



## Rotary Club of Massillon

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### *President's Message*

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100% attendance in the month of January 2021

Chad Hartman  
Dick Leffler  
Bill Leffler  
Keith Nutter

Richard Regula  
Kathy Shultz  
Daniel Swartz



Rotary  
Purple Bag  
Project  
coming in  
June



### April Speakers

#### Happy Birthday!

Sherie Brown	28th
David Krantz	28th
Angela Cooper	4th



**ROTARY CLUB OF MASSILLON**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 2, 2021**

The Board of Directors met at Kozmo's Grille on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. The following members were present: Bill Leffler, Matt Hull, Daniel Swartz, Kathy Schultz, Chad Hartman, Michelle Hartman and Keith Nutter.

The first matter of business was to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021 meeting. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the minutes of the January 5, 2021 meeting were approved.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Hull informed the Board that Debbie Busby's transfer of her membership interest to the Club needed to be approved by the Board. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the transfer of Debbie Busby's membership interest to the Massillon Rotary Club was approved. Further, Mr. Hull stated he would reach out to Jeff Brest, Carolyn Worthen and Alex Coon to schedule their inductions. Mrs. Shultz states that she would provide contact information for all new members so that Mr. Hull could connect with them to schedule their inductions.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

No report.

**CLUB SERVICE:**

Mrs. Hartman provided an update with respect to the Purple Bag Project for 2021. After a brief discussion the Board stated the Club should pick June of 2021 as the Club's month to participate in the project. Mrs. Hartman stated she would get a list of the most needed items for the project so that the same can be provided to the Club members. It was additionally discussed that Mrs. Hartman would follow up with the project coordinators to come up with dollar amounts for the requested items in the event Club members would simply like to give money toward the purchase of items.

Mrs. Hartman noted that the Four Way Speech Contest has been cancelled this year due to the pandemic.

Mr. Hull led a discussion regarding the Support Local Card fundraiser the Board has been considering. Mr. Hull stated he had heard from a few local businesses who would like to participate and was waiting to hear back from others. Mr. Hartman discussed putting together a google spreadsheet to track which business would like to participate. Mrs. Hartman said she would reach out to Tremont Coffee. The Board decided to continue to see how much interest local business had in participating in this and to check into the costs of printing the cards that would be needed.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Mrs. Shultz stated she had spoken with Jen Warner regarding her new member application and would follow up with her regarding membership.

**MASSILLON ROTARY FOUNDATION:**

No report.

**INTERNATIONAL:**

No report.

**PROGRAMS:**

Mr. Hull and Mr. Hartman led a discussion regarding the Club's recent change of venue of the Club's weekly meeting due to the temporary closure of the Eagles. The Board discussed moving the weekly meeting to the St. George Greek Orthodox Church on an indefinite basis. Mr. Hartman indicated the Church could accommodate the Club. The Board discussed whether there were any firm commitments to hold meetings at the Eagles, which the Board did not believe there were. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board voted to move the weekly meetings to St. George Greek Orthodox Church pending confirmation that there were no contractual commitments in place to the Eagles. Mr. Hull stated he would follow up with Mr. Leffler and Mr. Jingo to confirm the same.

Mr. Hartman next led a brief discussion that for the Club's virtual meetings we would go back to using Google Meets instead of Zoom.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hull briefly discussed the pick 3 fundraiser and that all winners had been selected. Revenue raised from the fundraiser would be provided to help support the SAM Center.

Mr. Swartz led a brief discussion regarding the marketing efforts for the Club in order to help build better brand identity for the Club. The Board discussed asking those organizations which the Club has given money to include the Club on their website or social media in some manner.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hull noted that The Ohio Tigers Premier Football Academy, Inc. would likely be submitting a grant request to the Club as well as the foundation. Mr. Swartz noted that there was an additional youth football program in the City that the foundation had recently given money to.

Mr. Hull noted that February 7<sup>th</sup> is the 104<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the chartering of the Club. Mr. Hull further noted that the international conference for 2021 has been moved to a virtual conference.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting on the Board of Directors is Tuesday, March 2, at 11:30am, at Kozmo's Grille.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Thomas D. Jingo  
Club Secretary



**Jennifer Warner, new member, & "708" Project**

## Register Now! 2020-21 Rotary International Convention



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

The Rotary International Convention, scheduled for 12-16 June 2021, in Taipei, Taiwan, will now be a virtual event in response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19. This decision, made by the Rotary Board of Directors, is necessary to protect the health of everyone involved.

A virtual convention is a wonderful way to experience all that Rotary has to offer, from the comfort and convenience of your home.

For more details about the 2021 Rotary International Virtual Convention, please visit <https://convention.rotary.org/en/taipei>.

Yours in Rotary,  
Michelle Charles, DGN



Alex Coon

Jeff Brest



Rotarians in District 6650 continue to partner with Operation Warm for a 9<sup>th</sup> year providing coats to children, and adults throughout our District! In spite of the pandemic, our District partners raised \$44,205 to purchase 2,503 coats! District partners include the Rotary Clubs of Youngstown, Cortland, Columbiana, Canfield, Brookfield, Orrville, Dover, Austintown, Poland, Girard/Liberty, Plain Twp, and for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, Victory Christian Center's Boardman, Columbiana, Liberty, New Castle and Warren campuses.

Youngstown Rotarian PDG Debbie Esbenshade (2013-14) introduced this project to Division 1(a) clubs in 2012 and since it's inception, our D6650 campaigns have raised roughly \$445,000 and provided 22,500 coats and has been supported by all District Governor's since Debbie's year.

Besides the direct benefit to our recipients, Rotary Clubs especially like the fact that all coats stay in our district and directly affect our constituents!

**OPERATION WARM PROVIDED IT'S 4 MILLIONTH COAT THIS YEAR!**

#### Brief History Of Operation Warm

Operation Warm began in 1998 when retired business man Dick Sanford, a member of the Rotary Club of Longwood, District 7450, Kennett Square PA, read a newspaper story about children waiting for a school bus on a cold February morning without adequate winter clothing. Moved by the story, Dick went to a local store and purchased every children's coat they had, and arranged through his Rotary Club to personally give the coats to children in need at the local school. This directly led to a club project the next year, and a District wide project in 2000.

Dick was incredibly moved by the impact the coats had on children and their families, and decided he wanted to do more. So, like happens with many a Rotary Club project (e.g. ShelterBox), he formed a non-profit company (a 501(c)(3) public charity) called Operation Warm and began building the program. Naturally, District 7450 Rotarians were among the early supporters, but in order to grow, support was sought from many partners, including private and corporate foundations, governmental agencies, churches and many caring individuals.



**Lepley & Co.**

**Exotic Plants – Fine Art**

**Local Goods**



## Our own StormTrooper

**ROTARY'S  
Areas of Focus**



**Rotary** 

**THE FOUR-WAY TEST**  
of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Russell-Hampton Co. Item #R89805M

**Rotary Club of Massillon**

**Officers:**

President..... Matt Hall  
 President Elect/VP..... Chad Hartman  
 Past President (2019-2020)..... Keith Nutter  
 Treasurer.....Richard Leffler  
 Secretary..... Thomas Jingo

**Directors:**

2019-2020.....Joe Logan, Dan Swartz  
 2017-2020....., Jim Stanford, John Shultz  
 2018-2021.....Richard Regula, Todd Loxley

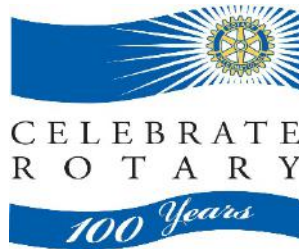
**Massillon Rotary Foundation:** Joe Logan

**Club Service Chair:** Chad Hartman

**International Chair:** William Leffler

**District Governors:**

.....Linda Henderson



**Interested in Making a Gift?**

The Massillon Rotary Foundation Trust (Tax ID# 34-1604220) will accept donations at any time. Contributions to the trust are tax deductible to the extent permitted by the IRS. Please see Wendy Blosser or Richard Leffler for more details.

**Local Rotary Meetings**

**MONDAYS**

Dover: Tuscarawas County Senior Center – 11:45 am  
 Dalton: United Methodist Church – 11:45 am  
 Malvern: Methodist Educational Building – 6:00 pm

**TUESDAYS**

Jackson Twp: La Pizzeria – 11:45 am  
 Orrville: Aultman Orrville Hospital community Room – 11:45 am  
 East Canton: Foltz Community Center – 7:30 am

**WEDNESDAYS**

Alliance: YWCA – 11:45 am  
 Louisville: Paradise United Church of Christ – 12:00 pm  
 Perry: Falcone’s Tavern – 11:45 am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays  
 Plain Twp: Skyland Pines – 11:45 am

**THURSDAYS**

Massillon: St. George Community Room– 11:45 am  
 Canal Fulton: Community Building – 6:30 pm  
 North Canton: Arrowhead Country Club – 11:45 am  
 Minerva: Minerva’s Classic 57 – 7:30 am  
 Canton South: McCall’s Restaurant & Banquet Center – 7:30 am

**FRIDAYS**

Canton: Alex D. Krassas Event Center – 11:45 am

For a Complete Listing for District 6650:  
<http://rotarydistrict6650.org/ClubDirectory>



“Service Above Self”

and Child care Month