

# Rotary



## District 6690

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

### Start Strong, Stay Strong and Finish Strong



Greetings my fellow Change Makers!

As we enter the final month of this Rotary year, I am reminded of a quote by Ralph Marston- "Start strong, stay strong and finish strong by always remembering why you're doing it in the first place." During this Rotary year you have shared your Rotary stories so that our organization can grow in numbers. You have asked family, friends, business associates and acquaintances to jump on our Rotary bus so that we can make our world a better place. You have dared to change things up by meeting differently, in different places and different times. You and your fellow club members have performed more meaningful service projects that have had a lasting impact on your communities and our world. You have even answered the call to country and our world as devastating events like tornados in Kentucky and a war in Ukraine took place. You did not just stand by and watch the events unfold. In typical Rotarian fashion, you went above and beyond to help those in need. I am so proud of this District and the Rotarians that I have

come to know and love. You all are amazing, caring doers that have a passion for making our world a better place. And though we prepare for leadership change in the next coming weeks, our mission and focus will not change. We still have a promise to keep to the children of the world by doing what we can, each of us, to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. We still dream of a world where everyone has what they need: the opportunity for an education, available healthcare and clean water. We dream of a world where girls are empowered so that they can live safe and healthy lives. We still dream of a world at peace.

My heart is filled with appreciation and gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your District Governor over this past year. It has been an experience that will stay with me for as long as I am on this planet. All of you are truly Changemakers; for you have not only changed your world and community but you have changed me. I have always known that Rotarians are People of Action, but to have the opportunity to see over 3,200 Rotarians in 58 clubs making change happen has been a blessing in deed. You are all Rock Stars! Thank you for making our world a better place and I look forward to working with you as we Imagine Rotary in 2022/23.

Woo Hoo!

-District Governor, Maryjane Shackelford



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**ROTARY YEAR  
2021-2022  
FINISH STRONG!**

#### Annual Fund

Gifts to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund

\$300,719

exceeded our goal of \$380,000. Rotarians gave over \$390,000 to the Annual Fund.  
*\*Note- we have 2 non-giving clubs to the Annual Fund*

\$390,718

## Ukraine Relief Grant

Rotarians from District 6690 gave over \$61,000 to fund relief for the people of Ukraine.

\$61,000

## Total Foundation Giving

Total given to The Rotary Foundation

\$451,718

## Polio Plus

Total giving to the Polio Plus Fund was substantial but below our goal of \$135,000.

*Note- we have 4 non-giving clubs to Polio Plus.*

\$115,170



## 125 Club Members

While Foundation giving was high overall, we fell short of our goal of 1,500 members donating at least \$100 to the Annual Fund and \$25 to Polio Plus.

## Membership

We started the year with 59 clubs. We lost the Baltimore Club; We are finishing with 58 Clubs.

We started the year with 3221 members and currently sit at 3253 (+ 32!) The goal is 3589.

58  
Clubs



Net New Members

Total Members:

3253

Goal:

3589

## Project Update: Polio Plus

In **Pakistan**, a new case of wild poliovirus type 1 has been reported. There have been THREE cases reported from Pakistan in 2022.

In **Afghanistan**, one case has been reported this year.

### [The need for speed: polio outbreak response](#)

### [Rapid action needed to effectively quash transmission](#)

Though wild poliovirus cases are dwindling – currently at the lowest level in history – the fresh detections underscore both the danger of importation and the need to finish the job. [READ MORE.](#)



Now in its Sixth Year, Please “join” the



## 125 CLUB

*Recognizing Rotarians who contribute at least \$100 to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund and \$25 to PolioPlus for the 2021-2022 Rotary Year.*

### **Two Options to Give**

**1** Log into your My.Rotary.org account using your Rotary ID and contribute at least \$100 to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund and at least \$25 to the PolioPlus Fund;

*or*

**2** Use the District's giving app by going to [https://givebutter.com/125\\_Club](https://givebutter.com/125_Club)

- When you receive your District 6690 125 Club pin, **WEAR IT PROUDLY!**
- Encourage fellow Rotary members to join the 125 Club! Last year, over 800 Rotarians in District 6690 joined the 125 Club – will you join this year?



(Pins will be distributed by Assistant District Governors periodically throughout the Rotary year)

### **Youth Exchange - Outbound Students!**

The 22-23 outbound exchange students met for training and overnight on May 14, hosted by the Lancaster club. Each student brought a dish from their assigned country for a delicious international potluck, did training, and then spent the evening/overnight at the Lancaster YMCA.

In August, outbound long-term students are headed to Bosnia, Czechia, Taiwan, Spain and Italy. Over the summer, outbound short-term students are headed to Germany, France, Argentina, and Mexico.

We also have inbound students headed to Ohio for the first time since COVID! Our inbound students are from Mexico,

Japan, Finland, Taiwan, Colombia & Brazil. Hosting clubs are currently seeking host families for these international peacebuilders.

The *Rotary Youth Exchange program* is a high-impact peace-building program that also serves as a Rotary recruitment mechanism -- often parents of youth become interested in being Rotarians and returning students often become Rotarians when they become adults.

We need your support! If you are interested in hosting a student in your home for 3 months or becoming a club-level contact person for one of these amazing young people, please reach out to Marie Hurt @ [rotarymarierye@gmail.com](mailto:rotarymarierye@gmail.com). ("RYE committee" sounds so formal!-- we are a wild and fun group of international travelers and adventurers! We hope you will join us!)



Have a student interested in applying to go abroad for a summer or academic year? Interested in sharing this with your local high school students or world language teachers?

The application process starts over the summer! General information and an application can be found at <https://6690exchange.com/> and recordings of general information sessions (which remains the same generally from year to year) can be found at [https://www.youtube.com/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVWNUovmV17eHCbFJXQXKWw)

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## Events

Rotary District 6690 Rotary and Rotaract members, family and friends are invited to join Rotary District Governor [Price Finley](#) and his wife Alice in the Stonewall Columbus PRIDE Festival & March 2022 (official) on Saturday June 18th.



## District Governor Installation and Picnic



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR INSTALLATION & PICNIC

SATURDAY – JUNE 25, 2022 – 11:30 AM

FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH PARKING LOT  
1320 CAMBRIDGE BLVD, MARBLE CLIFF, OH 43212

## REGISTER

### Rotary Family Picnic

If you're looking for a fun way to celebrate Independence Day, head out to the Rotary Family Picnic in Worthington. The free event, hosted by the Dublin-Worthington Rotary Club and presented by FCBank, takes place at Thomas Worthington High School on July 4 from 5 to 9 pm. The kids will love the giant inflatable games along with the food and specialty-treat trucks. The city's fireworks display starts at dark. Thanks to area businesses, individuals and the City of Worthington and Worthington Schools for their support.

Thomas Worthington High School, Front Lawn  
300 W. Dublin-Granville Road  
Worthington, OH 43085

### Events

#### June

- 4th - [Rotary Convention Houston](#)
- 18th - [Columbus Pride March](#)
- 24th - [June - 4th Friday](#)
- 25th - [District Governor Installation & Picnic](#)
- 29th - [RAH RAH \(Rotary After Hours\)](#)
- 30th - [Happy Rotary New Year!](#)

#### July

- 4th - [New Albany Independence Day Parade + Festival](#)
- 4th - [Rotary Family Picnic](#)
- 17th - [Polo, Polos & Polio](#)
- 22nd - [July - 4th Friday](#)
- 29th - [Rotary Club of New Albany - 8th Annual Golf Outing](#)

### District Leaders



Maryjane Shackelford  
District Governor



Price Finley  
DG-Elect



David A. Uhl  
DG-Nominee

Frances M. Veverka  
District Executive  
Secretary

John L. Vogelpohl  
District Treasurer

Jenny Rebekah Stotts  
District Membership  
Chair



Lawrence C. Jenkins  
District Rotary  
Foundation Chair



Dave Ungar  
District Public Image  
Chair



Sheila Mark  
District Training Chair



## Newsletter Contributions

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. *(Newsletter publication is the first of each month.)*

## Social Media

Does your club use hashtags when posting on social media? Using **#RD6690** on your posts will enable the district to search and repost/retweet your messages. Let us help you reach a larger audience!

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