

Rotary



District 6670



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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A Message from your District Governor July



Happy July Rotarians!

I would like to start by introducing myself. My name is Carol Hughes and I am your 2021-2022 District Governor. I live in Springboro Ohio, and I am the mother of four adult children and grandmother to four adorable grandchildren.

In 1935 Paul Harris said "This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again." 1935 almost 90 years ago! Think about that message today in our changing world. It so applies to our Rotary Clubs right now. Our Rotary International theme this year is SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES. Let's think about that statement. Serve. We are here to serve others. Is that not why we are Rotarians?

Also, I want you all to think about why Rotary was founded over 100 years ago. Friendship and fellowship. Let's really think about getting back to our roots, and how we draw people to us in business, through strong long-lasting relationships. You may not have seen some of your members in a long time. Please reach out to them, ask how they are doing, encourage them to come back to meetings, projects and socials. We have work to do in our communities and we need every Rotarian to help.

Our Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta has charged each of us with increasing membership across the globe from 1.2million to 1.3 million members. EACH ONE BRING ONE If everyone in our District brought one person to Rotary, just think what would happen! Please invite someone to come join you for a meeting, social of project.

New models of clubs will help us to increase our numbers. Just four weeks ago, a new Satellite Club was formed in Yellow Springs. Congratulations PDG Greg Birkemeyer and the Fairborn Club for making this happen even during tough times. I want to see a significant increasing in Rotary Foundation Giving we have had a tough 18 months; we will be launching some new programs soon to encourage an increase in giving in our clubs, to the Rotary Foundation and to Polio Plus. We are this close to the end of Polio. Only one case in Afghanistan this year and only eight in Pakistan so far. Nine too many but we are almost to the finish line. Look for news about our new 125 Club initiative to be launched soon.

District Governor training involves setting goals - big goals that will stretch us all and challenge us all. Harry Truman once said: "You can always amend a big plan, but you can never expand a little one. I don't believe in little plans. I believe in plans big enough to meet a situation which we cannot possibly foresee now." I am asking our clubs to set challenging goals. We are coming out of a world pandemic and we need to go big! In terms of District goals, I would like to share a summary of what we are going to be working on this year: Our Joint Gala Dinner & District Conference plans for next spring are moving along. Our committee is excited to plan this event, and have a large celebration for Rotary.

Shekhar's new initiative around Empowering Girls is being led by some of our Zones District Governors along with myself. This program being developed for young girls, focuses on learning about sex and human trafficking and how to stay safe. It will be coming later this year.

Two District-wide Rotary Days of Service are being planned for September this year and April 2022. These are service days where Rotarians interact with other community groups, family and friends to serve the needs of their communities. I would love you all to get involved in them!

Our first annual Youth Peace Advocacy Day is in April next year. Plans are underway and moving at a very exciting pace. We are partnering with the Rotary Club of Dayton Peace Committee. In the words of Eleanor Roosevelt; "It is not enough to talk about Peace. One must believe in it. And it is not enough to just believe in it. One must work at it." This Symposium will address peace, diversity, inclusion and equity in the lives of youth within their communities. Thank you Co-Chairs Sue Taylor and Kelly Lehman for your leadership.

I also want to see our clubs taking a deep dive into their own diversity. How can we all invite, attract, and engage all people to Rotary? People that maybe are not like us, or who do not think like us, or worship like us. Rotary has always been an inclusive organization. This is more important today than ever. We want to be that organization moving forward that is more open and inclusive, fair to all, builds good will and benefits our communities. Our District Diversity Committee will be formed this fall. If you have an interest in serving on this committee, please email me at carolhughes6@gmail.com

We will be continuing some Visioning Planning with DGN Doug Buchy leading that charge during the next 12 months. Thanks to Sigrid Solomon for getting the ball rolling during her year, and to Greg Birkemeyer for keeping us all thinking during his year. Again if you would like to be involved, please let me know.

I would like to share a Winston Churchill quote:

I shared this for a very specific reason. Being selected to be District Governor is a great honor, and I feel very blessed to have been chosen. I stand before you today and promise

To each there comes in their lifetime a special moment when they are figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique to them and fitted to their talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds them unprepared or unqualified for that which could have been their finest hour.

Winston Churchill

that I will fulfill my duties. I would not be here if it were not for some really important people in my Rotary life. Our Governor line, Past District Governors, Assistant Governors, Committee Chairs, Clubs in southwest Ohio, and of course my own precious club members. I cannot believe how lucky I am to be surrounded by this amazing Team of District Leaders that will edge our District to a new level of service. Thank you all. These magnificent men and women have helped prepare me for today, and continue to offer me support and encouragement even when I have doubts about myself. To say that the preparation to become District Governor is extensive is a vast understatement. But I am ready to serve alongside you all as your District Governor.

I hope you heard something today that will inspire you, motivate you and make you want to be a better Rotarian. How can you be part of a new Rotary? How can you inspire others

to be better Rotarians? How can you be a changemaker? Please don't sit and wait for others to take the lead. I quote: Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we have been waiting for. We are the change that we seek. Barack Obama.

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Oakwood Rotary Changing of the Guard



The Rotary Club of Oakwood said goodbye to outgoing President Catherine Campbell as she handed the gavel to new incoming President Adam W. Snyder at the club's most recent meeting at the Dayton Country Club.

While under Campbell's leadership, the club managed to grow introducing 9 new members. Even with pandemic challenges with participation limited to online zoom meetings, the club averaged 65 members logging on every Friday!

During Campbell's farewell speech, she singled out Joshua Green for his technical prowess that kept many members connected via zoom while constructing numerous web sites for the club's highly successful That Day In May Celebrations! Green was awarded the Distinguished Rotarian Service Award, one of the highest achievements awarded to Rotarians.

Franklin Carlisle RYLA Graduate Heading to Harvard this fall

Max Allison just graduated from Carlisle High School and is heading to Harvard in the fall. Franklin Carlisle Rotary sponsored Mr. Allison at RYLA when he was a sophomore. According to Max, RYLA offered him the chance to meet other high school students from the district and since he was "unplugged" (no cell phone or other device) he actually got to know his fellow campers and is still in touch with some of them today. It's a big step to go from Carlisle to Cambridge but thanks to RYLA --and hard work--Max feels ready for the challenge.

Cincinnati Rotary Honors Susan Wilkinson for Decades of Selfless Service

HOMETOWN FEATURE

Rotary honors Susan Wilkinson for decades of selfless service

In a "This is your Life"-style program, Susan Wilkinson of Anderson Township received The Rotary Club of Cincinnati's 2021 Walter Emmerling Award.

The award is The Rotary Club of Cincinnati's top honor and recognizes someone who exemplifies the Rotary values of service above self, high professional and personal ethics, leadership and promotion of goodwill.

The program, at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel in May, included photos and video messages from family, friends and professional associates chronicling more than 50 years of personal and professional milestones.

Wilkinson has been a leader in blood transfusion medicine and education. She retired as associate director of the Paul Hoxworth Blood Center in 2010 and is associate professor Emerita at the University of Cincinnati, where she has been a leader in blood transfusion medicine and analytical and diagnostic education for close to 40 years.

Wilkinson was a founding member of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Blood Banks, and president of both the Ohio Association of Blood Banks and the American Association of Blood Banks.

She developed an international blood transfusion curriculum for the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and has been a key presenter at multiple international medical education programs.

As a member of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati she served as president of the club and of the Rotary Foundation, which is the philanthropic arm of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati.

"Wilkinson" has become synonymous with "Volunteer" at the Rotary, where she chairs projects as well as claiming worker bee status on community service efforts ranging from cleanup and landscaping at the Rotary's Camp Allyn for children with disabilities to interacting with students with disabilities at the annual Condon School holiday party. She has twice chaired the annual Believe 2 Achieve summer fund raiser for disabilities-related charities and has worked with the Believe 2 Achieve silent auction since its inception in 2012.

When something needs to be done, Susan Wilkinson is one of the first to step up – as a leader, a mentor and a hands-on worker, said Mike LeVally, who co-chaired the Emmerling Award presentation.

The Rotary Club of Cincinnati was founded in 1910 as a service and networking organization business and community professionals with a mission to provide selfless service in the community and the world and to meet needs of children with disabilities. The annual Believe 2 Achieve dinner and auction will be Aug. 7 at the Brain Brew Distillery in Newtown, where Wilkinson will be co-chairing the silent auction.

For information on The Rotary Club of Cincinnati see www.cincinnatirotary.org

Peggy Hodgson, Rotary Club of Cincinnati



Susan Wilkinson of Anderson Township receives the Emmerling Award from Rotary Club of Cincinnati president Brett Lebnar of Anderson Township. PHOTOS PROVIDED



Susan Wilkinson is congratulated by her sister, Patti King of Marysville, OH, at left. At right are Susan's husband, David Axt, and niece, Emily Them of Marysville, OH.



A surprised Susan Wilkinson is escorted to the stage by 2020 Emmerling Award winner Jack Scott of California, Ky.

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Cincinnati Eastside Rotary Hosts Winefest Benefiting the Rotary Foundation

Cincinnati Eastside Rotary hosted its first Winefest event on Thursday, June 10 at the Landing Event Center in Loveland, Ohio. Rotarians and guests turned out to enjoy wine tasting, food and fellowship to support the Rotary Foundation and its mission of enabling Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The evening activities also included recognition of Cincinnati Eastside Rotary Paul Harris Fellows, Phil



Boyer, Jeff Lykins and Brad Sackrider for their individual support of Rotary Foundation. Cincinnati Eastside Rotary wishes to thank the Winefest presenting sponsors ♦ Stump Shark, American Modern Insurance Group and Mercy Health. It also extends its thanks to gold sponsor, Park National Bank and silver sponsor, Civista Bank.

Pictured: Cincinnati Eastside Rotarians, Gail Koford (left) and Alison Taylor enjoy fellowship at the inaugural Winefest.