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District 6600



News

A Message from District Governor Mary L. AufdenKampe

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My Dear Change Maker Rotarians,

We have 3 and 1/2 months left in the Serve to Change Lives year and I am so very proud to serve as your District Governor.

I wish you a Happy Spring, and I hope you feel change in the air as we happily say goodbye to winter. March likes to tease us with a few really warm days showing a ray of hope as we embrace another season.

The Rotary March theme reminds us to focus on Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene. We have water scarcity in the USA, and we have issues with infrastructure. Other parts of the world are facing a crisis of not having enough water or walking miles to get water. Clean water is necessary to help develop good practices in hygiene and sanitation and to keep our children of the world healthy as they are most vulnerable to disease. Give thought to how you would like to support the water crisis. What will be your call to action?

The generosity of our Rotary family in service to others time and time again proves that no task is unsurmountable. You have been called to step up again this Rotary year as we show love and support for the Disaster Response Funds for the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis. A generous donor from our District will match our contributions up to \$50,000 through April 30, 2022.

It seems this Rotary year we have faced many challenges and much isolation. Somedays, it feels like a roller coaster ride. Sometimes we are up, and sometimes we are down, but at least we are moving forward.

Looking ahead, it's time to get excited for the Rotary District Conference. Life is always better at the Lake. I invite you to come, relax, and embrace nature. Walk or bike ride along beautiful Lake Erie, our precious resource, and enjoy wine country.

Please consider buying or selling a raffle ticket for the Ford Mustang Mach E to support the Environment and the Rotary Foundation. With the price of gasoline increasing daily, electric vehicles are becoming in high demand. And, YOU can WIN ours!

Join me in Houston for the 1st International Convention since June 2019 as we celebrate all that is great in the World of Rotary.

Mary

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HELLO
SPRING

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

<https://bit.ly/consumerreportsmustangmache>



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/



**Fast, Fun,
& Electric!**

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**

LODGING [BY APRIL 12]

[click here](#)

\$159 to \$239

TheLodgeAtGeneva.com

Group Codes:

4GJ5M7 Rooms

4GJ8N7 Cottages



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:

Water and Sanitation

In keeping with the theme, I want to talk about our natural inheritance, **The Great Lakes.**

The Great Lakes are, from west to east: **Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie** and **Ontario**. They are a dominant part of the physical and cultural heritage of North America.

Shared with Canada and spanning more than 750 miles from west to east, these vast inland freshwater seas provide water for consumption, transportation, industry, agriculture power, recreation, and a host of other uses.

The Great Lakes are one of the world's largest surface freshwater ecosystems. Our Great Lakes contain 84% of North America's surface fresh water. That equals about 21% of the world's supply of surface fresh water.

As interesting as the above Google facts are, the Great Lakes are also where we live and raise our families. We need them to sustain our way of life, to feed ourselves and much of the world.

We all know that our Great Lakes, especially Lake Erie, is in trouble. We know that our agricultural and industrial practices have knocked the lake out of balance. This is dangerous for us and our children.

I am not blaming anyone. We all enjoy the fruits of Lake Erie, but we are stressing it to unsustainable levels.

As I have been visiting clubs around the District talking to stakeholders (that's us), I am convinced that it is useless for one group to arbitrarily assign blame on another. Better to use the Four-Way Test and seek solutions, working with all stakeholders, to make the changes needed for a sustainable future.

That is what Rotary does and that is why Environmental Sustainability is our seventh area of focus.



TIM RYAN
DGDN
DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL/
SUSTAINABILITY CHAIR



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The Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine

Over 3 million Ukrainian refugees are fleeing war and are in dire need of emergency aid.

The United Nations estimates that number could grow to as many as 5 million people displaced. Rotary clubs in Europe and around the world have stepped up their relief work, some working on the ground to help displaced families.

A generous donor in our Rotary District has offered to match our donations up to \$50,000 for the Disaster Response Fund. All contributions need to be made to the Rotary Disaster Response fund by April 30, 2022, so that these donations are prioritized for the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis.

If we raise more than \$50,000 between March 6 and April 30, District Governor Mary AufdenKampe will suggest we contribute to **ShelterBox**.

To donate online at Rotary.org -
<https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund>.

Jim Murray, Huron Rotary Club, is coordinating donations from club's foundations and is available to answer questions regarding individual donations. Contact Jim at 415-640-0027 or jim.w.murray@gmail.com.



"We stayed the night in different countries three times. These were not hotels but homes of Rotary and Rotaract families. I used to just say that Rotary International is a big family, now I really believe it. These are no longer beautiful words to me, this is reality."

- Iryna Bushmina
Rotaract Representative Kyiv, Ukraine



**Rotary Disaster Response Fund
Deadline for Ukraine: April 30**

Each One Bring One – Membership Initiative

Lars Olsen, Assistant Governor for Area 9 from Marion Rotary Club, was the winner of the February 22 drawing for a \$100 donation to the charity of his choice. He chose RI Ukraine Humanitarian Relief. Maris Brenner, District Coordinator of Each One Bring One, reported that a total of 47 entries (guests) were entered into the January contest. The initiative continues through June 2022 – send the list of your guests to Club meetings, events, or service projects to Maris at mbrenner1229@icloud.com.

**Each One
Bring One**



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





President-Elect Training

Friday and Saturday, March 11-12

About 60 Presidents-elect and Presidents from District 6600 attended the Friday training and Saturday All-Ohio PETS.



DG Mary and District Secretary Diane Brehm



Diana Savage, DGE, and husband Chad



Chad Savage, DGE Diana Savage, Rotary International President Elect Jennifer Jones and spouse Nick Krayacich



Current Ohio District Governors: Larry Lohman (D6630), Mary AufdenKampe (D6600), Maryjane Shackelford (D6670), Carol Hughes (D6670), and Steve Wilder (D6650)



Defiance PE Sean ODonnell and wife Joy



Reynolds Corners PE Anton Shirley and wife Brittany



Oberlin PE Bruce Ente and DG Mary at the pinning ceremony on Saturday night

Blanket Results

The final numbers are in!
A total of 4,966 blankets were created for youth in foster care all over Ohio. District 6600 was in third place with 845 blankets. President-Elect Jessica Rudolph from Short North Rotary Club in Columbus, Ohio, District 6690, said, "A very heart-felt Thank You to incoming Ohio District Governors and Rotarians for partnering with My Very Own Blanket to IMAGINE that a simple piece of material can truly have a deep and lasting effect for years to come."

District 6600 News



Spring Showers Bring May Flowers, and the June M.E.S.A. Bike Tour!

The 2022 M.E.S.A. Bike Tour will be June 19-24. Please mark your calendar for this opportunity to Serve!

The Tour will gather Sunday, June 19, at 12:00 Noon, at the M.E.S.A. warehouse, 1370 North Main Street, Fostoria for lunch. We will return by Noon, on Friday June 24, 2022, to the M.E.S.A. warehouse. We will overnight with Perrysburg Rotary Club, Cannaly Treehouse Village-Metroparks Toledo, Bryan Rotary Club, Defiance Rotary Club, and the Bowling Green Rotary Club. We will have opportunities to join with Rotarians for Rotary meetings in Toledo, Waterville, Archbold, Napoleon, and Hicksville. Some of these Rotary Clubs have made an extra effort by changing the time or date of their meetings to meet with us during the M.E.S.A. Bike Tour. Other clubs have invited us to attend an informal event, such as a picnic or steak fry where we can individually share the M.E.S.A. story.

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



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

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



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](#)



Committee News



LIZ SCHULTZ
OBERLIN ROTARY, CHAIR
director@oberlinheritage.org

Four-Way Test Speech Contest

Hosted by Van Wert Rotary Club
Saturday, April 23
9:30 am – 1:30 pm
Niswonger Performing Arts Center

This competition asks high school students in grades nine through twelve to present a 5-7 minute speech about how they applied the Rotary Four-Way Test to an important issue in their everyday relationships. How can your club participate? Get the word out to area schools (and home school families) and schedule your club contest. Clubs need to notify the District contest coordinator, Liz Schultz, by April 2 of their contest date. After the competition, each club must then submit the name and registration form of their student finalist by April 16.

More info:

<https://rotarydistrict6600.org/get-involved/>



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!

Club secretaries –

Please respond to an email request provided by Jim Hieb (tripp42@aol.com) by April 1st.

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



Interactors – #PeopleOfAction

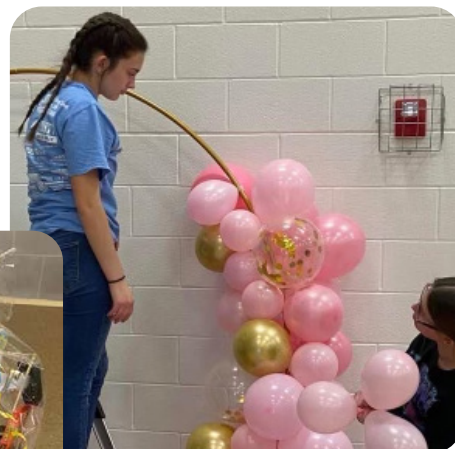
Anthony Wayne High School Interact Club: **200 Blankets for Youth in Foster Care**

Sponsored by Waterville Rotary



Bath High School Interact Club: **Elementary-School Girl Dance**

Sponsored by Lima Rotary



Businesses and individuals donated gift baskets

Wynford Middle/High School (Bucyrus) Interact Club: **MESA Fundraiser**

Mel Honig, Rotary District 6600 MESA/Sylvania Rotary Club member, spoke at Wynford Middle/High School (Bucyrus) Interact Club about his work sending educational and medical supplies around the world to countries in need. The club presented Mel a check for \$250 that students raised to help with the MESA project! Service above self!



Win!

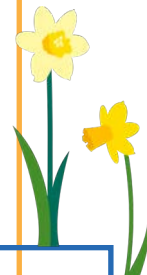


Please Help Our Cause.

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>



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S.T.R.I.V.E.



Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Value of Education

Rotary clubs report we have twelve active STRIVE Programs sponsored by eight different Rotary Clubs in District 6600. Ashland, Elyria, Maumee, Mansfield, Perrysburg and Vermilion each sponsor one STRIVE program. North Coast Rotary sponsors two, and Oberlin Rotary sponsors three separate STRIVE programs. Two clubs plan to restart their program after a hiatus due to the pandemic.

STRIVE is a program where Rotary Clubs work with a high school for the purpose of motivating students to improve their school performance during their senior year. The major aspect of the program is that it is generally student-driven and only facilitated by Rotarians. The programs differ by clubs, but generally the program meets once per month at the school. Often the Rotary Clubs provide scholarships to the

most improved, or most motivated, for continuing their education after high school. District 6600 will also have a scholarship competition prior to the end of the school year. For additional information on starting a STRIVE program in your club, contact Jim Hieb, District 6600 STRIVE Program Coordinator. A STRIVE Toolkit is also available at <https://rotarydistrict6600.org/get-involved>.

Rotary
Club of Oberlin, OH



2022 All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 10, 2022 • 8:00 am–1:00 pm

\$6 per person, Kids 5 & under FREE

NEW LOCATION:

A Chance to SEE Oberlin's New School!

Oberlin Elementary School Cafeteria • 210 North Park St., Oberlin



Proceeds to Support Oberlin Safety Town!

Collaboration between the City of Oberlin, Oberlin City Schools, Lorain County JVS, and Rotary Club of Oberlin.





A 60 MIN WEBINAR HOSTED BY ROTARY DISTRICT 6600

TOOLS & SKILLS FOR CRITICAL THINKERS AND PEACEMAKERS IN A CONFUSING INFORMATION AGE

To create peace and resolve today's challenges, we must be able to discern between fact and fiction.

Rotary's #1 Question: IS IT THE TRUTH?

This seminar presents an essential TOOL in the Peacemaker's toolkit.

Presented by the **NEWS Literacy Project's** John Silva,
Senior director of professional learning. He is a National Board Certified Teacher with 13 years of classroom experience with middle and high school students and currently develops news literacy professional learning programs for educators.



Why Attend?

- Learn what it means to be "news-literate".
- Differentiate news from all types of information.
- Develop the skills and habits necessary to be reliably informed.



What We'll Discuss

- Learn how to evaluate whether a news source is standards-based and credible, how to verify information for ourselves, and how to recognize when information is manipulating us through our emotions and cognitive biases, especially with social media.

Join us on Zoom March 24th, 7:00PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85077246629>

Register: <https://registrations.dacdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77580925&NoCaptcha>

This webinar is one in a series of pre-conference events leading up to the Taking Action for Peace Conference in Ann Arbor, MI on September 23-24 hosted by Rotary Districts 6380, 6400 & 6600 in conjunction with the Wayne State University Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

For more information visit takingactionforpeace.org & newslit.org





**SeaGate
Food Bank**

Rotary
District 6600



SewHope
Health • Opportunity • Education

April 9 @ St. John's High School

Join us for the

SewHope Community Food Packing Event

SewHope and the Kids Coalition Against Hunger are partnering with SeaGate Food Bank and Toledo Rotary Clubs to host a Community Food Packing Event! The need for food is urgent and great in both Toledo and Guatemala, as families are pushed to brink of starvation and beyond. In 2020 alone, SewHope distributed over 35,000 emergency food packs to starving families in Guatemala. In the Toledo area, 1 in 5 children face food insecurity and daily hunger.

Join us in our goal to raise funds and people-power to pack 100,000 meals!

Help us feed hungry children down the street and around the world!



Packing Event Shifts

1st Shift: 8am-10:30pm

2nd Shift: 10am-12:30pm



Image: In 2020, a white flag flies over the home of a Guatemalan family who resigned themselves to die of starvation.

**For more information or to get involved, visit:
sewhope.org/community-food-packing-event**

**St John's Jesuit
5901 Airport Highway
Toledo, OH 43615**



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
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Every Monday
through June 19
6:00 PM

**Membership
Monday
Conversations**

Via Zoom (link)

Rotary
District 6600



Thursday, March 24
7:00 PM

**Tools & Skills for
Critical Thinkers
and Peacemakers**

Via Zoom (link)

Rotary
District 6600



Thursday, April 7
6:00 PM

**Fundraiser for
Ukraine
Humanitarian Crisis**

Maumee Indoor
Theater

Rotary
District 6600



Thursday, April 7
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Rotary Rally for
Ukraine**

Sponsored by Port Clinton,
Oak Harbor, Huron,
Vermilion, Sandusky, and
Fremont Rotary Clubs.
805 Wayne Street Sandusky
Food, beverages, and
entertainment by two
musical groups.

Rotary
District 6600



Saturday, April 9

Food Packing Event
to benefit Sew Hope
(Guatemala) and
Seagate Food Bank

Two shifts: 8:00 AM
and 10:00 AM
St. John's High School
5901 Airport Hwy, Toledo
Link

Rotary
District 6600



Saturday, April 23
9:30 AM

**Four-Way
Speech Contest**

Niswonger Performing
Arts Center
10700 State Route 118
South Van Wert

Rotary
District 6600



Saturday, April 23
5:00 PM

**Marion Rotary Club
– 100th Anniversary
Celebration**

Marion Palace Theater

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



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, Saturday
June 4-8

**International
Convention**

Houston, Texas
Link

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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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Friday, June 24

**District 6600
Installation
Celebration**

Sauder's Village,
Founder Hall,
Archbold

