

THE INSPIRATION

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Rotary
District 6690



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INSPIRATION**

3,574
ROTARIANS

CLUBS
52
59

27 CASES
OF POLIO
WORLDWIDE
(TO-DATE 2018)



+ \$84,888

BY THE NUMBERS

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE ANNUAL FUND

+ \$30,824

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
POLIO PLUS

No Better Time to Say Thank You

A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR CRAIG MAXEY



Craig Maxey
District Governor

There is not a more fitting time to say Thank You.

Thank you for being a Rotarian, thank you for supporting your club and District 6690, but most of all thank you for living our motto Service Above Self!

As I travel the District visiting clubs, I am constantly amazed by our Rotarians. You are indeed amazing, talented, caring, selfless and passionate about helping others. Again, I say Thank You.

This month I had the privilege of traveling to Mexico with 40 other Rotarians from around Zones 30 and 31, including two of my District Governor classmates and Director-Elect Floyd Lancia. We were there with Heart 2 Heart, an internal Rotary group that works with the Heart of Mexico to complete projects through Global Grants (see article in this newsletter).

We visited several ongoing projects as well as potential projects. You really do not

truly understand the power of Rotary and Our Rotary Foundation, until you see school children with clean water and operable bathrooms that otherwise would have neither. We are doing good in the world.

In addition to traveling to Mexico, this month I have six official visits, four other club visits, two fundraisers, Past District Governor's Council meeting and dinner and a meeting with Past RI President John Germ and the Columbus Rotary Club.

Our Rotary Foundation has again been awarded four stars from Charity Navigator. This is the eleventh year in a row. If you have not contributed to Our Rotary Foundation,

there is still time to make your year-end gift!

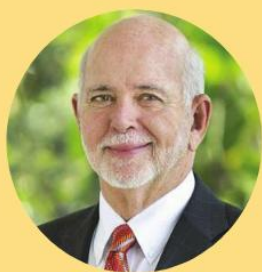
I would like to also take this opportunity to thank all Rotarians who are Veterans. Thank you for serving our country and protecting our freedoms. Your service gives true meaning to Service Above Self.

Renate and I would like to wish everyone in our Rotary family a very safe and happy holiday season.



Let's 'Capture the Moment'

A MESSAGE FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Barry Rasslin

One early June, more than 30 years ago, I had a business trip scheduled to Las Vegas. I had been a Rotarian for about six years, and I thought of myself as an active member: I attended every meeting, I'd served as club secretary, I knew everyone in my club. But for me, Rotary was very much a community organization. It connected me to Nassau and perhaps even to the Bahamas — but no farther.

I had never given much thought to Rotary beyond the Bahamas, and it had never crossed my mind to travel to a Rotary convention. But that spring, I realized that my trip to Las Vegas would coincide with the Rotary International Convention and thought, why not?

I sent in my registration and paid my fees, never suspecting that the experience would change my life. When I walked through the doors of that convention, I was stunned. It was one thing to know that I was part of a global organization with over a million members around the world. It was something else altogether to stand there in the middle of it. I went to every general session, looked

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is the Last
Day for...
\$100 Early
Registration
Discount**



in at every booth at the House of Friendship, and learned about projects that I hadn't even known you could do in Rotary. That convention didn't just open my eyes. It opened my mind. It inspired me to completely change the way I saw Rotary, what Rotary could do for me, and what I could do through Rotary. That inspiration has stayed with me ever since — and is renewed every year, at every Rotary convention.

In June 2019, Rotarians from all over the world will converge in Hamburg to Capture the Moment at the 110th Rotary International Convention. Many, like me, will have been coming to conventions for years; many others will be coming for the first time. Whether they're looking to connect with old friends, to find inspiration for a new Rotary year, or simply to see what Rotary is all about, each of them will find their own moment in Hamburg.

If you're a regular convention goer, you absolutely won't want to miss out on the friendship and inspiration you'll find in Hamburg. And if you've never been to a convention, please consider this my personal invitation. Register at [riconvention.org](https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-message) by 15 December for the best rate — and let this convention Be the Inspiration for your Rotary journey. <https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-message>



New Group Study Exchange

This summer District 6690 sent a group of young professionals and a Rotary Team leader to District 3461 and 3462 to Taiwan. The New Group Study Exchange (NGSE) is a cultural, vocational and service exchange for young professionals between the ages of 20-45 in the early stages of their careers.

For three to four weeks, team members experience their host country's culture and businesses. They develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas. The photo to the right (top) is our team to Taiwan.

Taiwan also sent a delegation to our District for cultural, vocational and service work. See the photo to the right (bottom) for our Taiwanese friends.

Interested in being on our 2019 team? We are currently accepting applications for team members.

Please contact Jan at janzupnick59@gmail.com by December 14 if interested in participating.



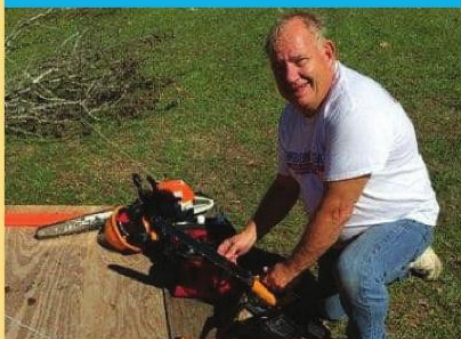
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Around District 6690

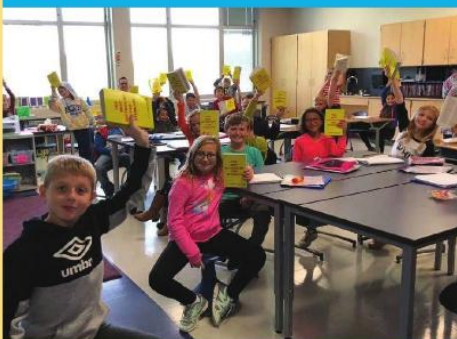
Grove City 2017 Rotarian of Year, Dave Roasa, assists with recovery efforts in the Carolinas from Hurricane Irma.



Circleville Noon Rotarians offer Pumpkin Pie and Pumpkin Ice Cream to attendees of the annual Circleville Pumpkin Show.



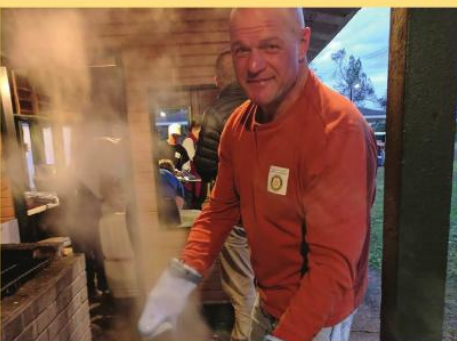
Lancaster Rotarians visit Medill Elementary School to share what it means to be a Rotarian and to distribute dictionaries to each student.



On the International Day of Peace, Zanesville Daybreak Rotarians read Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure to 2nd graders.



Columbus Rotary serve lunch for the families at the Ronald McDonald House of Central Ohio - preparing chicken, roasted potatoes, brussel sprouts and fruit for 100.



Marietta Morning Club hosts the 2nd Annual Tails and Ales, featuring fresh Maine lobster, to raise money for the Mark Studenic Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Rotarian Spotlight: Terry Rataiczak, Sr.

MARIETTA NOON ROTARY



Meet the energetic force behind so many successes in the Marietta Rotary. His name is Terry Rataiczak and in addition to his role as CEO of Kinetic Networking in Caldwell, OH, Terry applies a tireless business approach to his roles as Treasurer and Foundation Chair of the noon club.

Born and raised in Bellaire, OH., Terry gravitated to technology in high school. He went on to further his studies in computer science at Wheeling Jesuit College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree. Terry's I.T. and leadership abilities led him to work in a variety of companies in the Wheeling area before he relocated to Caldwell, OH in 2001 to raise a family.

Terry's first attendance at a Rotary meeting was to present technology trends to the Marietta noon club. Terry found the experience so enjoyable that he decided to stay on. In fact, Terry recalls that day as his Rotary Moment, "I come from a long line of educators and here I was in this room happily teaching new technology ideas and I just felt this positive force. All these successful people were gathered together and putting themselves out there for the good of their community.

I remember consciously thinking that I needed to put myself there with them."

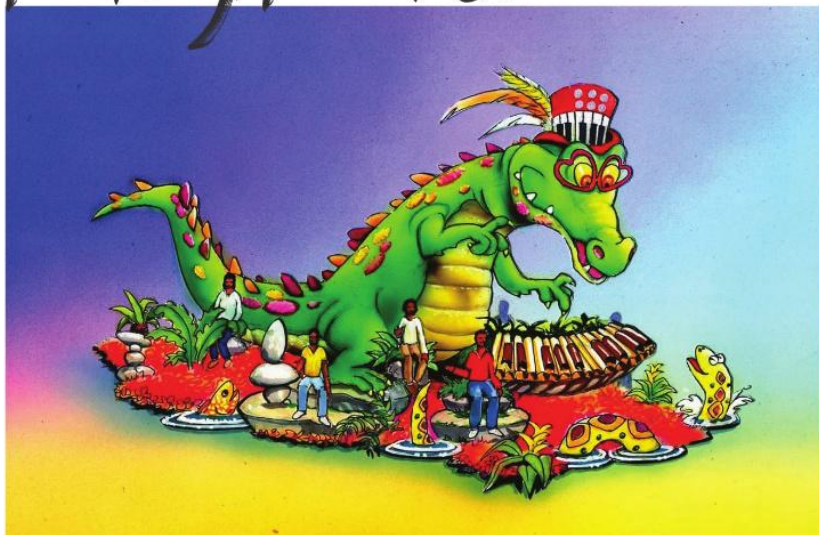
That was June 2009 and since then Terry has served four years on the Rotary Board of Directors, five years as Foundation Chair, and one year as Treasurer. "We have a small club of 93 members - many of whom are very loyal senior exempt members and yet our annually giving usually puts us toward the top of our district," he says. "Our foundation committee has been outlining a new process for communicating and achieving giving goals. I'm really proud of what our club has accomplished."

Terry credits his wife and seven children who whole-heartedly support and participate in his community endeavors. These include: President and Board Chair of the Marietta Chamber of Commerce, Board Member of the Noble County Chamber of Commerce, Executive Committee of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, Treasurer of the Eagles Club, and past President of Caldwell Youth Soccer.

Seemingly in perpetual motion, we wonder out loud what Terry does for fun in his free time, "If you're doing what you love, it's never work," he answers. "I love doing all this. It's so enjoyable because it's so rewarding."



2019 Rotary Rose Parade Float *Rotary Rocks!*



As you watch the 2019 Tournament of Roses, Rose Parade on New Year's Day, be on the lookout for the Rotary Rose Parade float - "Rotary Rocks!" The theme for the 2019 parade is "The Melody of Life."

Appearing in the parade for its 40th consecutive year, the mission of the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee is to promote Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation. As the Rose Parade is viewed by over 73 million individuals world-wide and a live audience of almost 1 million, the Rotary float is sure to increase public awareness! Rotary float riders and walkers accompany the float and yell to the crowd "Happy New Year from Rotary!" thus adding to the excitement and drawing additional attention to Rotary,

The annual Rotary Rose Parade float is made possible by donations from Rotary districts, clubs and individuals as well as corporate and individual sponsors.

RYLA News



RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) will once again be held at Ohio University from July 18 - 20th, 2019.

Rotary Clubs wishing to sponsor a youth(s) to attend RYLA are encouraged to submit their Sponsorship Agreement Form anytime BEFORE March 15, 2019. This form may be found on the District website RYLA page - <http://rotary6690.org/get-involved/ryla/>

Current High School Sophomores or Juniors selected by their local Rotary Club are eligible to attend RYLA. Additional information and guidelines for youth selection as well as a sample application that can be modified with your Club information is available for those who need it.

If you have any questions, please contact Roe Mauro, District 6690 Youth Service Chair and RYLA Co Chair at roe_mauro@yahoo.com



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Rotary International Ohio License Plates



Attractive Rotary International license plates are a perfect way to dress up your vehicle while increasing the awareness of Rotary

in your community. In addition, using Rotary license plates will make a significant difference to The Rotary Foundation.

Cost of these special plates is just \$25 annually in addition to your regular registration fees. On each license plate order, The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund will receive \$15 to support the programs of The Rotary Foundation.

To purchase your Rotary International plates, simply stop in at your local office of the Deputy Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, call 1-888-752-8373, or go on-line at www.oplates.com.

Order your Rotary Plates today!

ON THE COVER: The Rotary Club of Pike County donated a dictionary to every third grader in Pike County and a thesaurus to every fifth grader (shown here). Funds for this project are donated books by Rotarians and local organizations and businesses.



End Polio Now!

DISTRICT 6690 ROTARIANS COUNTDOWN TO ZERO

ROTARY CLUB OF CAMBRIDGE

COSHOCTON ROTARY CLUB



ATHENS SUNRISE ROTARY



SHORT NORTH ROTARY



PIKE COUNTY ROTARY

Heart 2 Heart Program



The Heart 2 Heart Program is a cooperative effort between Rotarians primarily in the "Heart of America" (Zones 30 and 31) and in the "Heart of Mexico"

(Districts 4170 and 4140) and The Rotary Foundation to provide humanitarian service, primarily through matching grant projects.

The first cooperative effort was in fall 2004, when all the 2005-06 District Governors in both U.S. zones agreed to support a water well project in a rural town in Mexico District 4170. District Governors Olga Devlyn (District 4170) and Martin Limbird (District 6560), the leaders of that cooperative effort, were instrumental in the overall development of the international partnerships and friendships. District 6560 (Indiana) has led the cooperative efforts since 2005 and has completed projects with District 4170 every year.

Due to the tremendous work by Patricia Vela (District 4170 Governor 2015-16), many other U.S. districts—including District 4140 in 2017—have joined in the effort, and the Heart 2 Heart program has expanded significantly.

Heart 2 Heart offers three signature projects on a regular basis. Water tank systems for grade schools (thanks to the efforts of Jose Antonio Gonzalez), the Holtz-Beahon Kidney Transplant Program (thanks to the efforts of Ignacio Holtz) and the Vickie Blade Pacemaker programs - a new signature project in 2016. The Heart 2 Heart partners also annually support other projects developed and proposed by District 4170 and 4140 Rotarians.

District 4170 is located in the central part of Mexico and includes the Mexico City metropolitan area and several hundred square miles of adjacent rural areas and communities of various sizes. District 4140 includes an even larger geographical area adjacent to District 4170 and includes the Guadalajara metropolitan area. Although the average size of a club in these districts is relatively small (under 20), these clubs provide incredible support for their communities, devoting tremendous amount of volunteer time and financial resources toward a wide range of needs.

The ongoing efforts of these District 4170 and District 4140 Rotarians continue to inspire U.S. Rotarians who have had the opportunity to see the results of their outstanding work.

Upcoming Heart 2 Heart Projects:

VICKIE BLADE PACEMAKER PROJECT
This signature project provides life-saving pacemakers for 400 uninsured people with heart disease and limited economic means.

HEALING HEARTS

This project will provide surgical equipment and training for operations to address newborns and infants with congenital heart disease.

TOLUCA GRADE SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

The project will support educational equipment, supplies, and training for three schools in the Toluca area.

HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

The project will provide re-purposed medical equipment and supplies (provided

through Project CURE) at seven hospitals in District 4170. These seven public hospitals have a service base of 7 to 9 million people without any medical insurance coverage.

JOHN & JUDY GERM GUADALAJARA Children's Cancer Center Equipment Phases 2 and 3 - The Hospital Civil de Guadalajara is planning for two more projects for equipment that help treat children's cancer cases and assists with groundbreaking international research.

LOW COST SHELTERS PHASE 2

This project will add 25 homes in Joquicingo, where dozens of homes were destroyed in the Sept 2017 earthquake.

HOW A CLUB CAN PARTICIPATE IN HEART 2 HEART: Heart 2 Heart welcomes all clubs from any and all districts to become a partner. All the club has to do is to financially participate, at any level. We recommend a minimum contribution of \$100 or more. For more information, contact DG Craig Maxey @ craig@targetbusinessservices.com.

DECEMBER IS

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure.

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TAKE ACTION: Join a Project

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Gallipolis Rotary Club (12/10/1928)
Rotary Club of Delaware OH (12/26/1928)

You Can Be Part of District 6690 Newsletters!

HERE'S HOW:

1 Submit a photo and caption celebrating your club's fundraisers, service projects or other activities for our "Around District 6690" feature.

2 January is Vocational Service Month. If you would like to share your club's efforts in promoting this RI Avenue of Service, please send a short description (100 words or so) and photos.

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

TOGETHER, WE SEE A
WORLD WHERE PEOPLE
UNITE AND TAKE ACTION TO
CREATE LASTING CHANGE
— ACROSS THE GLOBE, IN
OUR COMMUNITIES, AND IN
OURSELVES.



SAVE THE DATE



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

FEBRUARY

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CHILLY OPEN

9 DUBLIN AM ROTARY
POLAR BEAR GOLF
OPEN

23 WORTHINGTON AM
THAW YOUR HEART
OUT

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

Q2 2019

April 6 | DISTRICT 6690 RYE BENEFIT
DINNER FOR POLIO

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

May 18 | DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

