

MAY 2022



District 6600 News

A Message from District Governor Mary L. AufdenKampe

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My Dear Change Maker Rotarians,

April is such a special month with the feeling of renewed energy. Easter, Passover, Earth Day, World Immunization week, longer days, and each time you step outside something new is in bloom, plus, Spring snow.

When I think of World Immunization week, I believe in the power of immunization for the world's children. There is a need to revisit why vaccines work. We as Rotarians made a promise to the children of the world, the Eradication of the

Wild Poliovirus. With all that is going on in the world today just the small donation of \$25 is needed now more than ever. With that donation of \$25 times 30 donations, this would vaccinate approximately 1250 children.

In April we focus on one of the 7 Areas of Focus: Maternal and Child Health.

Mothers risk it all to give life to their children and, yet, children die from preventable situations. Rotary resources make health care available to the most vulnerable. Sadly, children die from malnutrition, inadequate healthcare and the lack of immunization protocols, and poor sanitation. All things that can be corrected but I fear because with the global pandemic health training has diminished. When I was growing up my mother used to say, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." This taught me at a young age that it was always my responsibility to protect, teach, and influence the direction of the next generation. "The Hand that Rocks the Cradle" is a poem written by William Ross Wallace which gave praise to motherhood and the power to make a change in the world. It is easy to understand why maternal and child health is a top priority of Rotary International.

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We are growing and changing in new ways and I must thank all D6600 Rotary club members for their generosity, the giving of time, talents and resources to make sure that our Rotary District is strong our Rotary Clubs are strong make me proud beyond words. I ask you to continue to stand strong for Peace and Denounce Hate and the Extremism that we are seeing in the world today. Stand up for change and join me on May 13th 14th and 15th as we celebrate all the good this year at our District Conference at Geneva on the Lake. Do take another chance and buy another raffle ticket for the Mustang Mach e, and support the Environment and the Rotary Foundation as I am very excited to draw the winning ticket Saturday night.

Remember I committed to RI President Shekhar Mehta 60 people from District 6600 to attend the International Convention in Houston June 4th - 8th. As of this newsletter we have 37 reservations. I'm thrilled that we were approved for a display in the House of Friendship. This will be a convention like no other.

Stay well and Continue to Serve to Change Lives

Mary

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Consumer Reports'
"Top Pick"
Electric Vehicle for 2022!

<https://bit.ly/consumerreportsmustangmache>



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**



Win Me!

MUSTANG
Mach-E

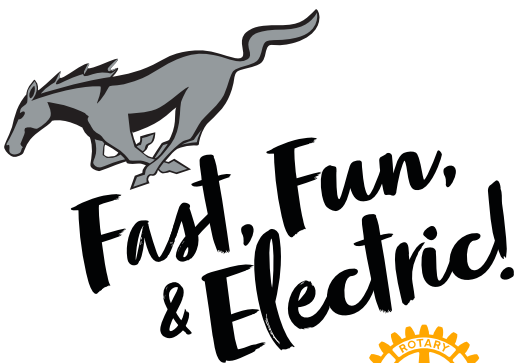
**2022 FORD MUSTANG
MACH-E SUV AWD**

PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS



Clubs in District 6600 will compete to sell tickets, however winning Club is determined by the per capita tickets sold, and will be reduced proportionately if final amount raised is less than \$100,000. Club contest is based on **ONLY** if we reach \$100,000 in sold tickets for the Rotary International Foundation as we support the Seven Areas of Focus and the Environment!

*Some restrictions apply. For contest and raffle rules, see www.rotarydistrict6600.org/raffle/



Car Raffle



to Support the Environment and The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International



Rotary
District 6600



THE CAR

- 2022 Mustang Mach-E SUV AWD Electric Car
- Premium Package includes extended battery
- 5-Passenger, automatic
- Rapid Red Metallic Tinted Clearcoat.
- Light Space Grey Perforated Active X Interior
- Delivery of vehicle at Mike Bass Ford, Sheffield Lake, Ohio
- MSRP for 2022 model year is approximately \$60,000

THE RAFFLE

- **\$100 per ticket**
- **\$200 for three tickets**
- **\$500 for seven tickets**
- The same person must purchase the ticket packages – they cannot be split between people or organizations.
- Proceeds to benefit The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International
- Tickets available online or in paper format
- Drawing will be Saturday, May 14, 2022 at District Conference in Geneva on the Lake, Ohio
- No cash value; no cash paid out in lieu of vehicle
- Winner need not be present to win
- Winner to pay all applicable fees, taxes, registration, and transportation expenses if outside delivery area which is Sheffield Lake, Ohio.





Rotary District 6600 2022 Conference

FRIDAY, MAY 13 THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 15

Geneva-On-The-Lake

Register Now!

CONFERENCE

[click here](#)

Single: \$195

Double: \$365

**Includes all meals:
Friday dinner
through Sunday
breakfast**

NEW LODGING INFO

[click here](#)

[THE LODGE SOLD OUT]

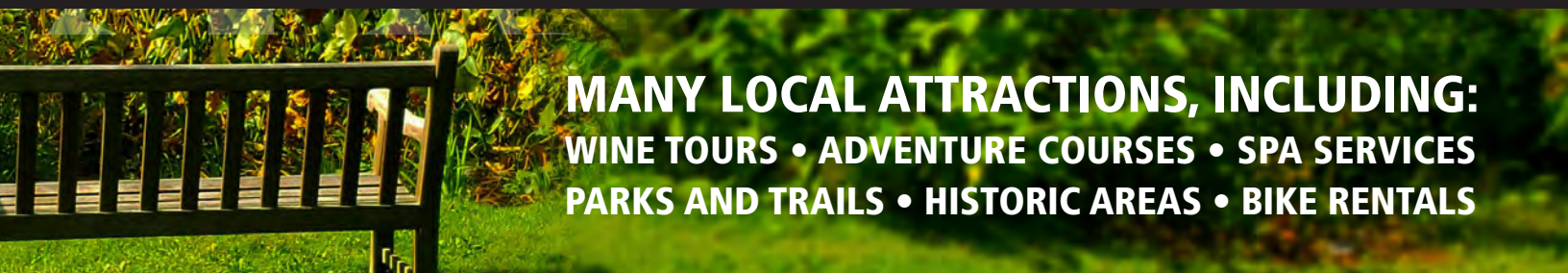
\$109

HAMPTON INN

Call 440-307-4450 and mention the
Rotary Club 6600 or a 3-digit code
of RTC. (There will be a shuttle from
Hampton to Geneva-on-the-Lake Lodge)



Drawing for the Mustang Mach-E!



**MANY LOCAL ATTRACTIONS, INCLUDING:
WINE TOURS • ADVENTURE COURSES • SPA SERVICES
PARKS AND TRAILS • HISTORIC AREAS • BIKE RENTALS**





This Month's Focus:

Maternal and Child Health: Water is a Human Right

Children are more susceptible to the effects of lead in drinking water.

"I'm sorry, honey, but there's no water this morning!" What if you were a mother or father and had to say that to your child? For many parents and their children facing a day without being able to afford water or without having water that is safe to drink out of the tap has become a reality. The year before the infamous Toledo water shutdown, Carroll Township, OH came perilously close to having its own shutdown due to algae toxins and was only saved by being granted emergency permission to tap into the neighboring regional water system.

Cities can do two things – find optional sources of treated water, or beef up drinking water treatment systems to handle higher toxics loads. Either of those options strains the ability of municipalities to find funding and raises water bills. A recent report from the University of Michigan says "Over the last four decades, water and sewer bills across the United States ... have increased at a higher rate than any other basic need except health care." Moms and their kids often have to make hard choices or not pay water bills and hope the city forgives the debt.

And even worse, too often it turns out the water itself is not safe for children to drink. Young children are more susceptible to the effects of lead in drinking water. In Benton Harbor, MI "amid a three-year-long lead contamination crisis in the city's water system, residents are still advised to drink only bottled water. But the water bills keep coming, and on a fast food worker's budget, with kids to feed and rent to pay, ... it's... financially untenable.

'It's crazy,' ... 'We've been told not to even brush our teeth (with tap water). I've never had to deal with nothing like this. It's crazy and scary and traumatizing.'"

This is why we as Rotarians need to continue to step up in our communities and advocate for solutions. Sign up TODAY for the District 6600 Conference in May at Geneva-on-the-Lake and hear our speaker Scudder Mackey from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources discuss how wetlands can clean up our Sandusky Bay.



JANINA DOUGLAS
WATER CHAIR



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U Mich water rates study

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VACCINES WORK. THE FIGHT TO END POLIO IS PROOF.

WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK
24-30 APRIL 2022

endpolio.org | #endpolio



Each One Bring One – Membership Initiative

March and April Each One Bring One winners:

Congrats to Mark Verville for bringing Blaine to a March 8th Van Wert Rotary Club meeting and Lisa Amstutz for bringing Stephanie to a Findlay Noon Meeting on April meeting. Both received a \$100 donation to the charities of their choice.

Mark chose the United Way of Van Wert and we are waiting on Lisa's decision.

The initiative continues through June 2022 – send the list of your guests to Club meetings, events, or service projects to Maris Brenner, District 6600 Each One Bring One Membership Coordinator at mbrenner1229@icloud.com.

Each One Bring One



**Every Monday –
Membership Mondays 6:00 PM.**
Join via Zoom Meeting
<https://bit.ly/zoomMembershipMondays>



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Register by May 1 for M.E.S.A. Bike Tour!

The time is near to join in the fun and the opportunity to serve!

Sunday, June 19 - Friday, June 24

We will gather at the M.E.S.A. warehouse at 11 AM for lunch and plan to leave on our bikes at 1 PM on June 19, 2022.

Please return your Rider Registration Form by May 1, 2022 to insure overnight accommodations. Please invite someone you know to join us! Our goal is \$50,000 and we need your help to reach this goal. We would like to have every Rotary Club represented. This year's tour will feature overnights sponsored by five Rotary Clubs.

We will be staying in a hotel one night, in the Cannaley Treehouse Village one night, and in Rotary member's homes three nights. The Cannaley Treehouse Village is the largest Treehouse Village in the United States and is courtesy of the Metroparks Toledo. We will provide a M.E.S.A. program at five Rotary Club meetings: Toledo, Waterville, Archbold, Hicksville, and Napoleon. Rotary Clubs have changed the day of the week for their Rotary Club meetings to accommodate the M.E.S.A. Bike Tour. Other Rotary Clubs have scheduled special events in honor of the M.E.S.A. Bike Tour.

Needed: Large Passenger Van or Senior Center Vehicle

Do you have access or ability to loan or provide a passenger vehicle for our Bike Tour in June? Last year we were fortunate to have a generous donor provide a 15-passenger van with storage rack for our bicycles.

We need a similar-sized vehicle from June 19-24 to transport our riders to and from clubs and events.

Contact Randy Box for additional information

Randy Box

CHAIR, BIKE TOUR FOR MESA
AND PRESIDENT-ELECT,
ROTARY CLUB OF WATERVILLE
419-266-4497



Bike Tour
for **MESA**
Medical Equipment
and **Supplies Abroad**
Foundation, Inc.



Request for Donation of a Pick-up Truck

PDG Gary Newton received a call from PDG Bob Kuck. He mentioned that our Rotary partners in Mexico who have received our MESA shipments have brought an additional need to his attention. They have a need for a pickup truck to use to transport people and some of the equipment that MESA ships to various clinics. They are specifically interested in a four-wheel drive, extended cab Chevy or Ford (the easiest makes to repair in their area). An older model with higher mileage would be fine as long as it has some useable miles left. They would pick-up the truck at the MESA warehouse and drive it back to Mexico along with a load of medical equipment and supplies.



Bike Tour Flyer
Get the details

DOWNLOAD



Rider Registration
Get registered

DOWNLOAD



Paper Pledge Sheet
For for riders/donors to mail

DOWNLOAD



MESA Donation Form
Pledge to support a rider

DOWNLOAD



The stunning beauty of St. Vincent Island with the island of Bequia in the background.

Team of Five District Members Experience Initial Project Fair in SVG

Reporting on the first Project Fair in the country of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

A team of five Rotary District 6600 members visited the country of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) in the Caribbean in late February to attend the first Project Fair developed by the two Rotary Clubs in St. Vincent and the Rotaract Club of Kingstown. The island of St. Vincent experienced a major eruption on the La Soufriere volcano in April 2021. The eruption lasted for several days and forced the evacuation of 16,000 residents on the northern part of the island. Up to two feet deep of ash fell in some areas and disrupted power and water for days. Then just three months later, Hurricane Elsa damaged 80% of the island's agriculture industry. As a result, the two local Rotary Clubs were instrumental in helping to supply water and other necessities to those affected.

During the disaster, D6600's Medical Equipment and Supplies Abroad (MESA) sent a shipment of supplies to the island to help with any injuries and to help with an overflow clinic for those seriously ill with COVID-19.

After life began to return to normal, the two clubs talked about ways to repair the damage caused by the eruption and began to look at other projects that would help the poor nation. The Project Fair idea was submitted primarily because Rotarian Andy Bone (Marion, OH Club) lives on the island half of the year operating a Bed and Breakfast business.

The team from D6600 consisted of Diana Savage (DGE), Joe Ludwig (PDG and Foundation Chair), Beth Schweitzer (Chief of Staff of the DGE), Keith Hodkinson (PDG and Zone 30 ARPIC) and Andy Bone (District International Service Chair Elect).

Seventeen different projects were submitted that included agricultural, sanitation, education, economic development, and

continued



Eruption of the La Soufriere volcano on April 9, 2021. Residents said it "sounded like 1,000 railroad engines passing at once."



The team of Rotarians from St. Vincent, St. Vincent South and District 6600.

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Project Fair, continued

medical supplies. Over the course of the week, the team toured a local farming facility that is beginning the process of creating seed manufacturing to provide agricultural income for the residents. They met with the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Education for SVG to discuss the needs of the citizens.

One proposal offered by the Rotaract Club was to provide computer code training to a group of teenage girls. It would provide the opportunity to work remotely from home or school for content providers like Google or Facebook. At \$6,000 USD, this program is relatively inexpensive, and falls in line with DG Mary's desire to empower girls during this Rotary year.

Another project was an agricultural irrigation project. Only 15% of the land on the island is mechanically irrigated. The project would establish 100 RAM pumps from freshwater streams to feed water into large storage tanks for irrigation in remote areas. The island's crops would provide more income and food for the farming community and the residents. Again, the systems are relatively inexpensive at approximately \$1,000 each. Clubs that have never sponsored an international project would have an opportunity to do so, and larger clubs could sponsor multiple systems each with branding of the club's name to show their support.

Lastly, the team drove up to Fancy at the northern tip of St. Vincent that was hardest hit by the April 2021 eruption. A positive outcome of the disaster was a beach formed with black sand. The team proposed the beach area would become a destination for residents and tourists alike. In addition to a new jetty (small dock or pier) built to replace the one destroyed by the eruption, picnic tables, benches, a latrine, and potential snack shop were part of the proposal.

St. Vincent Island is on the way back to normalcy with help of the two Rotary clubs, and the adding of tourism to stimulate the economy. Both Beaches and Marriott have announced the construction of resorts on the island.

The team returned to Ohio satisfied that they had established great new friendships and the possibility of doing many worthwhile projects in the future.



The port where the MESA shipment arrived at St. Vincent.



The overflow Covid-19 Clinic that used much of the MESA supplies. Left inset: Equipment at the Covid-19 clinic donated by MESA.



Seed manufacturing programs



Newly created beach land at Fancy. Right inset: Stunning waves at Fancy.





Tiffin Rotary Reverse Raffle

A huge congratulations to the Rotarians at Tiffin Rotary for another successful reverse raffle where they netted over \$38,000.



Cory England-Montz, Tiffin Mayor Aaron Montz, Adam Smith, and Carrie Smith



**Front row: Amber Stover, Kelly Hohman, Gina Reuter.
Back Row: Anne Lange-Devine, Mary Habig**

More Tiffin People of Action

Tricia Reinhart, Tiffin Rotary President and Tiffin Rotarian Char Pope work at the Seneca County Homeless Shelter.



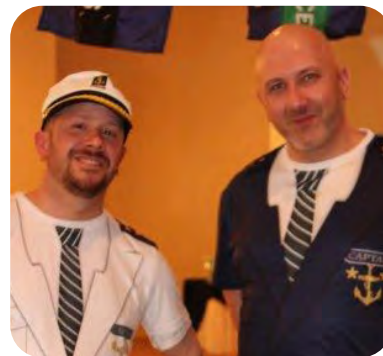
Maumee's 41st Annual Auction



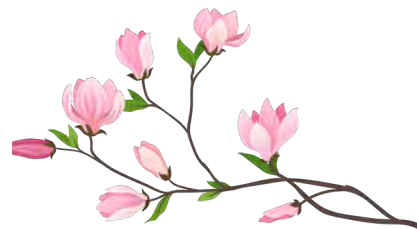
DG Mary AufdenKampe and David Langendorfer (Maumee) share a story



Joe Ludwig, PDG, and Todd Cramer, Maumee PE, at the Wine Pull



Justin Glover, Maumee President and David McGaha greet attendees at the Auction



Food Build

Allison Glover (left, Perrysburg) and Wes Grudzien (right, Toledo) work the head of the food build line at St. John Jesuit HS on April 9. 16,000 meals were packed for youth in Guatemala and Toledo via the Seagate Food Bank.

FOOD PACKET AMOUNTS:	
Soy	1 Cup (level)
Veggie	1 Scoop
Vitamins	1 Scoop (level)
Rice	1 Cup (heaping)
Scales 13.8 oz or & Mix (390 gms.)	



Pizza Challenge Event

After a two-year hiatus, Port Clinton Rotary's Pizza Challenge was back in full swing at the beautifully renovated Gideon Owen Wine Company (formerly MonAmi).

Seven local pizza vendors participated and the winner were:

BEST PEPPERONI –
Sloopy's

BEST SPECIALTY –
Canoe Club

PEOPLE'S CHOICE:

1ST PLACE – Sloopy's

2ND PLACE –
Camp Runinmuck

3RD PLACE –
Pizza Brothers



Above, Maris Brenner, PDG, (Sandusky) photographer, Duane Waite, (Port Clinton) Pizza Challenge chair, Chris and Deb Cheney (Waterville)



Ed Markel



Dave Slosser



Pat Schibler (wife of Ralph Schibler, PDG, Port Clinton) and Suzanne Hagelberg (wife of Joe Ludwig, PDG, Maumee)





Announcing – STRIVE Scholarship Winners!

Taylor Frish is the recipient of the Rotary District 6600 STRIVE \$2,000 renewable scholarship.

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Taylor with her father, Mary, Jim Hieb, and Liz Schultz (her Rotary STRIVE Coordinator)



Taylor with DG Mary

The runner-up scholarship recipient is Brooke Kayne from Maumee High School. Brooke will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. She was unable to attend the in-person interview, but participated via zoom. Brooke plans to use her scholarship to attend Owens Community College focusing on preparatory classes in a medical-related field. Both were sponsored by the Oberlin and Maumee Rotary clubs respectively.

District Conference Memorial Service Set for May 13th

At the District Conference at Geneva-On-The-Lake, we will pause and pay tribute to the nearly 100 District Rotarians who have passed away since our last in-person conference. During that 3-year period, we lost some great neighbors, friends, and leaders who shared in the same passion for a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across

the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. So it is fitting that we honor them with a special Memorial Service!

Rotarians attending the District Conference – plan on attending and honoring those who we have lost.





The Time is Now. Please Help Our Cause.

We need everyone's help right now to buy a ticket or sell a ticket for the car raffle. When we support the Rotary International Foundation we help people that we will never have the privilege of meeting and we are **supporting the Environment – our 7th area of focus.**

<https://rotarydistrict6600.org/raffle>

<https://bit.ly/consumerreportsmustangmache>

Check out
an actual
Mach-E Ford
Mustang
at Mike Bass
Ford!

5050 Detroit Rd.
Sheffield Village



Thank you from Positively Oberlin (OBP) to Rotary Club of Oberlin for sponsoring Leadercast Shift and youth scholarships.



Leadercast Shift was held Thursday, April 21 at the New Russia Township Lodge and by all accounts, including survey results, was a success. Thank you for supporting this important event which celebrated leadership and gave people a chance to learn and connect with others. OBP is dedicated to supporting the development of leaders in Lorain County by providing opportunities for local businesses to improve their

leadership skills and create a culture that helps them foster leaders in their organizations and grow their businesses. We are able to offer this service through the generous contributions from organizations like Rotary who value leadership and a culture of inclusiveness.

Again, thank you for helping OBP foster leaders for today and the future!

– Janet Haar, Executive Director, OBP



Youth with their chaperones.



Two local business owners, Jevon Terance from Jevon Terance Fashion Designs in Lorain and Shontae Jackson from Steel Magnolia in Oberlin.





LIZ SCHULTZ
OBERLIN ROTARY, CHAIR
director@oberlinheritage.org

Four-Way Test Speech Contest Winners Announced



Winners Above: 1st Andrew Chung (Perrysburg High School, Perrysburg club); 2nd Alana Smith (Fremont Ross High School, Fremont club); Madison Osborn (Lincolnview High School, Van Wert club).

The contest was held on Saturday, April 23 at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert, Ohio. Sixteen students registered and twelve were able to attend that morning. The top three students received awards in the amounts of \$500, \$300, and \$200. Congratulations to our winners and all who put so much time and thought into their speeches.



Thanks to the judges and volunteers, including Andrew Bashore (Van Wert), Katherine Eboch (Waterville), Bruce Ente (Oberlin), Eric Hurless (Van Wert) Maris Brenner (Sandusky), and Vicki Smith (Van Wert), and to the Van Wert Club for acting as the host and for all clubs that were able to host local competitions.



Ready for Lift Off?! We are...



Rotary International President
Shekhar Mehta



**Each One
Bring One**

www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8_Q9CrlocY&t=13s

by **Shekhar Mehta**

(Rotary International President 2021-22)



HOUSTON ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

HOUSTON, TEXAS • **JUNE 4-8, 2022**

<https://www.houstonri2022.org/>

Event Highlight: Fri June 3, 2022 • 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM CDT • BBVA Stadium

Are you ready for some "football". . . soccer that is. Houston is home to the 2018 U.S. Open Cup Champion Houston Dynamo Soccer Team and they play in the beautiful BBVA Stadium that is within walking distance of the George R Brown Convention Center. Join us for a fun filled evening as we begin our evening at Pitch 25 for games, food and the beverage of your choice. After your dinner we will walk across the street and enjoy the excitement of soccer . . . Texas style. The attire for this event is outdoor casual. You will need your hotel/housing information available when purchasing a Host Event Tickets.



Club and District Upcoming Events Calendar
from the District Calendar on DACdb (more information and registration at DACdb)

Rotary
District 6600



Every Monday
through June 19
6:00 PM

**Membership
Monday
Conversations**

Via Zoom (link)

Rotary
District 6600



Saturday, April 30
9:00 AM - NOON

**District 6600
Assembly**

Maumee High School
1147 Saco Street
Maumee
Registration required
at: Link

Rotary
District 6600



Saturday, April 30
9:00 AM - NOON

**Rotary Club of
Vermillion
Fundraiser
(German Villa)**

Rotary
District 6600



Thursday, May 5

**North Coast
Business Expo**

Ahern's Banquet
Center

Rotary
District 6600



Monday, May 9
1:00 - 6:00 PM

**Maumee Rotary
Blood Drive**

First Presbyterian
Church,
200 E Broadway
Maumee

Rotary
District 6600



Friday, May 13
11:30 am

**District 6600
Golf Outing**

4-Person Scramble,
Geneva-on-the-Lake

Rotary
District 6600



Friday – Sunday,
May 13-15

**District 6600
Conference at
Geneva-on-the-Lake**

The Lodge and
Conference Center
at Geneva-on-the-Lake
Geneva
Link

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District 6600



Friday, May 20

**Sandusky Rotary
Club 'Night at the
Races'**

Ten Fifty-Eight
Event Center

Rotary
District 6600



Friday, Saturday
June 4-8

**International
Convention**

Houston, Texas

Link

Rotary
District 6600



Sunday – Friday,
June 19-24

Bike Tour for MESA

Start and end at the
MESA Warehouse.
Includes an overnight
in the Cannaly
Treehouse Village

Link

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District 6600



Tuesday, June 21
2:00 - 9:00 PM

**Avon Lake
Make Music
Summer Solstice**

Rotary
District 6600



Friday, June 24

**District 6600
Installation
Celebration**

Sauder's Village,
Founder Hall,
Archbold

