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District 6600 News

A Message from District Governor Mary L. AufdenKampe

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My Dear Change Maker Rotarians,

This is it the final newsletter of the Serve to Change Lives Rotary Year. The 365 days zipped by and it has been a wonderful challenging journey despite COVID, and we did it! **WooHoo!** First Gentleman Gary and I wish to thank everyone for their kindness, encouragement and genuine support. What a privilege to visit 63 clubs – either face-to-face or by Zoom. Gary joined me as often as he could as he still works full time. We have the Best Rotary District in the world and I come from the Best Rotary Club in the world, just ask me! This is not meant to be arrogant; this is meant to be prideful.

We are bursting at the seams this year with accomplishments in service to others. Thank you Rotary District Leaders, Rotary Clubs and Members of District 6600 for making a commitment to serve others and for having the willingness to be Change makers. I am confident our International President Shekhar would be very proud of District 6600. We tackled all of his touch points: empowering girls, everyone bring one, do more grow more, the environment, diversity equity inclusion. We approved Grants, gave to the Foundation and had a Gala, bestowed an exceedingly generous legacy gift, supported Polio events, hosted One Rotary Summit, hosted a traditional Rotary District Conference, raffled off the Mustang Mach E, had AllOhio PETS training, supported the Disaster Relief Fund for Ukraine, we denounced hate and racism and promoted peace and inclusion. Our District is in great shape to move forward.

The month of June is Rotary Fellowships Month. There are many different fellowships that we can join as Rotarians that are an extension of our current commitment to our clubs and personal interests. But for me Fellowship, ties to Friendship and Fun and to be back together once again any way possible. And we did just that at the Rotary International Convention in Houston. Very happy to be back together again – after not meeting since 2019 – and that seems like an eternity. Houston was full of “howdy’s,” “yes ma’am,” “yes sir,” and “y’all,” along with sweltering heat, good food and Margaritas. I think I only had my official District Governor Blazer on once. June in Ohio we welcome longer days and more sunshine as we celebrate Flag Day, Father’s Day, Juneteenth and the kick-off the first day of Summer. It is definitely time to get back out and reengage with our Rotary Club members and District Leaders. Keeping with tradition, we participate in the annual changing of the guard – the installation of new administration for the 2022-23 Rotary year. What a wonderful organization we belong to that believes in democracy. Each year we have a new International President, new District Governors, new Club Presidents, and a new Rotary theme to embrace.

The Serve to Change Lives year theme was very appropriate coming out of the COVID pandemic and the Imagine Rotary theme will take us to the new levels. Please welcome and support District Governor Elect Diana Savage as she takes on the role of District Governor.

This Rotary year has been tremendous and I believe we have accepted the challenges that our International President Shekhar Mehta handed down. You are ALL both the MOVERS and SHAKERS, the true CHANGERSMAKERS. I trust that each of you will continue to go out in the world and do great things in service to others. This has been the most fulfilling experience to serve as a Rotary District Governor. It is hard to put into words. We are both grateful and blessed. I encourage each of you to Rise up, go out and brag about all the good things we do as Rotarians as we continue to Serve to Change Lives. The time is now to make new relationships and share our great Rotary stories.

Stay well and Continue to Serve to Change Lives.

Mary and Gary

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**“Rotary CHANGES us
and those we serve.
I believe we can
CHANGE the world
one life at a time.”**

– Paul Harris





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Welcome Diana Savage District Governor 2022-2023

District Governor Installation
Friday, June 24
Sauder Village



Past District Governors pose with DGE Diana Savage:
PDGs Dave Perkins, Jim Shrader, Joe Ludwig, Maris Brenner,
Rex Engle, Gary Newton, DG Mary AufdenKampe,
PDG Keith Hodkinson, and DGND Tim Ryan



Bryan Club President
Elect Elizabeth Pool
receives the District
Governor banner
from Oberlin
President Melanie
Satterfield

2022-2023 District leaders:
DGN Jim Duke, DGE Diana Savage,
DGND Tim Ryan, DG Mary AufdenKampe



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International Convention Houston, Texas

A Photo Wrap Up

“An International Convention should be something every Rotarian gets a chance to attend. Just Imagine if each Rotary club would put in their budget a portion of the cost to create this opportunity.” – DG Mary



PDG Maris Brenner

PDG Gary Newton, Debbie Newton, Melanie Satterfield and Rich Fredrickson



Past Rotary International President Barry Rassin (Center) and his wife, Esther, along with DGE Diana Savage, DG Mary AufdenKampe, PDG Keith Hodkinson, Andy Bone, Angelica Reinhart from District 6600



PDG Deb Cheney, Beth Schweitzer, Angelica Reinhart, PDG Maris Brenner, AG Lisa Wilson, and DGE Diana Savage



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A Photo Wrap Up



DG Mary AufdenKampe with the District 6600 contingent in Houston. We were well represented at the International Convention!



District 6600 dinner party at Hugo's in Houston



2022-2023 Rotary
International President
Jennifer Jones with
PDG Maris Brenner.





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International Convention Houston, Texas

A Photo Wrap Up

DG Mary, AG Lisa Wilson, AG Angelica Reinhart, and AG Beth Schwietzer next to the construction of a mobility cart at the D6600 Booth which featured MESA.



DG Mary's Zone Classmates – District Governors from Zone 30 and 31 at the Houston Convention



RI President Shekhar and DG Mary finally meet face-to-face after two years of Zooming.

Are you a Rotary Super Hero?

DG Mary with a wrapped vehicle that promoted the idea.





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International Convention Houston, Texas

A Photo Wrap Up



DG Mary and Gary Aufdenkampe (right) with Rich Fredrickson, Elyria, and Melanie Satterfield, Oberlin President



Meeting friends at our D6600 booth at the House of Friendship: Zone classmate DG Michael Babb from Nashville and his lovely wife Tammy



Brainstorming Session in Houston



DG Mary and DG Tito first met at Uniendo conference in 2019 then Covid hit. They reconnected at the House of Friendship in Houston this year. The International Convention brought people back together from all over the world!





This Month's Focus:



Rotary Fellowships

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion.

Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

How do I join a fellowship?

Membership in a fellowship is open to any interested individual. You can contact a fellowship directly by using the links below.

How do I form a fellowship?

- Read this:
Guide for Prospective Rotary Fellowships
- Find others interested in the topic:
 - **Join a discussion group** or **start a new one**. It's a great way to share your interest with other members.
 - Use Rotary's presence on **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **LinkedIn** to promote your idea.
- Apply for official recognition using this online form.

Explore our fellowships

Interested in a particular subject? Visit the group's website or email it to learn more.

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

90+



fellowships

are active as of 2021 with more being formed each year.

150+



countries

are home to fellowship members.

US \$11



is the average yearly dues

for membership in a fellowship.

40,000+



members

belong to Rotary Fellowships.

Find more information at
rotary.org/fellowships.

Rotary  Rotary Fellowships



District 6600 News



Mary @



Perrysburg

DG Mary, Membership Chair
John Kurfess and Lorena Golden,
Perrysburg President



Reynolds Corners

Outgoing Assistant Governor
David Dennis (Area 3, 4) from
Reynolds Corners Rotary
with DG Mary. Photo at Black
Forest Cafe in Oregon, Ohio.



District Alumni Chair
Kevin Rantanen
and his wife along
with DG Mary at
Perrysburg's
Installation event



Oregon-Northwood

Retirement Party for Assistant District
Governor David Dennis, President-Elect Emilia
Bires Oregon-Northwood and DG Mary
enjoying a Rudesheimer Kaffee!



Elyria

DG Mary at Elyria Rotary Club's Annual Steak
Fry at the Hickories – and dunking PE Rob
Ernst – raising money for Polio!



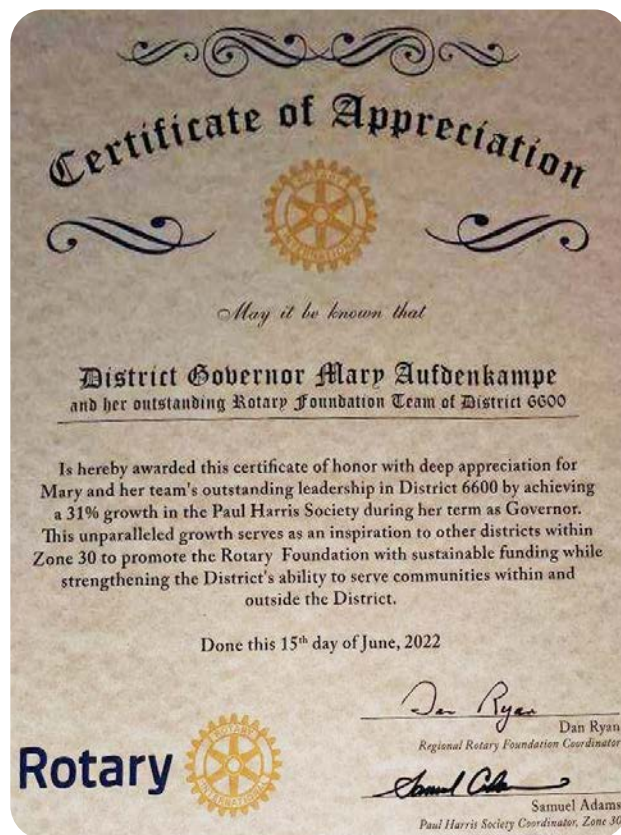
Paul Harris Society Award

District 6600 was honored by Zone 30 for a 31% increase in the number of Paul Harris Society Members for the Rotary year 2021-2022! We received \$2,000 in grant money from Rotary International as a result.

These efforts are a direct result of Chair Beth Noneman's (St. Marys) tenacity in making sure members who were already meeting the goals of a PHS member, to sign up and commit to continue annual contributions. Her efforts to ensure all qualified Rotarians joined the Paul Harris Society put us in this elite class in our Zone. Only three other districts in our Zone received the honor!

Overall, Zone 30 had a growth in the PHS with a net gain of 54 bringing the total to 1,118 Rotarians across 14 districts.

A similar contest has been announced for next year, and an opportunity to add \$10,000 in RI grant funds is at stake! If you aren't yet a member of the Paul Harris Society, here's your opportunity.



About the Paul Harris Society:

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants. The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honor and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation.



ROTARY DISTRICTS #6630, 6650, 6600 END POLIO NOW GAME

Rotary  AT PROGRESSIVE FIELD  Rotary
Wednesday, July 13th, 2022

Chicago White Sox vs Cleveland Guardians
Gates Open: 6:00pm / First Pitch: 7:10pm

TERRACE CLUB EVENT INCLUDES:

Access to Terrace Club 4th Floor
Dinner & Pepsi Products
Exclusive Raffles and Silent Auctions



Gate Giveaway: Cooler Bag – 10,000 fans

TICKET PRICING OPTIONS:

Terrace Club + Lower Box - \$75
Terrace Club + Upper Box - \$65
\$5 off Kids ticket in Terrace Club
Lower Box Ticket Only - \$35
Upper Box Ticket Only - \$25

**ALL TICKETS INCLUDE A CONTRIBUTION
TO END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN**

QUESTIONS CONTACT:

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The Rotary Foundation will continue to use the donations for humanitarian aid in and around Ukraine, and districts can apply for these grants until June 30, 2022.



Clean Water – The best is yet to come!

Step by step the fight for clean water continues to move forward.

Who is on the leading edge? We are!

We sometimes only see the problems – algae blooms, sewers that overflow in rainstorms. But the world sees Northwest Ohio as a rich incubator of knowledge and solutions.

Just last month a global conference of cutting-edge researchers chose Northwest Ohio as the site of the International Conference on Toxic Cyanobacteria.

Researchers from Germany, Australia, Poland and China shared their advances in the understanding of human health impacts from algae blooms. Our researchers from Wright State, Heidelberg, Ohio State, BGSU and University of Toledo were joined by other US researchers as well as our neighbors from Canada.

They shared the latest results on how algae toxins can harm the liver. And now, new research is beginning to show the potential for harm to the nervous system. Importantly, work is being done on early symptom identification to prevent serious and permanent damage.

We, as Rotary, can support our universities and the funding for these research and international exchange programs.

Understanding the problem is only half of the job. Repairing the damage to our waters is urgently needed, too. One very effective way to clean our water is to restore and rebuild the wetlands that are “nature’s kidneys.” Eighty-seven wetlands reconstruction projects are currently underway in Ohio. Scudder Mackey, from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, spoke at our District 6600 Conference about the largest project – the Sandusky Bay Initiative, which will clean and revitalize the Sandusky Bay creating a sports paradise of fishing, kayaking and nature trails. Bringing increased tourism and a better quality of life for residents.



TIM RYAN
ENVIRONMENT
SUSTAINABILITY CHAIR



One very effective way to clean our water is to restore and rebuild the wetlands that are “nature’s kidneys.”

These major reconstruction projects won’t happen without collaboration of municipal and state government together with public input. Rotary and individual Rotarians can be an important part of making those collaborations a reality. These are some of the projects your Club may want to support as part of the new District 6600 Environmental Committee under the leadership of Mike Noble, the new Environmental Chair. Mike is a Rotarian with extensive experience in international projects. He also is a member of the ESRAG (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group). Contact Mike at mnoble@noblewealthpartners.com



Maris Brenner, PDG and E1B1 Coordinator reports the latest winners of the monthly contest to bring guests to a Rotary meeting or event:

May monthly winner is **Lidia Ebersole** from Perrysburg Rotary. Her guest was Steve Martin.

June monthly winner is **Glenn Jost** from the Findlay (Wednesday Noon) Rotary Club. His guest was Daniel Wilkins. Each monthly winner will receive \$100 toward a charity of their choice.

The grand prize winner of \$200 to a charity of their choice will be drawn from all the members who sent information to Maris throughout the E1B1 contest period. We will announce the winner shortly!

The **Each One Bring One** initiative ends in June.

Each One Bring One



Toledo

Toledo welcomes new members



Kunal Dawar
Vice President Operations
Walt Churchills Market



Sheri Ferguson
Business Development Manager
Cousino Restoration



Alec Falkenberg
Financial Professional
WealthWave



Nina Corder
Managing Director
Women of Toledo



Maumee

New member Eddie Campos recently won Maumee "Citizen of the Year"

Oberlin

Shirley Hull welcomes new member Stephanie Walker

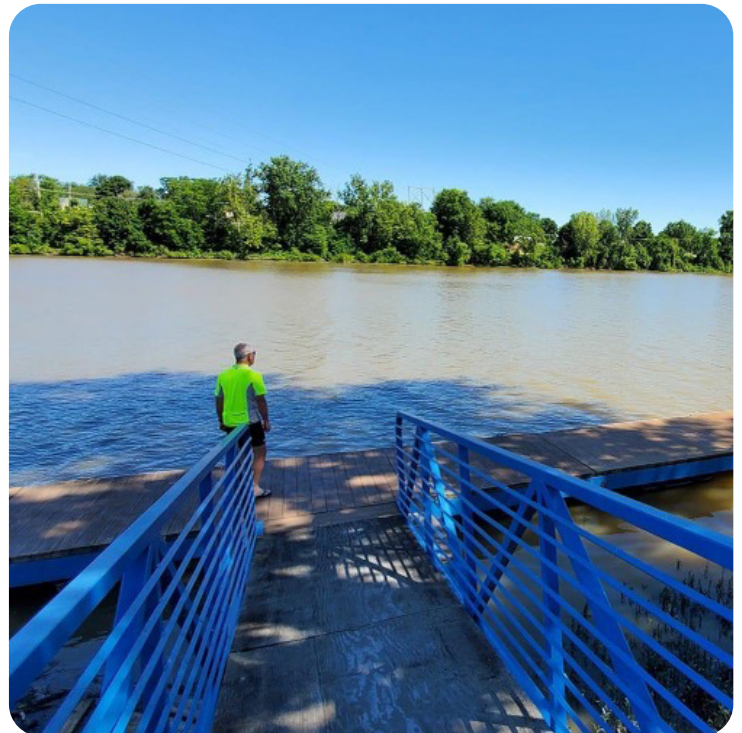




M.E.S.A. Bike Tour



The 2022 five-day Rotary Tour for MESA was held in the Toledo area, from Sunday, June 19 to Friday, June 24 with many stops along the way.





M.E.S.A. Bike Tour



Middlegrounds Park in downtown Toledo



The bikers covered two Ohio towns named after states, in the same day – Florida and Texas.



Riders were greeted and treated to water and refreshments by many Rotary Clubs including Wauseon. Pictured is Wauseon Rotarian and Commissioner Jeff Rupp, Rotary President Toni Schindler, Rotarian and Mayor Kathy Huner and Rotarian Britney Ward along with the Mesa Riders.





*thank
you*

Thank you to Mary's Advisors!

We could not have had the year that we had without the three advisors and spouses behind us and supporting us all the way.



**Suzanne Hagelberg
and Advisor and PDG
Joe Ludwig**



Gary and DG Mary Aufdenkampe with Advisor and PDG Rex and Rotarian Kim Engle.



Advisor and PDG Gary and Deb Newton slipping down to the beach in Galveston from the RI Convention in Houston.

At Diana's Installation, Mary received a lovely engraved crystal vase with 63 gold pebbles representing our clubs in D6600. She also received a gold diamond Past District Governor pin.



DG Mary – “It’s a wrap to the best Rotary year and experience ever! Thank you, everyone.”

Club and District Upcoming Events Calendar

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

Rotary
District 6600



Friday, July 8
Saturday, July 9
Sunday, July 10

**Youth Exchange
Outbound Final
Training**

Otterbein University

Rotary
District 6600



Wednesday, July 13
6 PM, First Pitch: 7:10 PM

**Guardians Baseball
Game – End Polio
Now Tri-District
Event: 6600, 6630, 6650**

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Rotary
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Saturday, July 30

**Waterville Rotary
Blues, Brews & Brats**

Downtown Waterville
Tickets at the door

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Saturday, August 5
4:00 – 11:00 PM

**Little Nashville in
Downtown Ottawa**

Sponsored by
Ottawa-Glandorf
Rotary Club

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Wednesday, August 17

**Lima Rotary Golf
Outing**

Hidden Creek
Golf Club
Andyw@wanntl.com

Rotary
District 6600



Saturday, August 20

**Fremont Rotary
Blues, Brews & Brats**

Downtown Fremont
Historic District
Tickets at the door

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Saturday, August 27

**Grant Writing
Training**

Plan now to attend
with your grant
committee

Rotary
District 6600



Saturday, September 10
11 AM - 2 PM

**Dedication and
Picnic of 6600
Tree Preserve**

Napoleon
Free to Rotarians
and family

Rotary
District 6600



Friday and Saturday,
September 23 & 24

Peace Conference

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Rotary
District 6600



Monday, September 26

**Tiffin Rotary Jack
Wangler Memorial
Golf Outing**

Mohawk Golf &
Country Club

Rotary
District 6600



May 12-13, 2023

District Conference

Rock & Roll Hall
of Fame
Cleveland

Rotary
District 6600



May 27-31, 2023

**International
Convention**

Melbourne, Australia

