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A Message from your District Governor - May



May is Youth Service Month. Nothing made me more proud at last week's District Gala Dinner and Conference than hearing from some of our Youth Program participants live and in person.

One speaker was our First Place winner at the District 4 Way Speech Contest. Sarah Oney from London gave her brilliant speech one last time in front of the 160 people in attendance.

Another speaker attended RYLA this year. Charlie Harker from Lebanon talked about her experiences in High School and how RYLA enriched her leadership training for her future.

Two young ladies from Sinclair College spoke about their experiences as Students studying abroad and how living in the US is very different from living in their home countries. Yovi Acka from the Ivory Coast spoke about growing up as a girl in a country where females are not considered equal to males. Opportunities do not exist for girls there, but her story highlights the fact that she has new aspirations and goals for when she returns home. She sees herself having potential and wants to make a difference in people's lives. Kensani Ngwenya from South Africa had a similar story, and she spoke about her goals and dreams of returning home and being a strong female leader, a role model for other women in her country.

To finish up, Camren Bolo from Springboro High School led us in the Four Way Test to end the conference.

I would like to thank my life partner and co-conspirator, DG Ray Kramp District 6560. He helped me with advice, suggestions, feedback and comments throughout the planning process. I am eternally grateful for your support.

My goal during May and June is to get back to as many clubs as possible.

We have five clubs celebrating 100 years of Rotary here soon: Franklin Carlisle, Miamisburg, Tipp City, Greenfield, Williamsburg



District 6670 Empowering Girls Gala & District Conference Highlights

Thank you to everyone who helped plan, orchestrate, support and attend our 2022 Gala Dinner and Conference.

I would like to personally thank Justice Sharon Kennedy who was our Keynote speaker. She spoke on the empowering girls topic, talking about women's initiatives in Ohio, equality issues and human trafficking. Her message was hugely relevant and meaningful for those in attendance.

I would like to thank everyone who brought hygiene supplies what will be distributed soon to three women's support organizations. We filled four large barrels with supplies. Oasis House of Dayton supporting women who are living on the streets, The YWCA of Dayton, and The Salvation Army of Cincinnati. The Rotary Club of Oakwood made a donation from their Happy Dollars to support their project and I really appreciate their support.

Doug Buchy of the Rotary Club of Springboro was voted and accepted as District Governor Nominee during the business meeting and spoke about his future term 2023-2024. DGE Frank Scott and DGND Dottie Meade, also gave some meaningful remarks. Frank Scott presented his approved 2022-2023 District Budget, and PDG Greg Birkemeyer presented his approved Financial Review for 2020-2021.

I would also like to thank PDG Harvey Smith for his Invocation at the start of the program, and for PDG Pat Edwards for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Clubs that brought displays were seen by attendees, and we raised \$1,110 for the Rotary Foundation through our Auction.

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A Huge Thank You to the 2022 Gala Conference Planning Committee

Deann Hurtado (Chair), Rebecca Siciarz (auction), Suzanne Edwards (Memorial Service), PDG Norma Berry (District Conference logistics), Maria Doherty (SCCC logistics/menu), Linda Oda (display coordination), Janet Steinke (Presenting Sponsor), Scott Marshall (AV Support) and Heather Jergens (Sycamore Creek Country Club)





Youth Peace Advocacy, Leadership and Service Day Saturday April 23rd

On Saturday, April 23, 2022, Rotary District 6670 hosted the inaugural Youth Peace Advocacy, Leadership & Service (YPALS) Day, welcoming 34 students (half from Ohio and half from Bosnia-Herzegovina) and a dozen Rotarians to Sinclair Community College for a day of learning, fellowship and service.

YPALS co-chairs Kelly Lehman and Sue Taylor from Rotary Club of Dayton, began working with the Dayton Rotary Peace Committee in April 2021 to conceive the year-long project that grew to include not only YPALS Day, but also a six month process working with 14-18 year old students to complete an online NewGen Peacebuilders Certification program from North Carolina (Youth & Peace in Action) and facilitating monthly "Conversations on Peace" via zoom. Students who participated in YPA were invited to YPALS Day as a culminating activity. Students who did not go through the online curriculum (including the B-H students) were invited as well, in hopes that they might consider YPA for the 2022-2023 school year, as the District has already budgeted for the second annual April 22, 2023 YPALS Day.

Student reviews were glowing and very positive. The only suggestion for next year was to divide up the morning lecture time with more hands-on

activities. This year, by the time we reached the 12:45 PM Tai Chi demonstration, everyone was more-than-ready to get moving!

Comments from Rotarians include the following: "Thank you for an amazing and inspirational day. The slides tell a great story. Congratulations to all for creating such a wonderful day. I was proud to be a participant;" and "What has impressed me about the program is the team-building approach between students and Rotarians. Everyone was reviewing and reacting to the same course materials. There was no student-teacher dynamic between the generations but rather a feeling that we were all on the same journey together. It was important for the students to hear that we in our lifetimes had also never experienced anything like 911, George Floyd, Covid, or the invasion of Ukraine. As a result, we stood shoulder to shoulder with them in wanting to learn how to build peace in these challenging times."

Rotary Peace Fellow, Patricia Shafer of NewGen Peacebuilders will be presenting the YPA program at the RI Convention in Houston next month. Kelly Lehman will be in attendance to answer questions about the Ohio effort, as District 6670 is the only Ohio District that participated in YPA this year. Out of 6,000 students in 10 US states and 2 Caribbean nations, our 47 person team of students and Rotarians is known affectionately as "the little engine that could."

Next year, we hope more Rotary Clubs in District 6670 will get involved. We have folks willing to work with any club who has an interest in being a peacebuilding club. The YPA materials are academically rigorous and thought-provoking. There are activities for teachers, organization leaders (Interact, scout troops, civic or religious groups) and Rotary clubs and case studies about peace projects that can be replicated in our own communities. But even if your club is not interested in the long-term YPA initiative, you can still help send students in your area to the YPALS Day next April. The level of involvement you select is up to you...a day of peacebuilding or an entire school year of peacebuilding.

This year's Rotary tagline "IMAGINE" is especially appropriate regarding peacebuilding. Imagine if the majority of young people (and Rotarians) in the state of Ohio were trained peacebuilders certified to lead peace project teams. One can only imagine how much that could change the world.





2022 Rotary Day of Service with Rebuilding Together Dayton

A huge THANK YOU to Rotary Day of Service Chair Beth Cusack of the Beavercreek Rotary Club.

The Day of Service on Saturday April 30 went off without a hitch. Hundreds of people gathered and checked in before they started their assignments. I am so proud of the Rotarians that came out on a Saturday to help people they had never or will never meet.

Here is a statement from Caroline Brokaw who coordinated the effort.

Good Afternoon!

Thank you for all your hard work to organize, recruit and lead volunteers this past Saturday for our National Rebuilding Day event! We had a wonderful impact in the Edgemont, Madden Hills and Miami Chapel neighborhoods. The Red Cross shared that a total of 149 alarms were installed in 78 homes. The City of Dayton updated us that we disposed of 19.70 tons of trash (39,400 pounds) and disposed of 100 tires (1.43 tons of tires). To dispose of everything they took a total of nine loads to Montgomery County Solid Waste. We completed 2 community projects in Edgemont at the Solar Garden and Children's Garden. We also completed multiple projects for 5 homeowners led by our house captains.

This is slated to be an annual project within our District.

Chair Beth Cusack of the Beavercreek Rotary Club quoted "Thank you to all the Rotarians and their families that volunteered. Together, we made a difference."

Thank you to our generous sponsors!



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Happy 100th Birthday to the Miamisburg Rotary Club!

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY TO THE MIAMISBURG ROTARY CLUB!

On Monday, 29 May 1922, after months of discussion and preparation, a group of 18 Miamisburg businessmen and professionals gathered to receive the Charter and hold their first meeting for a new service club – The Miamisburg Rotary Club was established. As part of Rotary International, the Miamisburg Rotary Club joins more than 46,000 Rotary Clubs and 1.4 million other Rotarians worldwide.

Now, with 2022 well underway, the 63 Rotarians of the Miamisburg Rotary Club are busy getting ready to hold events to celebrate 100 years of service.

The Miamisburg Rotary Club President Eric Flasher is proud to invite members of Rotary, community organizations and the public to join us for the MIAMISBURG ROTARY CLUB CENTENNIAL GALA.

The Gala will be held on Saturday, 4 June 2022 at the Baum Opera House. Doors open at 5:30 and the event starts at 6:00pm.

Tickets for the Gala are \$60.00 each and include a commemorative glass with (1) signature cocktail for the gala, social hour (cash bar), appetizers, dinner, and dessert. The evening's activities will include a ballroom dancing demonstration, a skit remembering the Club's first meeting, and other entertainment. Dress is semi-

formal.

For those who would like to join our celebration, tickets are available for purchase online at:

<https://auctria.events/MiamisburgRotaryClub-CentennialGala> or use the QR Code on your phone.

Ticket sales will be available until Friday, 27 May 2022. Quantities are limited, so please order soon to guarantee seating.

Donations may also be made on the website to support the Miamisburg Rotary Club's mission and projects.

Thank you.

We will also be holding the Miamisburg Rotary Club's 31st Annual Esther Philhower (virtual) Charity Auction.

We are gathering and accepting donations for some great auction items. Additional details on the auction website are forthcoming. Once completed, the website will be accessible for viewing. Registration and bidding runs from Thursday, 2 June (noon) through Tuesday, 7 June (11:00pm).

For additional information, contact the Club Secretary at: barry.rotary@earthlink.net



Bellefontaine Rotary Club assisted the Logan County Outreach Centers

The Bellefontaine Rotary Club assisted the Logan County Outreach Centers of Bellefontaine, Indian Lake and Russells Point. The Logan County Outreach Centers are located in lower income areas of the county where kids enjoy going to be in a structured, safe environment that is outside of school.

The Outreach Centers are open year round and offer a safe space, provide lunch, and mentors are available as well as adult supervision. The Bellefontaine Rotary Club purchased laptops, printers, computer and school supplies along with playground equipment for all three centers. The total budget was \$4,186 and is a 50/50 match grant with funds coming from the Club and District 6670.

Rotary Foundation District Grants are block grants designed to support smaller dollar amount local or international projects. District grants offer the flexibility to respond quickly to immediate needs or to plan projects with clubs locally or in other countries.



Pictured is Drew Shick, Aaron Pool, and Rotary Club President Angel Payne.