

Rotary



District 6690

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Reflect, Recharge and Continue to Dream Big!



Greetings my fellow Change Makers! Can you believe that 2021 is about to come to a close? As my dad always says- ♦Time flies when you are having fun! ♦ The last five months have truly been amazing. As I made my way to each of your clubs, my heart was filled with appreciation and gratitude for your work as you continue to perform projects that make your communities and our world better. The lives you have touched, the contributions you have made will have a lasting impact for years to come. That ♦s why I enjoy being a Rotarian, we are not a one-and-done organization. **We are People of Action** and when we see need, we collaborate and pool our talents and get things done. As one of my mentors has said, ♦Rotary is the most impactful service organization the world has ever seen." Thank you for choosing to be an integral part of that impact!

December is also my favorite time of the year, of course because of the holidays, but also because I love to reflect on the year that is about to come to a close and to dream about what I see for the year ahead. It ♦s a time

where I honor the challenges that I have experienced and allow myself to show gratitude for making it through those challenges. And certainly, it is a time to celebrate the successes and the goals reached and to make adjustments if need be.

RI President Shekhar has asked all of us to Dream Big. And though we are well on our way to having the best Rotary year ever, there is still work to be done. So, I ask you, "have you become a 125 Club member yet or made a contribution to help with our efforts to eradicate Polio? Have you been sharing your Rotary stories with your circle of friends so that you can help to grow your club? Are you as engaged as you had hoped you would have been these last five months?" If the answer to any of these questions is *No*, there is still time! Let ♦s Dream Big together my fellow Change Makers! Let ♦s reach for the stars and create a world of peace, wholeness and joy!

I pray that you have a safe, healthy and joyous holiday season. Thank you for Dreaming Big and Thank You for Serving to Change Lives!



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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No News is Good News

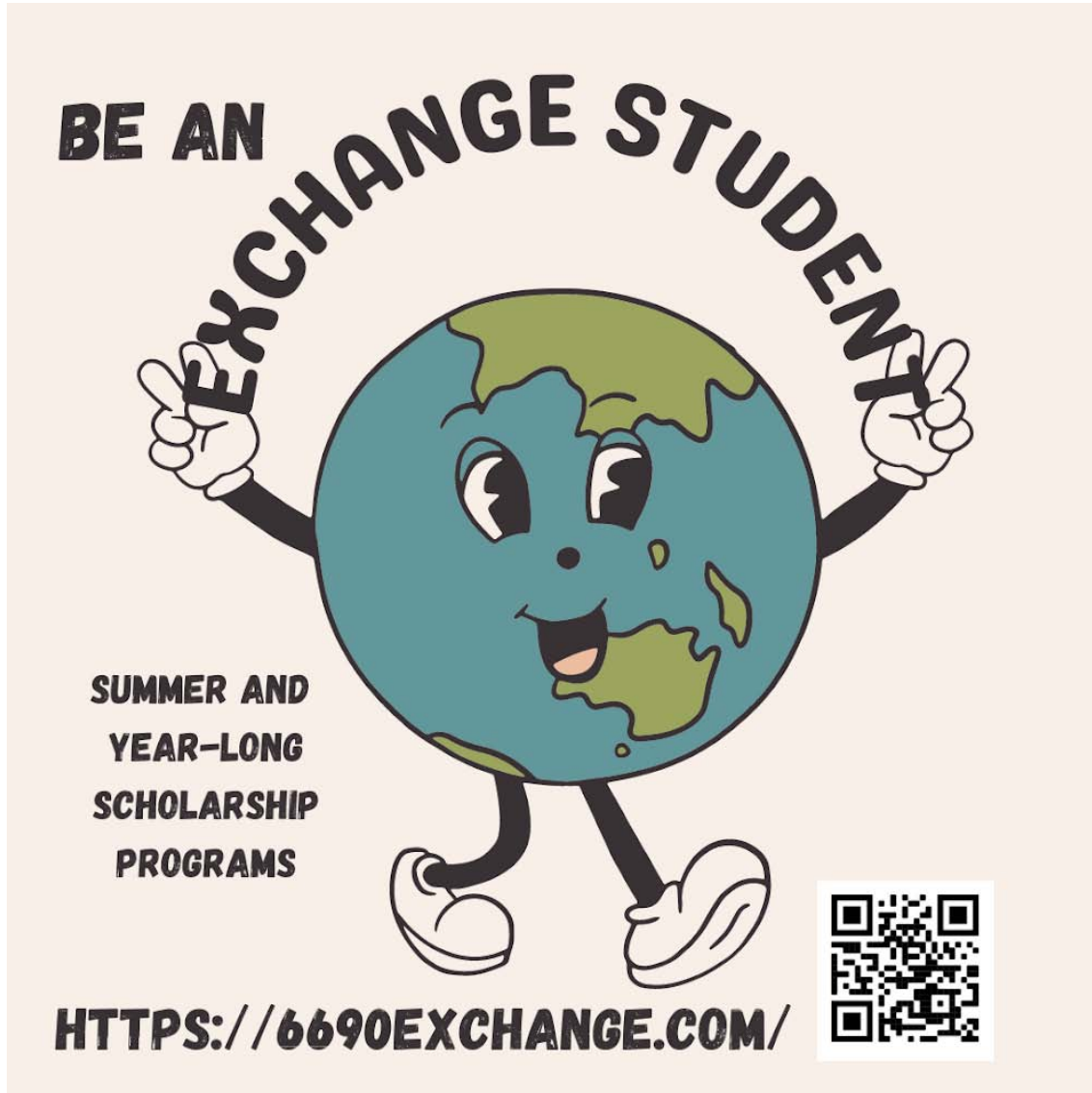
Nothing to report this month! That is, polio cases remain static since January 2021 with ONE case in Afghanistan and ONE case in Pakistan.



New Generations/Youth Service

Rotary Youth Exchange

What an adventure you have in front of you! No matter if you end up representing Rotary International and USA as a Rotary Youth Exchange Scholar for a full year, or if you become part of our Short-Term Summer Exchange Program, you will have an experience that will change your life forever!



BE AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

SUMMER AND YEAR-LONG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

[HTTPS://6690EXCHANGE.COM/](https://6690exchange.com/)

Funding Peace Projects

Rotary District 6690 and the Friendly Candle are now taking orders for Peace Candles.

These candles were created exclusively for Rotary.

Proceeds go to our district to fund your clubs' Peace projects.

Friendly Candle and Rotary District 6690 have created the



PEACE CANDLE

Every candle is made of 100% all-natural soy with essential oils and fragrances.

Hand-poured in Columbus, Ohio.

Burn time 70+ hours.

Includes seed paper candle topper, #plantthetag and wildflowers will grow!

ORDER YOURS TODAY

friendlycandle.com

50% of proceeds from this candle help fund Rotary Peace projects in Central and Southeastern Ohio.

Peace begins with me!



And they make a great gift!

Order on-line at :

<https://friendlycandle.com/.../products/rotarypeacecandle>.

A Birth of Freedom



This Golden Eagle picture is for sale by the Belpre Rotary for \$100. Money raised from the sale goes to the Rotary International Foundation.

The print was created by renowned Parkersburg artist Don Whitlatch to further peace and understanding throughout the World. The magnificent Golden Eagle print measures 31"x24" and is titled "A Birth of Freedom".

The print is on museum quality 100% rag paper and was created as an international symbol of freedom. Hand-signed and limited to 950 prints.

To purchase, please contact Linda E Robinson, President, Belpre Rotary.
(304)295-9260 - roblinda66@gmail.com

Six prints are available for sale.

Tell the rest of the district what your club or committee is up to! If you would like to submit a story to the newsletter, please add it [HERE](#) by the 25th of the month.



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Public Image

Remember to update your club's web page this month!

1. **Meeting time** - Make sure the meeting time & place on your website is correct.
2. **Remove dated content** - Hide or delete old stories or stories that talk about "upcoming" past events.
3. **Update branding** - Make sure you are using current RI logos and fonts. ([Find guidelines here.](#))
4. **Integrate DACdb calendar** - If you are using a DACdb website, you can add your club's calendar to the homepage. (Keep your club calendar updated and visible!)

Resources to make PI at the club level a little easier.

- [PI Website](#) - find monthly reminders and tips.
- Ideas for social media posts. We are compiling a library of social media posts that clubs can use to augment news about their own clubs. These are more generic stories about 'What is Rotary'.
 - If you follow [Rotary6690](#) on Facebook, we are posting the stories there too. You can simply share them to your own page. (Subscribing to the district page and liking the posts will help them get more views.)
 - [December](#) stories
 - We are always looking for new stories about what it means to be a Rotarian. (We're watching the club pages for ideas!) Please tag the district (@rotary6690) in stories that would be good to share more broadly.
 - Remind your club members to like and share stories on your social media accounts, and also the district and R.I. social media accounts. The more likes, the more widely the stories are seen by non-Rotarians.

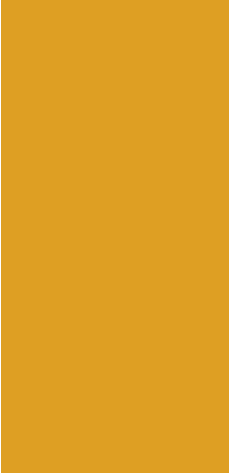
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Follow District 6690:



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Events

December

- 4th - [WARM Rotary Holiday Food Drive, COLLECTION DAY](#)
- 11th - [Rotary 6690 Holiday Happy Hour](#)
- 12th - [Past District Governor Luncheon](#)
- 14th - [Membership Chats: Open Session & Roundtable](#)
- 29th - [RAH RAH](#)

January

- 19th - [Membership Chats: Making Rotary Family-Friendly](#)

February

- 10th - [Membership Chats: Open Session & Roundtable](#)

March

- 24th - [Membership Chats: Planning High-Impact Meetings](#)

District Leaders



Maryjane Shackelford
District Governor



Price Finley
DG-Elect



David A. Uhl
DG-Nominee



Frances M. Veverka
District Executive
Secretary



John L. Vogelpohl
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Chair



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District Rotary
Foundation Chair



Dave Ungar
District Public Image
Chair



Sheila Mark
District Training Chair

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