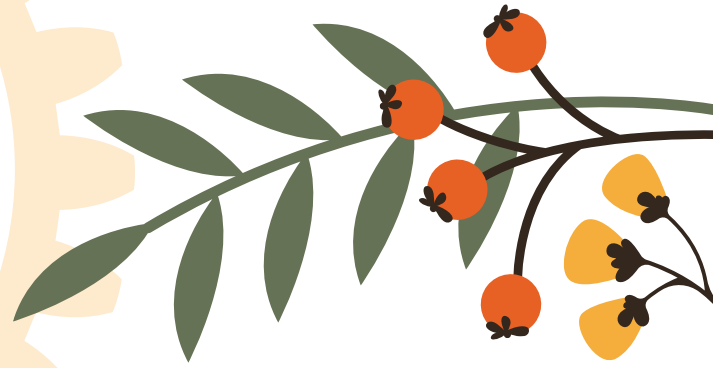
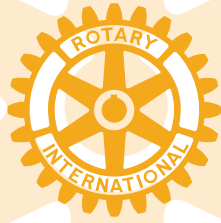


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Message from District Governor Tim

Welcome to Fall in Northern Ohio!

I have visited over 54 clubs and enjoyed every minute of it! Each Rotary Club has a unique and interesting relationship with its city or town and school system. Civic pride and service above self are evident throughout the clubs and their members. It is gratifying to see the clubs embracing their Quadrant conferences. It looks like each Quadrant will have a day of service and a big party in their community.

In late October 20 District Rotarians visited the Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston. It was a great learning experience! Thank you to Carol Sobczak (Toledo) and Shirley Hull (Oberlin) for coordinating our visit.

The district continues to work on developing relationships with neighboring districts to support each other's environmental projects.

The conversation with the District Finance Committee regarding the surplus continues.

As always, thank you to the Assistant Governors, District Leadership team, and all the club presidents for their service to the clubs in District 6600. Your important work is greatly appreciated!



When DG Tim met with the Milan Club, he had the pleasure of visiting with Milan, OH Rotarian Charles Lindecamp, a 105-and-a-half-year-old member with 70 years of dedicated service to the Milan community.





Visit to Rotary International

On October 25, 2024, a group of Rotarians from District 6600 traveled to RI Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, and met with RI staff to learn about and discuss membership engagement, public image, grants, and district and club support. The Clubs that participated were Toledo, Bryan, Lorain, Waterville, Ashland, Fremont, Findlay, Marion, and North Coast.

We made connections with RI staff who support our clubs and district, and of course made connections with each other. We toured RI Headquarters, including a replica of Room 711 of the Unity Building in Chicago where the first Rotary meeting took place. We toured the President's office, the RI Board Room, and various other sites throughout the building. Groups of Rotarians met for dinner the evening before and the evening after at local restaurants for camaraderie, friendship, and great food! It was truly a fun and informative trip!



TOWN HALL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE!

District 6600 Town Hall Zoom Meeting 2025

All members are invited to attend.

Flier to follow with meeting details.

**Saturday, January 25, 2025
9-11 AM**

Break-out sessions by topics



Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3253994074?pwd=dS9hNmdsZzZHUVV4ZmhBQ2FNRnUrdz09&omn=84730902538>

Meeting ID: 325 399 4074

Passcode: 6600



2025 Peace Summit Save the Date!

Rotary District 6600 is excited to announce the 2025 Peace Summit on February 1st at Lorain County Community College. This year's theme, Peace Through Non-Violence, will bring together Rotarians and community leaders to explore pathways to safer, more peaceful communities. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details on this impactful event!

Empower Tomorrow's Leaders: Host a 4-Way Test Speech Contest

Imagine giving the next generation the tools to think critically, speak passionately, and engage in issues with integrity. By hosting a 4-Way Test Speech Contest with your local high school students, your club can inspire young leaders to prioritize truth, fairness, friendship, and community well-being. It's about fostering thoughtful voices for a better future and strengthening bonds between Rotary and local students.

Fall is the time to start planning your club's 4-Way Test Speech Contest. The deadline for holding your club's own contest is March 29, 2025. The District 6600 Speech Contest will be held on April 5, 2025, at the EHOVE Career Center in Milan, OH.

Visit:

www.rotarydistrict6600.org/get-involved/
for planning tools and more details.

Contact: Liz Schultz at
director@oberlinheritage.org
if you have questions.

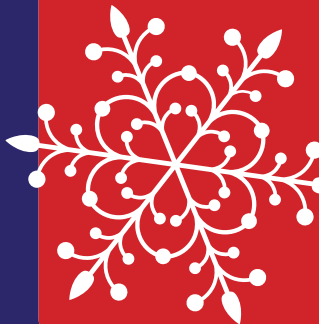


THE FOUR-WAY TEST Of the things we think, say, or do

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.



Upcoming Events



- January 25** – District 6600 Town Hall Zoom Meeting 2025 - 9-11 AM
Everyone's Welcome! Break-out sessions by topics.
- February 1** – District 6600 Peace Conference at Lorain County Community College
- March 14-15** – District 6600 PETs - Friday, March 14, 2025. All Ohio PETs
Friday Evening, March 14, 2025 & All Day 7:30 AM to 8:30 PM,
Saturday, March 15, 2025. Registration for PETs and Hotel are
separate. Links to register at <https://www.allohiopets.org/>
- March 29** – Rotary 4-Way Speech Club-Level Contest deadline
- April 5** – District 6600 4-Way Speech Contest at EHOVE Career Center

To add your club fundraiser or district event, log in to DacDB and add to the calendar:
www.rotarydistrict6600.org/district-calendar/

Check the District and Individual Club Websites for more events on DACdb Calendar and Events! www.dacdb.com/ There are many Clubs doing service projects to help those in need through the holidays.

District Global Grant Initiatives

Here are a few of the International Global Grant projects supported by District 6600. Funds for these initiatives come from our district's contribution to The Rotary Foundation in 2020-2021.

- **Dancing in the Rain** – Potable water for Indigenous Tarahumara families in Chihuahua, Mexico. The total grant amount is \$138,000. Our district's contribution is \$18,000, while the Pathways Rotary Club has contributed \$1,000. We are working with Heart-to-Heart on this grant, which has been submitted and is awaiting approval from Rotary International.
- **La Esperanza Institute in Cúcuta, Colombia** – Funding for autistic individuals attending the Institute. A grant application totaling \$66,605 has been started, but District 6600's contribution has not yet been determined.
- **Wilcox and Phoenix Lake Pollinator Habitat Restoration for Clean Water** – District 6600 is partnering with District 6400 in Windsor, Ontario, to help reduce soil erosion on the River Rouge banks in Michigan.



- **Rotary Mobile Dental Clinic in St. Lucia** – This is a carryover project from the 2023-2024 Rotary year, totaling \$120,522. District 6600's contribution is \$48,000. The grant has been submitted to Rotary International for review and approval.
- **Lake Erie Clean Water Study** – District 6600 has received a Special Initiatives Grant from The Rotary Foundation for \$20,000, which will help fund the \$70,000 Rotary portion of this project. Both the Defiance Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Toledo have donated \$10,000 each toward this project. All Rotary funding has been secured. The research project is projected to cost approximately \$275,000. Other stakeholders in the larger initiative include Ohio State University's Stone Lab, The Andersons, and The Nature Conservancy. Research is scheduled to begin in Spring 2025 and continue through the growing season, focusing on runoff from farmers' fields affecting water quality in tributaries of the Maumee River. Memoranda of Understanding are forthcoming from each of the stakeholders.



If you have questions about District 6600's Global Grant Initiatives, please contact Andy Bone, District International Services Chair (ablion1988@gmail.com)