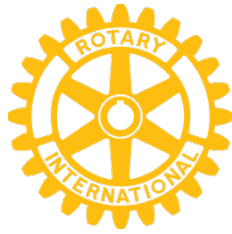


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A Message from Your District Governor - February 2024



Greetings this month of Peace & Conflict Resolution!

While the World Day of Peace is celebrated annually on September 21, Rotary International celebrates the theme of Peace & Conflict Resolution during the entire month of February. RI President Gordon McInally will participate February 9-10, 2024 in the Rotary International Presidential Peace Conference in London, England. Those of us staying closer to home in Ohio can still contribute to peace building by completing the online Rotary Positive Peace Academy, or by supporting our District 6670 efforts to provide peace education for young people.

You may have noticed while reading Rotary Magazine over the past few years that “peace and conflict resolution” continue to be foundational priorities as service in our communities. Volunteers from District 6670 have worked since the 2021- 2022 school year to create, promote and sustain a peace education program for youth in our district.

Originally called YPALS (Youth Peace Advocacy, Leadership & Service), we utilized an online curriculum created by NewGen Peacebuilders in Charlotte, NC. At present, the 2024-2025 program has evolved into a partnership with a well-established local nonprofit, the National Conference for Community & Justice (NCCJ of Greater Dayton) and will allow District 6670 to serve many more students, through their direct school relationships with more than 15 different school districts throughout the region.

There will be Teen Summit on Thursday, March 7 at the Antioch Shrine Auditorium in Dayton for schools already working with NCCJ, which will include many students from within District 6670. An additional Fall 2024 Teen Summit will also be held, prior to which we will provide Rotary Clubs with information to share with any other district schools that might be interested, but are not yet involved. Historically, NCCJ Teen Summits serve around 200 students per session. By partnering with NCCJ, we can rely on qualified education professionals to deliver content, which will make the

process simpler for Rotary volunteers, and allow us to reach many more students.

Please contact Kelly Lehman (kellymarielehman@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving on the District 6670 Youth Peace committee or having a speaker present about our Youth Peace Education initiative at one of your club meetings.

Yours in Rotary,

Doug

Rotary International Introduces the 2024-2025 Annual Theme

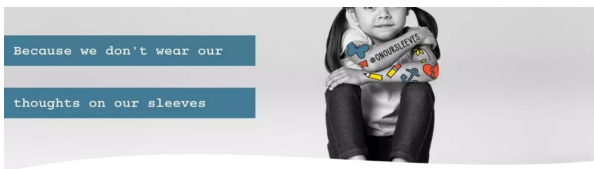


Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick announced the 2024-25 theme, The Magic of Rotary, at the International Assembly on 8 January. The assembly is Rotary’s annual learning event for incoming governors and leaders. Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, called on members to use the magic of Rotary to recognize and amplify the organization’s power to save lives. She also called on them to make their Rotary clubs “simply irresistible.”

On Our Sleeves



The five Rotary International Ohio District Governors, 2024-2025, are pleased to announce that we’re partnering with and fundraising for [On Our Sleeves](#), The Movement for Children’s Mental Health – a



nonprofit organization committed to breaking stigmas and helping families talk about mental health with their children.

Research shows that more than 50% of all lifetime mental disorders start by the age of 14. We can all feel that there is a youth mental health crisis, and we all know someone who has been impacted, but stigma remains. Children don't wear their thoughts on their sleeves, so we don't know what they are going through. And many of us didn't grow up talking about mental health.



All-Ohio P.E.T.S. Presidents-Elect Seminar



That's why On Our Sleeves was created. Developed by Nationwide Children's Hospital, one of the United States' largest networks of pediatric behavioral health treatment providers and researchers. Nearly

1,000 mental health professionals and researchers at Nationwide Children's, in partnership with other trusted experts, provide their real-world knowledge and expertise to power On Our Sleeves.

On Our Sleeves is dedicated to providing free mental health resources for parents, teachers, and caregivers across the United States.

As part of our philanthropic efforts, we have decided to raise funds for On Our Sleeves Kindness Kits.

On Our Sleeves knows that practicing kindness is beneficial for our own mental health and helps us feel more connected to others. That's why On Our Sleeves designed a custom kindness kit for teachers to use in their classrooms. Thanks to generous donors, these kits are free to teachers who request them.

For a gift of just \$25, you can provide resources for one classroom to encourage our children to build a kinder world together.

Will you join our efforts to support On Our Sleeves and children's mental health? Donate a Kindness Kit to a classroom [here](#).

Public Image Webinar

Your Zone 30 & 31 Public Image team invites you to the next informational webinar on February 13, 2024 starting at 6 pm CST / 7 pm EST. We will focus on how to expand your reach through media relations. Please share this event with the members of your club. It is open to all! The registration link is below. Thanks for all you are doing to help others around the world and in your own backyards. We look forward to visiting with you and those in your district on February 13! Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9212121212>

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Public Image

EXPAND YOUR REACH WITH MEDIA RELATIONS

The traditional media options of TV-Radio-Print have changed drastically over the last decade. However, they are just as important to promoting the work of your Rotary club today. In this webinar, you will learn how to:

- Form relationships with the members of the media in your area.
- How to write a press release
- How to make a Public Service Announcement (PSA)

REGISTER NOW
TUESDAY, FEB. 13, 2024
6 PM CST / 7 PM EST

4-Way Speech Contest

District 6670's Four-Way Speech Contest is scheduled for March 10, 2024. It's time to get started in order to have a representative from your high school attend the Contest on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at Wright State University! Contest documents are on the District Website. Thanks for all you do to give this opportunity to the students in your area!

Guidelines remain the same from past years. However, the location of the contest this year will change. We are still at Wright State University, and delighted to be able to continue that relationship, however we will not be at Millett Hall. Please watch for confirmation information after your club submits its finalist.

Thank you for all you do to make this opportunity possible for the students in your area.

Youth Cultural Exchange Goes Both Ways!

Youth Exchange Cultural Exchanges can go both ways! In December, Anni Kunttonen, from Finland and staying with the [Bellefontaine Rotary Club #3617](#), shared a cultural exchange with her swim team members. They celebrated Finland's Independence Day!



Mason-Deerfield Helped Make Food for Students



The [Rotary Club of Mason and Deerfield Ohio](#) worked with the [Mason Kiwanis Club](#) to help their community. They worked at Joshua's Place to put together Shine Packs for Mason and Kings Schools students to make sure they had food for the weekend.



New Carlisle Honored Some Remarkable Students



The [New Carlisle Rotary Club](#) took time to honor a remarkable group of students that open doors and greet Rotarians every week. They also actively engage in numerous activities within their school and community. They had pizza and cookies and each received a certificate and heartfelt thanks for all they do.



Help Wanted - RLI Coordinator



Wanted. RLI Coordinator. The successful candidate will have graduated from RLI and have good organizational skills and a growing passion for RLI. Interested candidates should submit their resume to the current DG. For more information, contact PDG Eric Marcus at: eric.marcus@mindspring.com