



Let There Be Peace on Earth...

Price Finley, District Governor

As an undergrad at Capital University, I was a member of the Men's Glee Club. At the end of every concert, we would close with the song "Let There Be Peace on Earth." I have wonderful memories of the sound of our male voices singing in four-part harmony.



Taken alone, the title of the song might suggest that peace may ensue by declaration or by simply wishing it to be.

What makes the song more meaningful is what comes next, "and let it begin with me." As a full thought, the song is no longer just a statement expressing a desire for world peace, but also a call to action.

"Let There Be Peace on Earth, and Let It Begin with Me"

The lyrics were written by songwriter Jill Jackson in 1955 when she woke up one morning with these words running through her head. She and her composer husband, Sy Miller, finished the song together. The first public performance was by a group of 180 teenagers of different religious, racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds who had gathered for a retreat high in the California mountains. As the teens locked arms and sang this song of peace, they believed that singing the song with its simple, basic sentiment would help to create a climate for world peace and understanding.

This story of the birth of this song reminds me of many Rotary events, particularly of All-Ohio Presidents-Elect Training Seminar, aka "All-Ohio PETS", where we have gathered together to sing Let There Be Peace on Earth together during the closing ceremony. As People of Action, we Rotarians each have a personal responsibility to promote and implement peace in our communities.

During my "official visits" with Rotary clubs this year, I've shared the words of Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones, when she unveiled our Rotary theme for this year, "Imagine Rotary." "Although we all have dreams, acting on them is a choice we make. When an organization like Rotary dreams about big things like ending polio and creating peace, it becomes our responsibility to make them happen." You don't imagine yesterday," Jones said, "you imagine tomorrow."

So, "let it begin with me" fits perfectly with what we do in Rotary. First, we "imagine" that there CAN be peace on earth, and then we recognize that, as People of Action, we are the ones to "let it begin with me."

I wish each of you a happy and peace-filled holiday season, and I encourage you to find some quiet space during this time to envision how we, in Rotary, can make peace happen across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

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125 CLUB

*Recognizing Rotarians who contribute
\$100 or more to the Rotary Foundation's
Annual Fund and \$25 or more to PolioPlus
for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year.*

Two Options to Give

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

or

2 Use the District's giving app by going to https://givebutter.com/125_club or scanning this QR Code

(Note: Givebutter applies a \$5.33 credit card convenience fee)



- 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)

UPDATE: District TRF Matching Point Program

The District TRF committee is announcing that we will **NOT** be sponsoring a District wide recognition point matching program this February. We have decided to focus on other promotion and recognition efforts - the district has exhausted our reserves of Foundation recognition points, and the district matching points are not fully recognized by The Rotary Fund's (TRF) program.

We still encourage Clubs to run their own matching point campaign or implement other creative efforts to incentivize giving.

While we know this announcement will come as a disappointment to some, we hope that every Rotarian will continue to find a way to support the Rotary Foundation. We are striving for 100% participation in the **District 125 Club**. (Donations can easily be made through the [Give Butter app](#).)

Thank you for your continued support of Our Rotary Foundation and Our Rotary programs!

The District would like to send a **Big Thank You** to **Bill Shorthill** from the Reynoldsburg/ Pickerington Club for his efforts to coordinate the Matching Point program the past 3 years. This program is a huge bookkeeping effort and Bill made it look easy while encouraging a lot of annual fund giving.

-Larry Jenkins, District Foundation Chair

Foundation Happy Hour!

The District 6690 Foundation Committee is eager to celebrate!

Contest: Your club can win a Happy Hour celebration for foundation giving.

There are two happy hours and two ways to win one for your club.
During 2nd Quarter of this Rotary year: (October, November and December 2022)

1. The Club with the highest total Polio Plus giving
2. The Club with the highest per capita Polio Plus giving



We encourage all Clubs to host a Polio Plus event to raise funds for Polio during this quarter!

Progress toward District 6690's Foundation Giving Goals

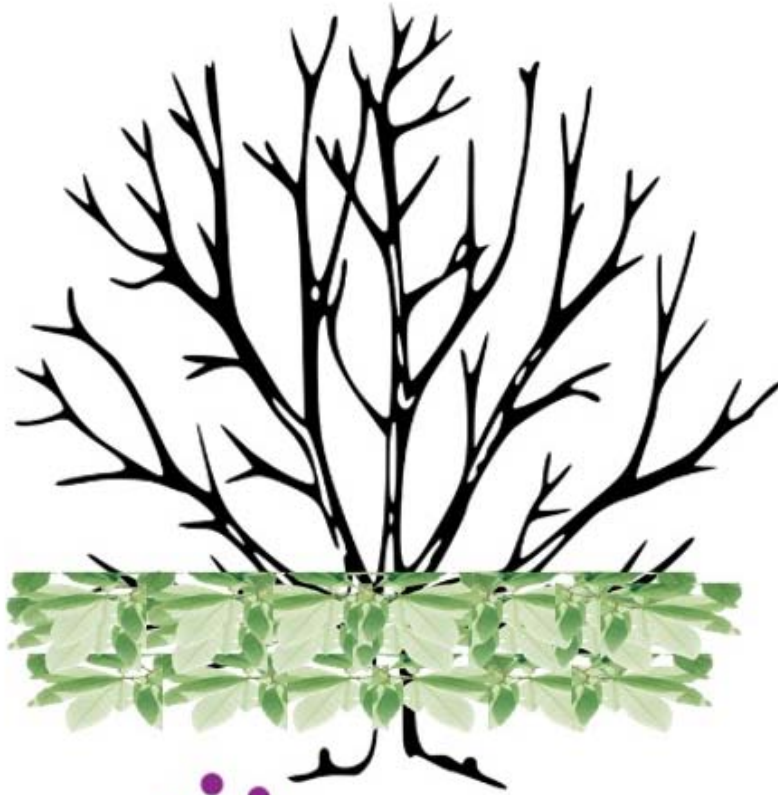
Here's how we're doing so far this year -

Foundation - EREY

Goal: \$500,000

\$250,000

Current:
\$110,554



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Foundation - Polio Plus





[Rotary Direct](#) allows you to help year-round by automatically giving each month, quarter, or year.

Donating to Rotary means clean water and sanitation. Health and hope in areas that were once ravaged by diseases like polio. Economic development and new opportunities. Your financial help makes all this happen, and more. 90.8 percent of donations go straight to supporting our service projects.

Project Update: Polio Plus

Pakistan is working with Rotary to eradicate polio

Pakistan is on a mission to get polio back under control following an increase in cases. (In 2021 there was one reported case. In 2022 there have been 20 cases reported.)

- Despite the availability of vaccines, there are serious challenges due to the remote and ultra-conservative populations in the province.
- People are still skeptical about the poliovirus vaccine and continuous migration, along with the porous border with Afghanistan, are becoming major



causes behind resurgence of the virus

Rotary International is playing a key role to:

- ...better reach high-risk populations through targeted community engagement.
- ...integrate polio activities with other health services and social programs
- ...build community trust and improve vaccine acceptance
- ...strategize to vaccinate all children under ten at major transit points/border areas in southern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as this area is home to some of the more high-risk mobile populations

[READ MORE](#)

Rotary Club of Kokosing Valley - Welcome to District 6690!

Please welcome Rotary Club of Kokosing Valley as the newest club in District 6690!

The club launched in July and celebrated its Charter on November 18, 2022, and they have been quite busy! <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082912420497>



We look forward to meeting Rotary Club of Kokosing Valley members and finding opportunities to work together!

Join the District 6690 New Club Development Committee!

The New Club Development Committee Team focuses on helping form new clubs and satellite clubs in our district.

- These clubs could be geographically located.
- They could be focused on a cause.
- They could be within a retirement community.
- They could simply meet at a different day/time.

Committee members will meet once a month via zoom. As needed and as desired, members may spend more time helping a new club to get started.

If you would like to be considered to become a member of this



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team please contact Steve Heiser (heiser1950@gmail.com or 614-271-5884). Please reference the New Club Development Team in your email.

District 6690 Socktober Challenge

When you think about what unhoused people need most, food, money or blankets might be the first things that come to mind, but surprisingly the answer is often socks. In fact, some unhoused people call them “Homeless Gold”.

Think about it: when you live on the streets or in a vehicle, you need to keep your feet covered constantly to protect them from concrete, dirt and potential hazards like broken glass. Often unhoused people leave their shoes on for extended periods of time, so their socks stiffen up from dried perspiration, get a little (or a lot) funky, and they don’t have opportunities (places or money) to wash them. Untrimmed toenails poke holes in their socks and socks prevent blisters and unhoused people do a lot of moving around.

Being able to grab a fresh pair of clean socks out of a dresser, toss dirty socks in the wash or walk around our house barefoot is a luxury most of us probably don’t think about.

Our district took on the challenge of collecting as many socks as possible for area shelters this October in the District **6690 Socktober Challenge** and we are thrilled to announce that overall, we collected **10,674** pairs of socks!

- The Lancaster Sherman Club absolutely crushed the competition and collected 3,145 total pairs – almost 1/3 of the total for the whole district! A club with 38 members, the Lancaster Sherman Club’s collection totals an average of nearly 83 pairs of socks per member! Way to go, Lancaster Sherman!
- Coming in second place was Dublin Worthington with 1,345 pairs collected by 75 members – that’s about 18 pairs per member! Dublin Worthington Club President Steve Payerle contributes his club’s success to creating an Amazon wish list with multi-packs of socks and then sending that to members. Simplifying the process as much as possible for members helps make giving to new initiatives easy to just “click and give”.

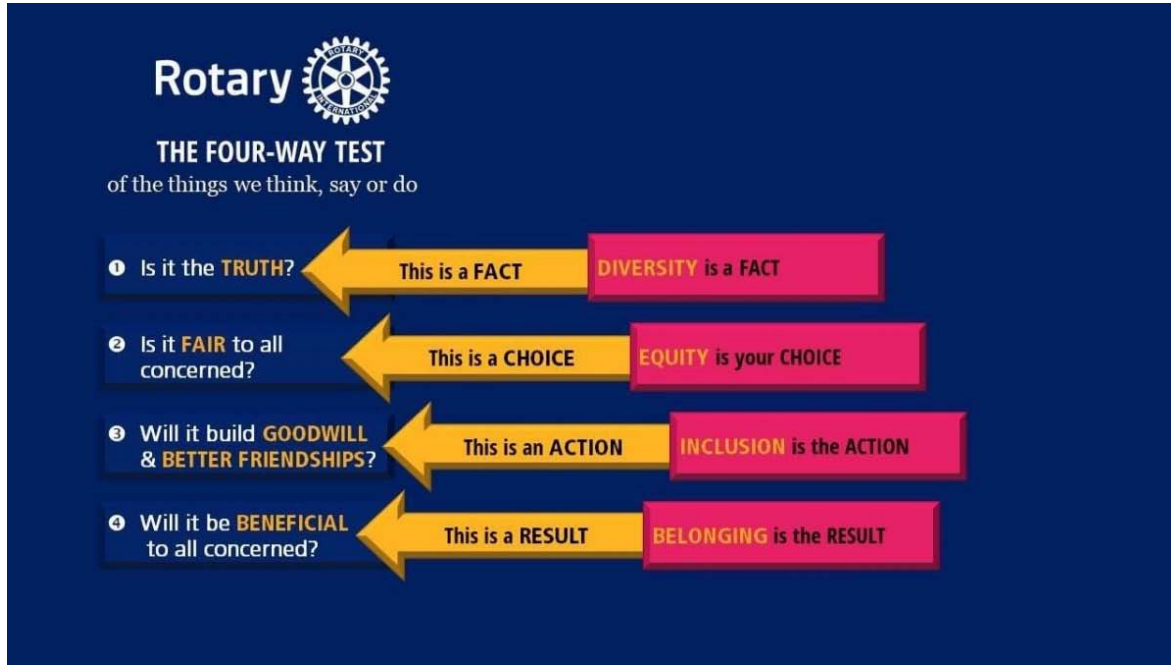


Congratulations to all 26 clubs that participated. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to donate to 20

different charities and help some of the neediest families in our District.

-Amanda Bowen, District Community Special Projects Team

The Four-Way Test and DEI *



DEI = Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Read Rotary's DEI statement [HERE](#).

Free Books!

Rotary District 6690 is collaborating with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio to help INCREASE ENROLLMENT of young children, ages 0-5 yrs, in Ohio.

Enroll your child for a free monthly book!



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio mails kids one free book each month until their 5th birthday. Any child in Ohio between birth and age 5 can enroll.

Each child in the program receives a FREE BOOK, once a month, in the mail.

RD6690 encourages you to participate in this initiative by contacting your local affiliate of the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio...and discuss collaborative strategies to help INCREASE ENROLLMENT!

Please open the [Map of Ohio Locator](#) and click on your respective county to open key information and county affiliate contract information.

Let's Help Young Children enjoy the "Love of Reading"...as we demonstrate the Rotary Area of Service - Basic Education & Literacy!

FREE BOOKS EACH
MONTH

CHILDREN AGES
0-5

REGISTER YOUR CHILD
TODAY

FREE BOOKS



**RECEIVE A FREE
HIGH-QUALITY, AGE
APPROPRIATE BOOK EACH
MONTH FOR REGISTERED
CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO
AGE FIVE.**

**IN PARTNERSHIP
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REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY!

<https://qrcodes.pro/BW9Eil>



How it Works

- Enroll your child at OhioImaginationLibrary.org
- In 6-8 weeks, your child will receive the first book in the mail.
- Siblings under the age of 5 are all eligible and should be enrolled!

It's Easy!

- Go to OhioImaginationLibrary.org to start your child's free monthly book delivery!

Why it's Important

- Brain science shows that a child's brain is already 80% developed by 3 years old.
- Through reading, children begin to learn

words and sounds, recognize pictures, and understand emotions.



REQUEST TO RD6690 ROTARIANS...

- Please contact your local affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio...and offer to help coordinate strategies to help INCREASE ENROLLMENT of children, ages 0-5 yrs., in your community.
- [DOWNLOAD THE FLYER](#) to distribute

Events

The flyer features a large background image of the Hocking Hills Lodge & Conference Center, a multi-story building with a prominent glass facade and a red roof. In the foreground, there is an outdoor patio with several tables and chairs. On the left side, the text 'DISTRICT 6690 ROTARY FOUNDATION' is written vertically in yellow, and 'GALA' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. On the right side, there is a portrait of Larry Lunsford, a man in a dark suit and blue tie, with his arms crossed. Below the portrait, the text 'save-the-date' is written in a yellow, cursive font, with a yellow arrow pointing downwards. At the bottom, a yellow box contains the event details in black text.

DISTRICT 6690 ROTARY FOUNDATION
GALA

save-the-date

SATURDAY, FEB. 4, 2023, 6:30 - 9:30 PM
HOCKING HILLS LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: LARRY LUNSFORD, PAST RI
DIRECTOR AND CURRENT TRUSTEE FOR THE
ROTARY FOUNDATION (2021-25)

- Friday evening: Welcome reception on the rooftop – beautiful views of the downtown skyline.
- Saturday: Inspiring speakers and breakout sessions, plus guided tours of the museum.



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SAVE THE DATE

Barnesville Rotary Club hosts Thanksgiving Dinner

Barnesville Rotary Club hosted this year's Annual Thanksgiving dinner with fellow Barnesville service clubs: Rotary, Interact, Kiwanis, and Lions Clubs. The service clubs of Barnesville take turns annually hosting a traditional Thanksgiving dinner and program.



It was truly a wonderful time of fellowship and thanksgiving for all who attended. Barnesville Service Clubs support each others' projects to collectively do great things in the community and beyond!

December

4th - [Working Toward Peace - Becoming a Peacebuilder Club](#)

5th - [Official DG club visit - Delaware](#)

6th - [Official DG Club Visit - St. Clairsville](#)

7th - [Official DG Club Visit - Belpre](#)

8th - [Official DG Club Visit - Circleville](#)

11th - [Christmas Tree Lighting at Whetstone](#)

January

17th - [Official DG club visit - Newark](#)

19th - [Official DG Club Visit - Pataskala](#)

25th - [All Ohio President Elect Virtual Training](#)

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Club: St. Clairsville
Contact



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Club: Cambridge
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Contact



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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 20th of the month. *(Newsletter publication is the first of each month.)*

Find previous newsletters here: <https://rotary6690.org/our-district/newsletter/>

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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