

Rotary



District 6670



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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A Message from your District Governor

By Laura Erbaugh



We all know the impact that a virus such as COVID-19 can have on our health, well-being and financial security. There is another virus that continues to impact the World – the Polio Wild Virus. You likely know that Rotary's #1 goal is to eradicate polio around the world. **This month on October 24th, we celebrate – World Polio Day.**

Some of us are familiar with polio impacting our own families. For me, that was my Aunt Alice. Alice contracted Polio when she was 2 years old. The virus resulted in her having lifelong leg crippling and she could barely walk. Wheelchairs were her way of life. Alice had a difficult life. My grandfather died at an early age leaving my grandmother a widow at age 60. Alice lived with my grandparents and had a job at the local insurance agency. My grandmother, who had never driven a vehicle before Grandpa's death, learned to drive. Grandma drove her to work every day and carried Alice from the car and up two steps into the insurance agency and Alice would then walk along the wall to her desk. After work, my grandmother would again carry her down the steps to the car. This routine lasted for over 15 years. I spent a lot of

time with Grandma and Alice going to their favorite events, which included church socials and bingo. I would accompany them to the grocery store where Grandma would send me into the store alone to purchase items including 10-20 rolls of individually wrapped rolls of Scott toilet paper. I often had to explain to the store clerk that I was not a teenager intending to – tee-pee – my friend's yards later that night. When I was old enough to drive, I occasionally worked with Alice at the insurance agency when the other employees were out of the office as she needed someone who could – walk – to great customers at the counter, go the bank and yes, even to get us donuts from the shop across the street. I many times carried Alice to/from the car and up/down those steps. I was very close to Grandma and Alice and I have very fond memories of my time spent with them. Alice also taught me some important life lessons. She never once complained about her infirmity, she was a hard worker at her job and she valued her opportunity to live life to its fullest until her passing at the age of 72.

When I see photos of polio victims in Africa, Pakistan and Afghanistan, I can't help but imagine how difficult it must be for them. They do not have access to excellent medical care, food, transportation, mobility (power wheelchairs) and a career like Alice. Polio victims in other countries often live on the streets and are looked upon as social outcasts.

We as Rotarians have the opportunity to help eradicate polio. In 1953, there were 35,000 polio cases in the United States. Thankfully, today there are no US cases, but there have been 121 confirmed cases in 2020 Y-T-D in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Fortunately, Nigeria was recently removed from the list of endemic countries resulting in Africa being declared polio free. Our work continues as we immunize millions of children around the world to prevent polio's spread, including countries such as India, Mexico, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Rotary also commits significant financial resources for the testing of the virus in water and wastewater systems and the environment around the world as an early predictor of an outbreak. Rotary predicts that if we stop eradication efforts, there could be as many as 250,000 new polio cases a year worldwide. Rotarians, our efforts must not stop and your financial assistance is needed.

Rotary International is asking each club to donate at least \$1,500 dollars to *End Polio Now* by the end of this Rotary year. The \$1,500 can be an accumulation of member donations and/or club donation. I am asking for your help in supporting our mission. The Gates Foundation matches our contributions 2 to 1. I am also asking each club to celebrate Rotary's polio achievements on/or around World Polio Day. Please have a discussion in your club regarding the importance of our polio eradication mission. Possibly ask members to contribute – Happy Bucks – for polio in your meetings during the week before and after October 24. Maybe paint your pinky purple, the



marker used in national immunization days to identify those who received the vaccine. Contributions go towards achieving a Paul Harris award. You can find information and ideas for your meeting and World Polio Day observance at <https://www.endpolio.org>.

Rotarians, thank you for ♦opening opportunities♦ to eradicate polio!

DG Greg Birkemeyer

District Nominating Committee Looking for Interested Candidates for District Governor 2023-2024

Transformational Leaders Wanted

Have you ever thought of being District Governor?

As the Immediate Past District Governor and Chair of the Nominating Committee I have the honor of serving with other Past District Governors in selecting our new District Governor for 2023-2024.

Below you will find some information regarding this opportunity and feel free to reach out to me should you have specific questions. - iPDG *Sigrid Solomon*

More information and an application can be found by clicking this link: <https://rotarydistrict6670.org/our-district/nominating/>

Qualification of the Governor

It is the policy of District 6670 to follow explicitly the Rotary International Manual of Procedure as to the qualifications of Governor, and the duties of Governor, including the mandatory attendance of the District Governor-Elect (DGE) at the International Assembly. It is imperative that the DGN and DGE attend the Governor-Nominee and Governor-Elect Training two-day training programs at the zone level and the Institute that follows. Expenses related to GETS attendance by the DGE and DGN, and their spouses, is to be budgeted by the District.

At the time of selection, a District Governor-Nominee must:

1. Be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the District 6670
2. Have full qualifications for membership in the strict application of the club membership provisions, and the integrity of the Rotarian♦s classification must be without question.
3. Have served as President of a club for a full term or be a charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of the charter to 30 June, provided that the period is for at least six months.
4. Demonstrate willingness, commitment, ability, physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of Governor as provided in the RI Bylaws section.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of Governor as prescribed in the RI Bylaws, and submit to RI, through its General Secretary, a signed statement acknowledging a clear understanding of them. This statement shall also confirm that the Rotarian is qualified for the office of Governor and willing and able to assume the duties and responsibilities of the office and to perform them faithfully.

What you do

- Strengthen clubs, organize new clubs, and grow membership
- Encourage contributions and other support for The Rotary Foundation
- Promote positive public image and serve as spokesperson for district
- Develop a safe environment for youth participants
- Conduct district conference and other meetings
- Supervise district nominations and elections
- Prepare budget, provide annual report, and help administer District Designated Funds
- Complete online district qualification

- Work with governor-elect and other district leaders

Thank You from the District Governor

THANK YOU FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR!

The following clubs hosted me at a recent Club meeting:

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| Bellefontaine | Centerville |
| Farmersville | Oakwood |
| West Milton | Sidney |

District Trilogy ♦ 9/23/2020

- 75 Rotarians for their attendance
- DGN/DRFCC Frank Scott, DMC Shannon Graham and Trainer/DPIC Heidi Shiller for their presentations

Upcoming District Governor Club Visits:

- Mason Deerfield 10/20
- Greenville 10/20
- Hamilton 10/29

Sidney Rotary Club Holds Annual Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, September 12 the Sidney Rotary club held their annual pancake breakfast from 8:30-10:30am at the Shelby County Courthouse, serving 386 meals and raising \$4,405.50 for our local Rotary scholarship fund.



Rotary Club of Lebanon Fall Fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Lebanon just wrapped up its first Fall Decoration fundraiser. Our biggest fundraiser ♦ the Country Western Music Festival ♦ was canceled due to the COVID virus. We thought we were going to have an even bigger fundraiser in October with a gala to celebrate our club ♦s 100th anniversary. Once again, COVID struck. So we tried to think of something that people would actually want that would not include any businesses having to provide sponsorships. We know local businesses have been hard hit, and we wanted to make sure we did not ask for any donations or even discounted prices. We worked with local farmers to provide us pumpkins, corn shocks and straw, and called a Lebanon woman who raises mums. We paid the full asking price for all items.



We sold two packages: A small package was a corn shock, a bale of straw, four jack-o-lantern size

pumpkins and two mums for \$100. A large package was \$200 and was double everything in the small package, plus an extra mum. We were hoping to make about \$1,000 with this fundraiser and ended up making about \$3,500.

We will definitely be doing this next year, and have set a goal of \$5,000!

We have another small fundraiser going for the next 60 days. We are selling buckeye trees. There are two kinds of buckeye trees ♦ 1) a flowering tree and 2) the one that produces nuts. We are selling both kinds for \$25 each. Let us know if you want one!
The photo shows member Jeff Nelson loading up the mums.

Cincinnati Eastside Rotary Lends a Helping Hand at Valley View



Cincinnati Eastside Rotarians took a break from its weekly virtual luncheon meeting to invest in hands-on service work at the Valley View Foundation in the heart of Milford, Ohio. Valley View is a grassroots, nonprofit organization with a simple mission of conserving land, preserving history, and sharing its resources with the community. Valley View is located on one of the last family farms in eastern Cincinnati and is the steward of 190 acres of beautiful, open land

along the East Fork River with a rich history dating back thousands of years. The Valley View land includes rivers, streams, wooded hillsides, prairie, streamside and isolated wetlands on a compact, easily-walkable site in the heart of Milford.

Cincinnati Eastside Rotarians assisted with trail maintenance ♦ clearing, trimming and grooming trails throughout the property. The volunteer work was needed ahead of Valley View ♦s Run for the Bottoms event on Saturday, October 24.

The Valley View property was affectionately nicknamed ♦the bottoms♦ many years ago. In 2004, the Run for the Bottoms event was created to help raise money to preserve the property.

Participants can choose the 5K or single loop 10K through forest, field, and farm.

FMI: ValleyViewCampus.org.

Rotary Club of Springboro 18th Annual Golf Outing

Despite all the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to us all, the Rotary Club of Springboro held its 18th Annual Golf Outing on September 18th at the beautiful Heatherwoode Golf Club!

With 25 teams featuring 100 total golfers, the outing had a plethora of sponsors who took advantage of the opportunity to support the club while displaying their logos on event signage, goodie bags, carts, holes and more. In addition to the traditional hole-in-one contests, longest drive and closest to the pin competitions for both men and women, the participants were also treated to some new outing fun, including the Slim Jim game. Each player was provided lengthy Slim Jim sticks

which could be used to reduce lengthy putts, get out of otherwise hazardous conditions and other fortuitous situations. The catch was that the player had to consume the Slim Jim ♦s relative length in doing so, providing for team mate enjoyment and in some cases, a belly ache for the eater. Along with the numerous company and personal sponsors, the golfers were also able to participate in a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction that proved to be well received and all done meeting the CDC and Heatherwoode COVID-19 requirements! From these sources of financial support, the Springboro Rotary Club was able to realize a net fund raising of over \$9,500 which will be used within the many projects planned in 2020-21.



Needless to say, the Springboro Rotary Club is excited at the event ♦s success, looks forward to a pandemic-free 2021 when it hosts its 19th Annual Golf Outing and continues to let COVID-19 it

cannot stop them from fulfilling their ♦Service Above Self♦ commitment to the community and beyond!

Rotary Club of West Chester/Liberty Donates Masks

The Rotary Club of West Chester /Liberty embraced the slogan of People of Action and ordered a total of 1500 face masks to be distributed in the community. We donated 500 masks to two area organizations committed to empowering and educating local youth!



Peyton Gravely, Community Grants Chair with Sheree Lynch from Positive Leaps

Northeast Cincinnati Rotary Celebrates 30th Anniversary



On September 6th, 1990, thirty-two community leaders in the Blue Ash ♦Montgomery area established a new Rotary Club to make a difference in the lives of youth, families, and individuals both locally and internationally. Thirty years later, the Club is celebrating its heritage and accomplishments through stories from charter members and a proclamation from the City of Montgomery.

Montgomery Mayor Chris Dobrozsi recognized the club♦s ongoing participation in many city projects including Beautification Day, Bastille Day, Independence Day Parade, Arts Festival and the annual July 3rd Concert. According to Dobrozsi, ♦Rotary has made a

significant impact on the lives of our citizens and has clearly enriched the City of Montgomery and surrounding area.♦

The Club has given thousands of dictionaries to 3rd graders and aided the development of young people through its Student of the Month program, 4-Way Speech Contest, Youth Leadership Academy, Camp Enterprise, and scholarships for students attending Cincinnati State and Great Oaks.

Its annual banquet recognizes outstanding community businesses, educators, and individuals for their work and contributions to our local communities.

This past year the Club generously supported Operation Give Back, the Princeton Closet, the Freedoms Foundation, and New Life Furniture.

The Club also supports Rotary International's commitment to eradicating polio through the Polio Plus program. It also helped build a new community center for the poverty-stricken Village of Los Flores in Nicaragua and provided clean water devices to people in Haiti and Puerto Vallarta. This year scholarships were provided to students in Mexico in order to earn high school, college, and professional degrees.

Club members donate thousands of working hours each year to support organizations such as Matthew 25 Ministries and Crayons to Computers.

Club President Robert Miller said, "I am proud of our Club's rich history and service to the local community. While our club has given hundreds of thousands to those in need in our area, I am even more pleased with the hands-on work of our members over the past 30 years. Our club has truly embraced the Rotary motto 'Service Above Self.'"



Rotary Club of Bellefontaine Participates in Community Care Day



On Friday, August 28, the Rotary Club of Bellefontaine participated in the annual Community Care Day project. Community Care Day is an event organized by United Way of Logan County to perform community service projects for various local organizations.

Our crew worked with Bellefontaine Parks & Recreation to paint picnic tables at Rutan Park. We worked so well together we got two shelter houses done in just a few hours! It was a beautiful day for fellowship and service to our community. Thank

you to United Way for coordinating the day and for our volunteers for their hard work!

Oakwood Rotary Hosts District Governor at in Person Meeting

Friday September 18th was an exciting morning for the Rotary Club of Oakwood as enthusiastic members were able to attend the morning meeting virtually or in person at the Dayton Country Club, an option not available since March 13 when the CDC pulled the plug on in-person meetings. In attendance were Rotary Assistant District Governor Steve Naas (via Zoom) and Rotary District Governor Greg Birkemeyer, making a rare, in-person

appearance. Birkemeyer shared great news about Rotary efforts locally that are providing meals for hungry neighbors as well as efforts nationally providing internet access to rural students.



Perhaps the greatest news shared by Birkemeyer was that Rotary International's infrastructure, that has led to the eradication of Polio globally, is now being used as a blue print to battle the COVID-19 virus.