



THE INSPIRATION

DISTRICT 6690 | ISSUE 4 | 2018-19



BY THE NUMBERS

5,568
ROTARIANS

46
CLUBS

59

20
CASES OF POLIO
WORLDWIDE
(TO-DATE 2018)



+ \$62,262
CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE ANNUAL FUND

+ \$17,317
CONTRIBUTIONS TO
POLIO PLUS

When Rotarians Come Together

A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR CRAIG MAXEY



Craig Maxey
District Governor

We are quickly approaching Oct. 24, World Polio Day. Thank you to all the clubs that have held or are planning fundraisers to help eradicate polio.

We are this close! If your club has not planned a fundraiser yet, it is not too late. We have the entire Rotary year.

I am encouraged by the enthusiasm that our District has for Rotary's End Polio Now efforts. World Polio Day is observed in late October to honor the birthday of Dr. Jonas Salk, who led the development of the first polio vaccine.

Delaware Rotarian and District Secretary Fran Veverka is working with City Barbeque to hold a fundraiser for Polio Eradication. City Barbeque will be giving 25 percent of each visit back to Rotary.

On Monday, Nov. 5, 2018 we would like as many Rotarians and friends as possible to plan to eat out at either Henderson Road, Sancus Boulevard or East Main Street. Please be sure to take in the advertisement found in this newsletter to indicate the Polio Fundraiser.

This month is a busy one. My schedule

for October includes nine official visits, several other club visits that include Polio Fundraisers, two chili cook-offs, a lobster bake fundraiser, tailgate socials, and a visit to the Circleville Pumpkin Show where the Sunrise Club sells Pumpkin Chili and the Noon Club sells Pumpkin Ice Cream. Renate and I tried both and give an enthusiastic thumbs up!

We also traveled to Montgomery, Alabama for the Zones 30-31 Institute. District Governor-Elect Gary Vaughan and District Governor-Nominee Steve Heiser were there a day earlier, as this event includes a very extensive training program to prepare Rotarians that have been selected as future governors. It was a very long week, but great to re-connect with the 25 other district governors in our zones. We affectionately call each other "classmates."

Looking ahead, November is The Rotary Foundation month. The Rotary Foundation transforms our contributions into projects that are making lasting change all around the globe.

The Rotary Foundation's stellar charity rating and unique funding model make it a great option for your charitable giving. Please consider the following yearly giving levels:

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR: Just \$25 or more
SUSTAINING MEMBER: \$100 or more
DISTRICT 6690 125 CLUB: \$100 or more to the annual fund and \$25 or more to the PolioPlus fund
PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY: \$1,000 per year

Would it surprise you to know that only 52 percent of our District contributes to The Rotary Foundation? Let's work together to encourage the other 48 percent to consider contributing. The District's Rotary Foundation team led by Price Finley is available to help in any way.

They will answer questions, help facilitate contributions or make presentations to your club. Please reach out to them if you need anything.

As people of action, Rotarians around District 6690 are putting service to others above themselves. Rotarians prove that when people come together, amazing things can happen.

I am so proud to be a Rotarian and to continue to serve alongside all of you!

Be the Inspiration!

WHAT IS ROTARY DIRECT?

The best way to make donations to The Rotary Foundation is through Rotary Direct – Rotary's recurring giving program. Choose an amount, contribution method, and frequency – monthly, quarterly or annually – that will be convenient for you. You can enroll in Rotary Direct either through My Rotary or by completing a paper enrollment form.

Rotary Direct offers many benefits to donors, top among them is convenience. By automating your giving, you no longer have to remember to write a check each year and you'll be able to make steady progress toward your philanthropic goals. Using Rotary Direct saves **TIME** – you sign up just once to give continuous support. This saves your time and also saves time at your Club level (your Club treasurer or Club Rotary Foundation Chair doesn't have to process your check), and saves time at The Rotary Foundation offices in Evanston because staff don't have to handle your check and paperwork. This puts your donation to work more quickly. Giving through Rotary Direct saves **MONEY** – by reducing administrative costs, more of our donation can go toward life-changing Rotary projects. Finally, and most importantly, giving through Rotary Direct saves **LIVES** – we use your support for The Rotary Foundation to do good in the world!

Sign up for Rotary Direct by going to www.rotary.org/give. Choose a frequency – monthly, quarterly or annually. A minimum contribution of \$10 per transaction is required. You can change or stop your Rotary Direct contributions by contacting the Rotary Support Center at (866) 976-8279.



This close to eradication

A MESSAGE FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Barry Rassin

It contains a wealth of information, country by country: where and how immunization campaigns are being conducted, how many millions of children are being vaccinated, and where environmental surveillance has found evidence of circulating virus.

But every week, when that email appears in my inbox, my heart seems to stop for just a moment until I read the first few lines – and learn whether a child was paralyzed by wild poliovirus that week.

Thirty years ago, 1,000 children were paralyzed by polio every single day. Since then, we've marked our progress, year by year, week by week. We've celebrated as country after country, region after region has been declared polio-free. As we've come closer and

Every Thursday morning, I receive an email from the World Health Organization with an update on the status of polio eradication.

closer to our goal, and the number of cases has dropped further and further, the children those numbers reflect have become less and less of an abstraction. When I open that Thursday email, I don't wonder what number I'll see. I wonder, was a child paralyzed this week or not?

We are so close to eradication – but there is so much work left to do.

World Polio Day is a tremendous opportunity for clubs to highlight Rotary, and our historic work to eradicate polio, in their own communities. It is also a great way to take advantage of the challenge from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation:

For every dollar that Rotary raises for polio eradication, the Gates Foundation will give two more.

Join me, and Rotarians everywhere, on 24 October for World Polio Day – and Be the Inspiration for a polio-free world.

For entire letter – click <https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-message>

Gifts to the Rotary Foundation transform lives



our help most. More than 90 percent of donations go directly to supporting our service projects around the world. Over the last 100 years, the Foundation has spent \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable project.

HOW DOES THE ROTARY FOUNDATION USE DONATIONS?

Our 35,000 clubs carry out sustainable service projects that support our six causes. With donations like yours, we've wiped out 99.9 percent of all polio cases. Your donation also trains future peacemakers, supports clean water, and strengthens local economies.

WHAT IMPACT CAN ONE DONATION HAVE?

It can save a life. A child can be protected from polio with as little as 60 cents. Our partners make your donation go even further. For every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed \$2. The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating from the Charity Navigator for 11 consecutive years and receives top ratings from many other – so you know your donation is being used wisely and doing great deeds.

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world. Go to www.rotary.org/give.



Around District 6690

Barnesville Rotarians raised \$500 for Polio at the annual Barnesville Pumpkin Festival.



The Rotary Grill, Westerville Rotary, can be found at 4th Friday events in Westerville and is shown here at the Olentangy Rotary Oktoberfest.



Mount Vernon Rotary hosts "Blues, Brews and Brats" at Ariel-Foundation Park - proceeds are used to support community projects.



Coshocton Rotarians and DG Craig Maxey prepare to serve donuts at the Coshocton County Fair.



The Worthington Duck Race and Family Fun Fest, hosted by the Worthington AM Rotary, raises funds for local and international projects.



The Hilliard Rotary Club and Interact prepare for a Darby Creek clean-up service project.

Rotarian Spotlight: **Connie Pelletier**

WELLSTON ROTARY



If you're looking for a role model to "Be the Inspiration" this year, we've found her in Connie Pelletier. Although born into a difficult family situation and placed in foster care as a teen, Connie overcame childhood adversity and graduated from Vinton County High School. And she was just getting warmed up.

Shortly after earning that diploma, Connie moved to Wellston and began a successful, 20-year career with American Electric Power. It was here in Wellston that she also found her purpose - to serve her community in ways too numerous to name. Some of the most notable are: founder of Making Wellston Beautiful, member of Jackson County Economic Development Council, member Ohio Means Jobs Local Advisory Council, elder of First Presbyterian Church of Wellston, organizer of the Wellston National Women's Day of Prayer, member of Substance Abuse Prevention & Addiction Resource Council (SPARC), past president of Wellston Rotary, City of Wellston Treasurer and currently serving a second term as Mayor of Wellston.

Connie was honored as the Grand Marshal of the Grand Marshal of the 2017 Coal Festival Parade which caps a five-day community heritage celebration in the community she dearly loves.

Her Rotary involvement began about nine years ago and her "Rotary Moment" came shortly thereafter. "I was president-elect and my mentor, colleague and friend Dan Lockard, Jr. was president," she recalls tearfully. "He took me under his wing and showed me all the wonderful plans he had for Wellston Rotary. Six months into his presidency, he died. Upset as I was, I dug in and determined to accomplish all Dan's goals AND mine over the next 18 months."

She cites an array of Rotary functions as adding value to her beloved community: the Christmas concert, ROTARY show, pancake breakfast, golf tournament, Valentine dinner, club contributions to TLC ministries, scholarships, Coal festival, toy drives as well as other voluntary and financial contributions to other civic organizations and programs.

Today, Connie shares her spotlight and passion for community with husband John, five children and 12 grandchildren. No doubt she'll be an inspiration for generations to come.



IF YOU THOUGHT **RO-TALKS** WAS AMAZING, YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THE 2019 DISTRICT CONFERENCE!

SAVE THE DATE



April 12-13, 2019 • Hilton Polaris Columbus, OH



**EARLY
BIRD**

REGISTRATION ENDS DECEMBER 15!!!



Unforgettable moments are made at our convention. The Rotary Convention in Hamburg is sure to be an experience you won't want to miss — a place where the Rotary spirit fills the air with an energy and enthusiasm for service and fellowship you can't find anywhere else. This is the event where Rotarians unite and take action to create positive, lasting change in the world. Our engaging speakers will boost your passion for service and provide new perspectives on our work in the world. Make new friends and connect with old ones while you explore all that Hamburg and the convention exhibits have to offer. You'll return from our convention refreshed and excited to boost your own Rotary service.


Don't miss your chance to Capture the Moment at the 2019 Rotary Convention in Hamburg, Germany, 1-5 June. To take advantage of early registration savings, register before 15 December at riconvention.org.

Rotary



**BE THE
INSPIRATION**

NOVEMBER IS





ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

"Clean water, the essence of life and a birthright for everyone, must become available to all people now"
Jean-Michel Cousteau

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

**BECAUSE WE CARE
MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, BE THE DIFFERENCE**

Rotary  

TAKE ACTION: rotary.org/contribute

You Can Be Part of District 6690 Newsletters! **HERE'S HOW:**

- 1** Did you hold a PolioPlus fundraiser or event? Please send photos!
- 2** Submit a photo and caption celebrating your club's fundraisers, service projects or other activities for our "Around District 6690" feature.
- 3** December is Disease Prevention Month. Does your club have a drinking water project? Please send a 100 word description and photos.

- ★ Submit to the District Newsletter Editor Julie Colley at julie.colley@westerville.org by the 15th of each month.

PRINT THIS PAGE TO REDEEM COUPON AT ONE OF THREE COLUMBUS-AREA LOCATIONS.

Rotary  **END POLIO NOW**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH ONLY

FUNDRAISER!

We get 25% back!



City BARBECUE

2111 W HENDERSON RD, COLUMBUS, OH 43220
8491 SANCUS BLVD, COLUMBUS, OH 43240
5979 E MAIN ST, COLUMBUS, OH 43213

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OCTOBER						
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- 22 CLINTONVILLE ROTARY PINTS FOR POLIO
- 24 WORLD POLIO DAY
- ROTARY CLUB OF NEWARK PILSNER FOR POLIO
- GAHANNA ROTARY PINTS FOR POLIO
- 25 CHILLICOTHE WORLD POLIO DAY EVENT AT SLEEPY HOLLOW
- COSHOCTON ROTARY POLIO PALOOZA FUNDRAISER
- 27 GRANVILLE ROTARY GRANVILLE INN CHILI COOK OFF

NOVEMBER						
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- 3 WESTERVILLE ROTARY HONORS VETERANS 5K
- 27 NOMINATIONS DUE FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR ROTARY YEAR 2021-22.

2019

March 8-9, 2019 | ALL-OHIO PETS (PRESIDENT-ELECT TRAINING), COLUMBUS

April 12-13, 2019 | BETTER TOGETHER, DISTRICTS 6690 & 6650 CONFERENCE, HILTON POLARIS

May 18, 2019 | DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Key Events in the Evolution of the Rotary Foundation

ARCH KLUMPH'S VISION — 1917

It seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of **doing good in the world**, in charitable, educational or other avenues of community progress ...

— Arch Klumph, 1917



- At the 1917 Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, outgoing Rotary president Arch Klumph proposed setting up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50—made by the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri—set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the world.
- When Rotary President Paul Harris died, Rotary sent its members a telegram telling them of his desire: to make a contribution to the Foundation in lieu of flowers. Rotary members around the world responded, resulting in a \$1.3 million donation to the Rotary Foundation in his memory.
- The Paul Harris Fellow recognition began in the 1950s, acknowledging contributions to the Foundation of \$1,000. In 2006, the number of Paul Harris Fellows reached 1 million.
- Rotary began immunizing six million children in the Philippines against polio in the 1979. The PolioPlus program launched in 1985. Over the next several years, the campaign raised \$247 million to work toward a worldwide eradication of polio.

GIVE THE GIFT OF ROTARY

TAKE ACTION:
rotary.org/givethegift

For over 100 years, The Rotary Foundation has been supporting the work of Rotarians like you, who find sustainable solutions to their communities' most pressing needs. Last year alone, Rotarians worked together to improve lives in 180 countries. But there is still much to do, and we need your help.

Take Action:
GIVE NOW

Your gift makes a difference. Give the gift of Rotary today.

rotary.org/givethegift

Your gift does not purchase a specific item but will support projects like those shown here.

\$10
MOSQUITO BED NET



\$500
ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN



\$50
WATER FILTER



\$1,000
CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINING



\$200
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT



\$2,650
IRRIGATION SYSTEM



ON THE COVER: Members of the District 6690 participate in RoTalks earlier this month.

