



# Rotary Club of Massillon

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## President's Message

Rotarians,

I had to get some thoughts on to paper after attending the District Conference last week. I've made an effort to talk a lot this year about Rotary International, and about the Rotary Foundation and its efforts to eliminate polio. But I've not really talked much about our District 6650 and the programs it administers, because it just wasn't clear to me how worthwhile they are until I saw it with my own eyes. Sometime this summer we'll get a visit from the new District Governor Scott Schulick. We will rise and clap, and our eyes will glaze over a bit as he tells us about the programs of the District. Sometimes you just have to see it in person.

Of course there were motivating speakers. No surprise, the common thread was "invite someone" to Rotary. Of course there was a chance to meet Rotarians from all over the district. I enjoyed meeting a gentleman from East Liverpool who sings in the Mendelssohn Chorus affiliated with the Pittsburgh Symphony. Let's face it, Rotarians are busy and interesting people!



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

## MaySpeakers

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	80'S BASH!
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Denise Hallett CASA
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Vignos Cystic Fibrosis
June 21 <sup>th</sup>	??????
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Instillation Dinner

## Happy Birthday!

John Harris	June 04
Dan McMasters	June 12
Tom Jingo	June 16
Jane Vassas	June 22
Richard Regula	June 28



But what impacted me happened on Friday afternoon when it was all about the KIDS. First we got to experience RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) through a video production. RYLA is an intensive leadership experience where Juniors in high school develop skills as a leader while having fun and making connections. That sounds kind of dry, but it appears that RYLA is a life-altering weekend of no phones and nonstop bonding with other accomplished kids at a lovely resort setting. I was surprised to hear that our friend Ray Hexamer facilitates one of their sessions each year. State Rep. Thomas West told me he still considers RYLA an important part of his life experience. Our club sent WHS student Meghan Manson to RYLA this year and I'll try to bring her in to a club meeting to talk about it.

Then we were treated to the ceremony of all the Outbound exchange students being presented with their navy blue blazers which they will wear throughout their exchange year. The outbound and inbound students have been socializing throughout this year as some experience life in another country and the others prepare for their voyages. Groups going to and from the same country teamed up to put together a display about that nation, all with poster boards and objects, and some with samples of food. Our inbound student Mirai was the only one from Japan and I thought **\*should\*** have won a prize because it was very artistic display with a Japanese flag signed by all her classmates.

The day closed with a talent show featuring the inbounds, including a fine video production one of the girls had created. The coolest thing was a dance they all did to a Belgium pop song (think "Electric Slide" in French where they all knew the motions) but the funniest thing was two boys who said, "we have no actual skills, so we're going to present the memory that most reflects our life in the United States"...and proceeded to hold a chicken-nugget-eating contest!

Well, I am a sucker for teenagers. I just love them for their potential and life spirit. So it was an amazing experience seeing how their lives are impacted by OUR Rotary club and district. The Youth Exchange Committee said more than once that they are getting older and need help to keep the program going. Just think of the impact it has on the students and their host families, their host schools and communities. It's a big deal.

I urge everyone to attend at least one day of District Conference next year. And this time, we'll nominate ourselves for awards like some of the other clubs!

Sheri

# 100 % Attendance

April 2018

Wendy Blosser  
Jay Bomze  
Angela Cooper  
Chad Hartman  
Tom Jingo  
Bill Leffler

Linda Litman  
Joe Logan  
Keith Nutter  
Anthony Repp  
Kathy Shultz  
Marshall Weinberg

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Impact Massillon Project 8am**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Totally Awesome 80's Bash 5:30pm**

**June 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Instillation Dinner**









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For our first #MemberMonday, we're introducing you to our President! Sherie Brown

Director, Massillon Public Library

Years in Rotary: 6 Years

My Hobbies: Reading, Singing in VOI (Voices of Canton), Playing Piano, Entertaining.

My Favorite Thing about Rotary: The wonderful people I've met.

My Favorite Rotary Project I had a piano teacher as a child who could no longer play the piano herself because she had suffered from polio as a young woman. I love knowing that along with all the Rotarians around the globe, we are getting rid of this scourge! Locally, I enjoy delivering Meals on Wheels and never would have volunteered on my own.

Fun Fact: My husband Gary and I are in a snowmobile club and with four other couples rent a house in Gaylord MI (almost to Mackinac Bridge) for the winter so we can hop in the car and follow the snow. I can usually only get away 2-3 times, but he's up there more!





**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?

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**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.....Joe Logan, 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.....



**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  
 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>



**“Service Above Self”**