



October 2016

Governor Steve's Message

Greetings and welcome to the October edition of the District 6690 newsletter. As Jill and I are wrapping up our first round of visits I can't say thanks enough to all the clubs for their generous efforts and hospitality shown to us. We have been so amazed at the humanitarian projects each club does in their community and how communities depend on Rotary Club projects to make a difference.

Next month is Rotary Foundation month with the Centennial Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation this year. So many clubs are planning special Rotary Foundation events to leverage this remarkable year and asking their members to "do something extra" in support of The Rotary Foundation. Rotary International President John Germ is asking each club to make the year 2016-2017, the biggest year of giving to The Rotary Foundation. In January of this year news organization CNBC announced the top ten most impactful organizations in the world. Our Rotary Foundation was selected as the 5th most impactful organization worldwide – how cool! At each club visit this year I have asked everyone in the audience to raise their hand if they are proud of the work The Rotary Foundation has done over the past 100 years. I know it's shocking but I batted 100% with every Rotarian raising their hand. What many didn't understand was **not** one penny of your District dues or Rotary International dues goes to support The Rotary Foundation. That's why it is so important for members to continue to support our Foundation, The Rotary Foundation, during this special year.

More exciting news for our District. Through the first 3 months of the year, our District has the second highest membership growth out of the 26 Districts in Zones 30 and 31. Rotary only grows by members asking people to join Rotary. One of the three things I have asked every Rotarian in the District to do this year is to invite a non Rotarian to "volunteer" at one of your club's service projects or attend a club's social event. Show them what Rotary does first. A startling fact is that 80% of all Rotarians never ask another non Rotarian to join to Rotary. Even more telling is that when surveyed, the number one reason given by people for not being a Rotarian is "no one asked."

Finally, I'm excited to announce the return of the Governor Awards to recognize all the outstanding things our clubs have accomplished during the year in areas like Membership, New Generations, Public Image, World Service, Community Service and The Rotary Foundation support. Clubs will be recognized at this year's District Conference Saturday April 29th at COSI in downtown Columbus.

Rotary Thought for the Month

"All great things and ideas Rotary has done and will accomplish in the future starts with just one person's vision—what will your Rotary legacy be?"

Yours In Rotary,

DG Steve

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World Polio Day

District Governor Steve Sandbo

Everyday somewhere in the world polio or the threat of polio is with us, as has been true even before the pyramids were built. Now for the first time in history we can have the dream of ending this threat for all time. The efforts of scientists, health care workers, and especially the vision of Rotarians past and the everyday efforts of Rotarians present have brought us to this watershed.

As of the end of September there are only 26 cases of polio in the world all located in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. But as in many endeavors the last measure needed to reach a goal is often the most difficult to achieve. We must be diligent in pressing forward to make sure polio is eliminated forever. Rotary announced its goal of a polio free world in 1986 and the world followed us and we are still leading today.



I ask all Rotarians to give a thought to our efforts to eliminate polio. Be generous in your donations, consider a club PolioPlus fundraiser. The End Polio Now section of the RI website has examples of fundraising activities. If your club has its own foundation please consider a grant to PolioPlus. With World Polio Day on October 24, RIGHT NOW is a prime opportunity to hold a fundraiser or designate fine money or a special collection for PolioPlus. While most of us can't travel to a foreign land we can have a direct impact by providing the vaccines, cold chests, fuel, and more for the brave health workers providing the immunizations.

We continue to have a powerful incentive to fundraise for PolioPlus. The Bill and Malinda Gates Foundation will continue to match two dollars for every dollar we raise. This past year District 6690 raised \$112,778 but considering this match our effort was worth over \$338,000 for PolioPlus.

We are very close but the battle is not over. Now is the time to redouble our efforts.



Rotary Is a Tree

By: Mollie Crooks, Zanesville

Steve Jobs said -- The only way to do great work is to love what you do.

I LOVE BEING A ROTARIAN!

My LOVE for Rotary began when I became “engaged” in a Club role that played to my talent and interests. It just happened that I loved having fun and seeing others having fun, so being the “Goddess of Gaiety” was a total blast! The fact that I was the first female Sergeant-at-Arms of our 100 year old Club made it icing on the cake!

My story depicts the essence of growing Rotary Membership. We need – we must – ENGAGE Rotarians to GROW Rotary membership!

I invite you to picture Rotary membership as a tree.....

The **ROOTS** anchor the tree.

Rotary's guiding principles are our **ROOTS**....they anchor us. They are the **FOUNDATION** of everything we do – Community service & Networking. Although many things in Rotary are changing....our **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**... the reasons that Paul Harris founded Rotary... remain the same! *Join our community of leaders to exchange ideas and take action at home and around the world.*

The **TRUNK** (specifically, the **HEARTwood**) is the central, supporting pillar of the tree. Rotary members are the **TRUNK**...WE are the **HEART** of Rotary! Like a tree, there are 5 layers to membership – **ATTRACTION, ORIENTATION & TRAINING, MENTORING, ENGAGEMENT, RETENTION.**

BRANCHES grow out of the tree trunk and serve as support structures for the leaves. Rotary's **BRANCHES** are our **SERVICE PROJECTS, WEEKLY PROGRAMS, FUNDRAISING PROJECTS, SOCIALS & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, CLUB FUNDAMENTALS AND CULTURE, and OUR PR PROGRAM.**

The **LEAVES**...make the food for the tree. Rotary's **LEAVES** are your ideas and passions....they feed the Club with great programs, service project ideas, fundraising initiatives, and new member prospects. What we do greatly affects whether people want to join with us and stay with us!

EVERY Rotarian is different. Each has a different background, interests, personal and professional skill set, career obligations, financial situation, family demands and reasons for being in Rotary.

Each of us is unique...with our own reasons for joining Rotary, things that engage us, and causes that we connect with.

And, all that makes us different....makes our Rotary Clubs stronger! By embracing this diversity, we make it easier to engage more members in Club activities and projects that appeal to them, and create a more active Club.

For membership to grow, leaders must embrace new ideas...even some that challenge tradition.

RI President John Germ says “do whatever it takes to get it done”! RI is empowering us....don't just do what's comfortable or easy or the way things have always been done. Do what keeps us relevant.





Youth Exchange Making a Difference

By: Walter Lundstrom, Westerville Sunrise

Please enjoy this wonderful thank you letter and update from our Youth Exchange Scholar Zoe Guiney in Mexico. Thanks to the help of our overseas partner, your Rotary club can award this \$24,000+ Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship, for a \$1,500 investment next year. The deadline for completed applications is 11/15. You can find all the info at www.rye6680.org

Dear Columbus Rotary and Granville Rotary,

I have now been in Mexico for 4 weeks and so many wonderful things have happened!

On August 7th, I arrived in my beautiful host city of La Paz with 6 other exchange students from around the world. We were all greeted warmly by Rotarians and host families alike. Everyone has been very eager to welcome me to their city and share their culture with me. Likewise, I am extremely eager to continue to learn about and experience this beautiful place. La Paz is truly stunning. Everywhere I look I see the ocean, the mountains, or the cactus (which are huge!).

Last week, I began school here. I'm going to a small Catholic school that is very different from High School back in the states. My class is only 11 people and we stay in one classroom the whole day while the teachers come to us. My first class is English (it's required) and I am happy to say that I'm acing it!

Probably one of my favorite parts about being here is the food! I know Mexican food is common enough in Ohio but the real deal is so different from anything I've ever had back in the states. One of my favorite things here is picking up tortillas from the tortilleria for my family before lunch. A tortilleria is basically a bakery that only makes tortillas, which are absolutely essential to Mexican cuisine. In Mexico, the biggest meal of the day and the family meal is lunch, not dinner, and it is served mid-afternoon.

I love being in the kitchen before lunch with my host family, learning how to prepare new Mexican dishes. I'm proud to say that I'm handling the spiciness quite well and the other day; I actually won a jalapeño eating contest against some of my Mexican friends! One of my favorite Spanish words I've learned so far is "enchilar" which doesn't have a direct translation in English. Basically, it means to be in the state of experiencing spiciness and I think its existence as a word speaks a lot to Mexican culture!

I love sharing with all my friends and family here about what life is like back in Ohio and how it's different from La Paz. People are so interested to learn about my life back home and I've actually had a couple friends even ask me to help them apply to colleges in Ohio. It's so wonderful to be able to share my home with others, especially as they have been so welcoming of me into theirs.

I cannot believe it's already been 4 weeks and cannot wait to see what else this experience has in store for me. Thank you so much for all your support of me during this exciting time, and allowing me to pursue this adventure. I could not be more grateful!

Zoe Guiney

Your 2016 Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship recipient to Mexico



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is YOUR Foundation

By: Gary Vaughan, Columbus Short North

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is YOUR Foundation and it funds wonderful Projects:

In YOUR Community		
2012-13	17 District Grants	\$24,000
2013-14	38 District Grants	\$53,572
2014-15	45 District Grants	\$67,070
2015-16	46 District Grants	\$65,188
2016-17	46 District Grants **	\$77,489
** In process		



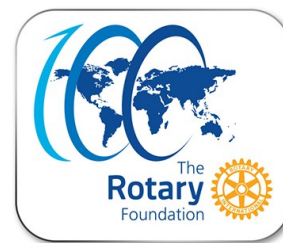
Five GREAT reasons to give to TRF

1. It supports wonderful projects in YOUR community
2. It changes lives around the world
3. 100 cents of every dollar given to the Annual Fund is available for District 6690 Projects
4. We are planning a huge PARTY in Atlanta, June 2017 to celebrate your giving to TRF. By the way it is the 100th BIRTHDAY of TRF.
5. Contributions are tax deductible

Remember November is Foundation month!

If you like to have someone from the District 6690 Foundation Committee speak at your club, please contact Price Finley pfinley@bricker.com Cell: 614-361-6567 or

Gary Vaughan, grv@aol.com Cell 614-579-2189





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>

Reserve your room today by following these simple steps:

Step 1: Register for the Atlanta Convention if you have not done so

Step 2: Email Steve Heiser heiser1950@gmail.com or Trevor Donaldson trevor@donaldsonappraisal.com that you would like a room in District 6690 block, along with your Convention registration form or number. Please include your Club name.

Step 3: You will receive a confirmation from Steve/Trevor along with two forms.

Step 4: Complete the form you receive, (Print, complete, Scan) and email to Experient at rotarygroups@experient-inc.com.

Step 5: Experient will send you a confirmation that you have a room in the block and they will notify the Doubletree

Step 6: If you are paying by credit card, complete the credit card authorization form. Put "District 6690 Hotel Block for 2017 RI Convention" on the outside of the envelope. You can also pay by check. The check should cover the cost of 2 nights. Payment and a copy of the hotel reservation form should be sent to the Doubletree. Please do not call the Doubletree.





Westerville

The Rotary Club of Westerville is excited to again offer the community a venue for coming together and celebrating our brave men and women of the military. We are proud to announce the 6th Anniversary of our annual Rotary Honors Veterans 5K Walk/Run, a family oriented event for adults and children of all ages. We appreciate everyone who has participated and made this a successful event. Because of your support, we have proudly donated \$20,000 to veteran's organizations, over the 5-year history of our 5K!

Saturday November 5, 2016 Registration: Online ([Click Here!](#))



Circleville

The annual Circleville Pumpkin Show was October 19-22 and the Circleville Rotary served up their famous pumpkin chili! The festival welcomes over 400,000 visitors each year. Wow!



Coshocton

The Coshocton County Fair was held September 30—October 3 and the Rotary Club of Coshocton filled the air with the smell of delicious doughnuts! A huge attraction not only because they taste so good but you can watch them come to life before your very eyes!



We would love to hear from YOU!

If you would like to submit your club's activities to be highlighted in our District 6690 Newsletter, please send it via e-mail to District Newsletter Editor Heather Rainwater at

heather.rainwater@mcwaneductile.com





From September 15, 2016 to October 15, 2016 we welcomed 23 new members within our District! Keep Rotary growing!

Member Name	Start Date	Club
Adkins, Brandon (BRANDON)	10/11/16	Portsmouth
Blum, Bree M. (BREE)	09/21/16	Bethesda-Belmont-Morristown
Brooks, Alysia Marie (ALYSIA)	09/15/16	Athens Sunrise
Cherney, Christopher (CHRIS)	10/10/16	Granville
Cherney, Susannah (SUE)	10/10/16	Granville
Cleveland, Shawn (SHAWN)	10/07/16	Columbus
Conchel, Anthony (ANTHONY)	10/10/16	Delaware
Daspit, Kelley (KELLEY)	09/22/16	Zanesville Daybreak
Elliott, Amanda (AMANDA)	09/22/16	Pike County
Fulk, Kenneth S (KENNETH)	09/29/16	Westerville
Layman, Michael G (MICHAEL)	09/29/16	Westerville
Martin, Allison (ALLISON)	09/22/16	Olentangy
Matz, Dana (DANA)	09/22/16	Zanesville Daybreak
McNanie, Tracy L (TRACY)	09/29/16	Westerville
Mercer, Michele (MICHELE)	09/21/16	Delaware
Merritt, Carol A. (CAROL)	09/21/16	Bethesda-Belmont-Morristown
Meyer, H. Joseph (H.)	09/22/16	Westerville
Oyer, Thomas (THOMAS)	09/20/16	Circleville Sunrise
Read, David B. (DAVE)	09/22/16	Westerville
Schumann, William M (WILLIAM)	10/13/16	Westerville
Stroud, Tina (TINA)	09/27/16	Wellston
Strum, Nathan Arthur (NATE)	09/20/16	Newark
Wilson, Edward A (EDWARD)	10/13/16	Westerville

Note: For members to appear on this list, their start date must be entered.