
December 2017 Newsletter



Rotary Club of Massillon

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President's Message

Happy Holidays, Rotarians!

I hope you are working off all your Thanksgiving calories ☺ I also hope I'll see you all at the November 29th social at the warehouse on Perry Rd...now if ***that*** doesn't sound fancy, I don't know what does! LOL But in all seriousness, this would be a perfect time to invite a prospective member for some casual fun.

One great thing that happened as a result of the preparation for the District 1+1 Dinner is that I was able to really get to know the presidents from other clubs in Stark County as we met several times (for breakfast or cocktails) to plan the event. What I found is that some of the surrounding clubs are in what one referred to as a "membership crisis." Canton Rotary's membership is half what it had been, and the same goes for the Jackson club. We started thinking about what was causing the decline, and we came up with two primary reasons:

1. Death of long-time members—this resonates as we mourn the loss of Shirley Harper.
2. Lack of retention of new members, especially those



December Speakers

December 7th Greg Conley on beekeeping

December 14th
Angela Cooper
(Rotarian)

December 21 ?????

December 29 No meeting??

Happy Birthday!

Jeff Bushman	Dec 05
Barb Schumacher	Dec 07
Doug Kleinschmidt	Dec 10
David Cottrill	Dec 12
David Lundquist	Dec 17
Vince Pedro	Dec 27



who join primarily to advance their business and not to serve the community. They come and go quickly.

I don't think we are in a crisis yet, but we are definitely at the precipice of decline if we don't address the issue openly and make it a priority for EVERYONE in the club. As the new year approaches quickly, let's plan to make 2018 a year of growth. We'll talk more about that at an upcoming meeting. I'm more sensitive to this than most, because I was president of Massillon Kiwanis the year they finally decided to disband, and I never want to see it happen to another organization.

I hate to talk about another way we lose our best and brightest, because I don't want it to ever be repeated...but sometimes they "take their talents to South Beach," or in this case, Gatlinburg. I'm of course referring to Dave Cottrill's move to Tennessee. I wanted to take this last opportunity to sincerely thank him for his leadership on the board, his work on fundraisers and every other activity, and his boundless generosity not just to Rotary but to the whole community. Thank you, Dave, and our wishes for you and Sherilyn to have the most wonderful retirement possible. Blessings to you both.

In service,
Sherie



100 % Attendance

The following Rotarians achieved 100% attendance in the month of October 2017

Sherie Brown
Eddie Elum
Tom Jingo
Bill Leffler
Dick Leffler
Linda Litman

Joe Logan
Dan McMasters
Jim Stanford
Jeff Stoll
Daniel Swartz
Marshall Weinberg



ROTARY'S Areas of Focus



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
 Plain Twp: Skyland Pines – 11:45 am

THURSDAYS

Massillon: Eagles Club – 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>

Rotary Club of Massillon

Officers:

President.....Sherie Brown
 President Elect/VP.....Michelle Hartman
 Past President (2016-2017).....William Leffler
 Treasurer.....Richard Leffler
 Secretary.....Thomas Jingo

Directors:

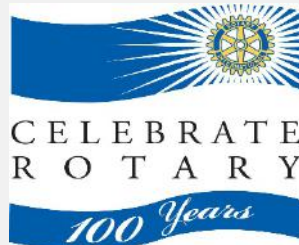
2015-2018.....Dana Heffner, Linda Litman,
 Richard Regula
 2016-2019.....David Cottrill, George Elum,
 Barb Schumacher
 2017-2020.....Keith Nutter, Jim Stanford,
 John Shultz

Massillon Rotary Foundation: Wendy Blosser

Club Service Chair: Chad Hartman

District Governors:

2017-2018.....Mike Raulin
 2018-2019.....



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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.



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Happy Holidays!

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