/22/2017	Marietta
Salzman, James A (JAMES)	5/31/2017	Athens Sunrise
Shelton, Ken (KEN)	5/18/2017	Chillicothe,First Capital
Sidwell, Tara N (TARA)	6/6/2017	Malta-McConnelsville
Stack, Gene Alan Jr. (AJ)	5/22/2017	Gallipolis
Steininger, Aaron (AARON)	6/7/2017	Westerville Sunrise
Sturgill, Jennifer (JENNIFER)	5/22/2017	Marietta
Taylor, Shawn (SHAWN)	5/22/2017	Marietta
Tompkins, Laura (LAURA)	5/18/2017	Zanesville Daybreak
Trout, Jamie (JAMIE)	5/18/2017	Zanesville Daybreak
Wagner, Bryan (BRYAN)	6/7/2017	Westerville Sunrise
Webber, Sydney (SYDNEY)	5/18/2017	Athens Sunrise
Wetzel, Richard (RICHARD )	5/16/2017	Mount Vernon
Whitney, Brittany (BRITTANY )	5/16/2017	Mount Vernon
Whittaker, Stuart Allyn (STU)	5/24/2017	Westerville Sunrise
Wiedwald, Debbie (DEBBIE)	6/7/2017	Westerville Sunrise