



# District 6600 News

## A Message from District Governor Mary AufdenKampe

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Dear Rotary Club Members,

This year is off to a great start as we Serve to Change Lives and to date, I have visited 31 Clubs. It is great to see Rotarians in Action with a clear vision of hope in spite of a Global Pandemic.

September is a special month on many levels. We all pause and remember the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. Never forget the senseless loss of life that changed the fabric of America forever. We, as Rotarians understand the need for Peace and the quest for knowledge.

As we anticipate the arrival of fall, the Autumn solstice, and as the leaves change, we know that September means back to school, homecoming, and back to learning and growing.

In September, Rotary focuses on Basic Education and Literacy for all. We can read this newsletter because someone taught us, someone provided the opportunity for us to learn, and we are forever grateful. As we all learned how to read and write, we dreamed of endless possibilities.

The gift of Education and Literacy allows others the chance to dream, to break the cycle of having less, or the hopelessness of poverty. Be a Changemaker and decide who your Club can partner with to create a future educating the children and forgotten adults. With your help, they can dream big, begin testing their newfound abilities with confidence, and a plan for a brighter future.

Gentle Reminder – **September 30, 2021** is the final day to complete, if you choose, the **Covid 19 Initiative Survey** to help fund your Club.

Because you can read and review scientific data, you can make informed decisions. Many in our world still cannot exercise that right.

Be Well and Stay Safe as we continue to Serve to Change Lives!

*Mary*

Mary L AufdenKampe  
District Governor 2021-2022



**Be a Changemaker  
and decide who your  
Club can partner with  
to create a future  
educating the children  
and forgotten adults ...**



# Win Me!

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**mach-e**

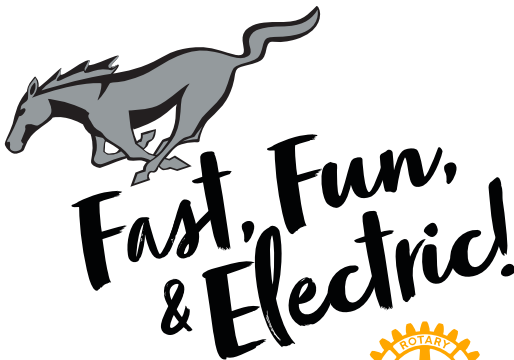
**2022 FORD MUSTANG  
MACH-E SUV AWD**

**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/](http://www.rotarydistrict6600.org/raffle/)



## Car Raffle



**to Support the Environment and The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International**



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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.







This Month's Focus:

# Basic Literacy & Education

## Reflections from the District 6600 Literacy Chair

One wonders how does a guy that reads at a 6th grade level become the chair of literacy for Rotary District 6600. Passion and Service Above Self is how! I'm Dyslexic and I know what it feels like to be a struggling reader, it sucks! Back when I was growing up there wasn't an understanding of Dyslexia or a way to know if a student had it.



**BRAD RUBINI**



That will finally change in 2023 with Ohio House Bill 436. Schools must test ALL students starting in kindergarten to 3rd grade. This will do wonders for getting rid of poor literacy rates in Ohio but it's not all that needs to be done.

Rotary will still need to encourage literacy. A very sad fact is that "by the age of 3, low-income children have heard 30 million fewer words than their more affluent peers." Hard to believe, isn't it? Unfortunately, many children are not read to as infants to 10 years old and many of these children live in low-income areas.

There are several programs that can help change this problem. Contact me [brad@toledospring.com](mailto:brad@toledospring.com) I'm now reading at 11th grade level while I go through a complete literacy program.

## Four-Way Test Speech Contest Update

Both the Four-Way Speech and Essay Contests are back for the 2021-2022 School Year! The District Contest is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, April 23, 2022 in Van Wert, Ohio.

District Contact:  
Elizabeth Schultz  
Rotary Club of Oberlin  
440-935-3072  
[director@oberlinheritage.org](mailto:director@oberlinheritage.org)

Reference Document Links  
<https://rotarydistrict6600.org/get-involved/>  
**2021 District 6600 Speech Contest Information**  
**2021 Speech Contest for School Distribution**



**ELIZABETH SCHULTZ**



## 2021-22 Strive Program Kick-off



The 2021-22 academic year has begun and now is the perfect time to consider starting a STRIVE program at your high school. The Rotary District 6600 STRIVE Toolkit is now available online at [www.rotarydistrict6600.org/get-involved/](http://www.rotarydistrict6600.org/get-involved/).

**Did you know that...** 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 Student Driven and only facilitated by Rotarians. This program is FUN, INTERACTIVE, and can involve every Rotarian in your club.

**Already have a program** – send me the STRIVE notification form (page 8 in the toolkit) by October 31, 2021.

**Considering a program** – email me at [tripp42@aol.com](mailto:tripp42@aol.com) or text me at 440-315-8853 to discuss further.

Again, everything you need to create and maintain your STRIVE Program is available in our Club STRIVE Toolkit. Use it to make a huge difference in the lives of high school seniors who could really use the guidance offered by Rotarians through this program.



## Program News



# Rotaract: Future Leaders

**Rotaract Clubs bring together people ages 18 and older to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service.**



**JEREMY KNOFF**

I spent seven years in Rotaract before I joined Rotary in my early thirties.

There are two types of Rotaract Clubs – community- and collegiate-based. In District 6600 we have one community-based Club in Maumee, sponsored by Maumee Rotary.

Maumee Rotaract meets on first and third Tuesday of the month, and new people are always welcome! Reach out to Jeana Davis, President at [jeanaldavis@gmail.com](mailto:jeanaldavis@gmail.com) about the

location for the next meeting or service project. The group regularly helps out at Nature's Nursery in Whitehouse and provides support to many local organizations including Miracle League of Northwest Ohio, Lucas County Pit Crew, Bethany House in Toledo, Buffalo Soldiers' Angel Tree program, and Sunshine Communities in Maumee.

Two collegiate-based Clubs are forming at Bowling Green State University and Lorain Community College. At both BGSU and LCCC, members include former high school Interact supporters who want to continue their community service while in college. Meeting dates and times for these Rotaract Clubs will be established soon.

For additional information about forming a new Rotaract Club in your community, or joining one of the existing Clubs, contact me District 6600 Rotaract Chair, Jeremy Knoff at [jeremyknoff@gmail.com](mailto:jeremyknoff@gmail.com).



**Maumee Rotaract: Social Chair Becky Davis, VP Lisa Nowaczyk, and President Jeana Davis**

## Interact: Serious Fun

**Several educators may agree that Rotary Clubs can motivate and influence student leaders ages 12-18 through service and encourage them to become responsible global citizens by supporting Interact Clubs.**

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service Club that gives students an opportunity to participate in fun and useful service projects while developing leadership and networking skills as they meet new friends.

The basic principle of the Rotary Interact is to help others. Interact Motto is "Serious Fun for Future Leaders."

I am extremely proud and looking forward working and speaking with schools and Rotary Clubs about the value of Interact Clubs. I am often asked to speak to different organizations ranging from service groups, educational institutions to community leaders. For more information, contact Sam Battle at [battle.sam73@gmail.com](mailto:battle.sam73@gmail.com) or (440) 315-0451.



**SAM BATTLE**

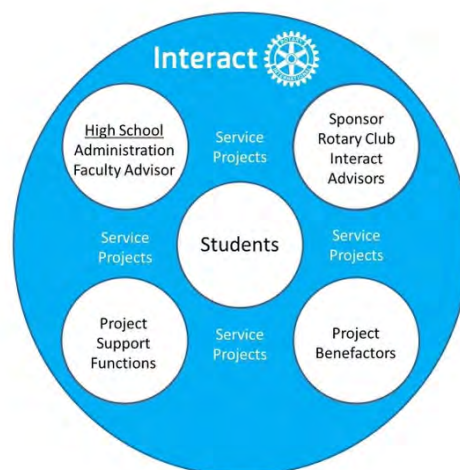






Photo above: Group Study Exchange members sent to Nagoya, Japan in 2008: Ron Stoner, Group Leader, Chris Han-Frey, Stephanie McGuire-Wise, Summer Barthel-Warzinik, and Kevin Rantanen with their host from Japan.

## 2021 Rotary Reconnect

**You're invited for an evening of sharing.**

As the Rotary District Alumni Chair for 2021, I want to introduce Rotary Reconnect Week, October 4-10, as the kickoff opportunity to reach out to fellow Alumni Rotarians. Let me personally invite all of our past Group Study Exchange (GSE) participants and group leaders to a night of food and fun as we share our experiences of our time abroad. I'm sure there will be many interesting and funny stories to be heard!

There have been many countries visited by the GSE such as Japan, India, Scotland, Australia, South Korea, and Brazil. My first Rotary experience was going on a Group Study Exchange trip in 2009 to Japan. This once in a lifetime opportunity was a life changing trip for me and only enhanced my appreciation for Rotary and all that it offers to the community.

That's just a small part of my story. I know that all of us would love a chance to hear your story as well! Mark your calendars now for November 7, 2021 at 4:00 pm. This will be an exciting event as we enjoy a time of socializing and reminiscing. I look forward to seeing you there!

**Kevin Rantanen, Rotary Alumni Director**

**November 7 4:00 pm**  
**Poco Piatti 3155 Chappel Drive, Perrysburg**  
**RSVP Kevin.rantanen@gmail.com**  
**419-504-3330 call or text**



**OCTOBER 4-10**

## Youth Exchange Program

**DG Mary and Gary AufdenKampe – 2022 District 6600 Youth Exchange Chairs**



We are honored to serve as the District's Youth Exchange chair persons for the Rotary Youth Exchange. The exchange is an international

student program sponsored by Rotary Clubs in over 100 countries. Rotary offers educational scholarships for students who are 15-19 years of age.

The time is NOW to reintroduce Rotary Youth Exchange Programs while we await Rotary International's approval for safe travel.

There are two different types of exchanges:

- Long-term exchanges last a full academic year for students to attend local schools
- Short-term exchanges are family-to-family cultural exchanges that take place when school is not in session.

Rotary Youth Exchange is one of the most prestigious and experienced youth exchange programs in the world. It is sponsored by Rotary International and our multidistrict group "O-E Lakes to Oceans."

We are seeking Clubs to make the commitment to host inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Students if we are permitted to in August 2022. Everything is contingent upon Rotary International approving travel. There are many steps in preparation leading to departure. Please visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/youth-exchanges> for toolkits to get the process started.

## Committee News



## Shelter Box

Rotary District 6600 Shelter Box Chair, Andy Bone, along with a team of people from Shelter Box, have created a website just for our District to raise awareness about the essential work provided by Shelter Box. Weather catastrophes, both at home and abroad, have strengthened our resolve that no family be without shelter when disaster strikes.

<https://www.shelterboxusa.org/district6600/>

## Membership

See the new Membership page on Rotary District 6600 website! District Membership Chair John Kurfess, PDG and Maris Brenner, PDG, have provided a wealth of information and resources for Club membership chairs.

<https://rotarydistrict6600.org/membership/>

## Grants News

**Deadline: November 1**

The deadline has been extended for Club leaders to submit a grant for consideration by the District Grants Committee.

Here are the steps:

1. Decide with your Club and/or Club Foundation what charity or cause you want to support. Projects require a Club and/or Foundation match. The match amount depends on whether it is a district grant or and International grant request.
2. Watch two "Getting Started" videos on the Grants Page of DACdb.
3. Be sure you are working in the 2021-2022 OrgYear
4. Complete the required information on DACdb, sign and submit.
5. The District Grant Committee will reach out to you if more information is required.

If you have questions, contact Pam Brumbaugh, District Grants Committee Chair at [pbrumbaugh@brumbaughelderlaw.com](mailto:pbrumbaugh@brumbaughelderlaw.com).





# Mary @ ...

Here are just a few of the clubs DG Mary AufdenKampe visited during August and early September

## Ada



DG Mary with AG Becky Neville and President John Neville.

## Lima



DG Mary with Jeff Fitzgerald, President, AG Becky Neville

## Swanton

DG Mary with AG Peter Lundberg and President Chris Lake.

## Ashland



DG Mary distributes cards with QR code for the Mustang Car Raffle to members at Ashland Rotary.

## Loudonville



DG Mary with (from left) Jon Gwin, Larry Henley, Susan Burwell, Ben Blubaugh, Sharon Blubaugh, President Brian Hartzell, Marie Beddow, John Carroll, Annie Kuttathara, Jim Brewer and John Stoops.

## McComb

DG Mary and with (from left) PE Justin Wasson, President Deb Ewing, AG Stephanie Walters



# World Polio Day

October 24, 2021

The District and many clubs are sponsoring several polio fundraising events all around Northern Ohio, including:

## Axe Out Polio

Thursday, October 21

5:00 – 7:00 pm

Axe419

9851 Meridian Court

Perrysburg, Ohio



For help in planning your club's polio fundraising event, click here for the World Polio Day Toolkit.



- 1 To improve lives.**  
16 million people are walking today who would have otherwise been paralyzed.
- 2 To invest in the future.**  
If polio isn't eradicated, within 10 years, as many as 200,000 children could be paralyzed by it each year. A polio-free world will be a safer world for children everywhere.
- 3 To improve child health.**  
Polio surveillance networks and vaccination campaigns also monitor children for other health problems like vitamin deficiency and measles, so they can be addressed sooner.
- 4 To save money.**  
A polio-free world will save the global economy \$40-\$50 billion in health costs within the next 20 years.
- 5 To make history.**  
Polio eradication would be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with polio following smallpox to become only the second human disease eliminated from the world.

[endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org)

Donate Now





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eliminating racism  
empowering women  
**ywca**  
of Elyria

# **FREE!** **PEACE CONFERENCE 2021**

**Saturday, October 30, 2021**

**Registration & Breakfast: 8:30AM • Conference hours: 9AM–4PM**  
**Lorain County Community College • Elyria, OH 44035**

**"Creating a Sustainable Peace through  
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion"**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
**PLEASE CLICK ON ONE OF THE LINKS BELOW TO REGISTER!**

**Non-Rotarian/General Public Registration link  
for Peace Conference — CLICK BELOW!**

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77552219&NoCaptcha>

**Rotary District 6600 Registration link  
to register — CLICK BELOW!**

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/ezLink.cfm?EventID=77552219>

For more information,  
please email  
Jeanine Donaldson at  
[jpd@elyriaywca.org](mailto:jpd@elyriaywca.org).



**FRIDAY OCTOBER 29TH 6-8PM**

*Conference Pre-Event  
Courageous Conversations Café  
"Courageous Leaders"  
A facilitated discussion with Interact,  
Rotaract, and local youth at the  
**SLOW TRAIN CAFÉ**  
55 East College Street, Oberlin*

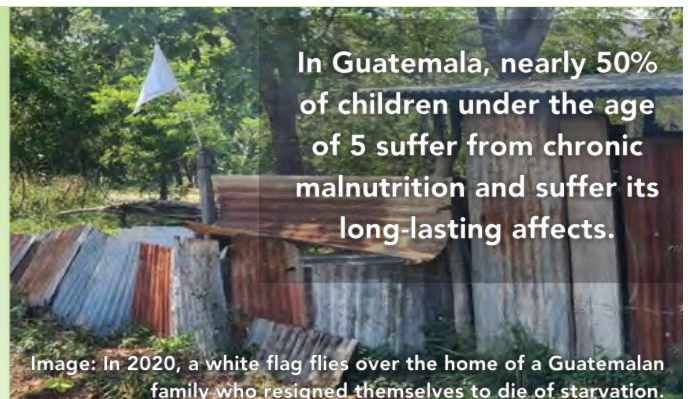




## Join us November 13 @ Maumee High School for the SewHope Community Food Packing Event

Kids Coalition Against Hunger is a 501(c)3 humanitarian food relief organization whose mission is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children in the USA and feed starving children throughout the world. Its fully nutritious meals are packaged by volunteers and delivered to starving people with the help of its worldwide partners, like SewHope.

**One in five children in our Toledo community face food insecurity and daily hunger**



**In Guatemala, nearly 50% of children under the age of 5 suffer from chronic malnutrition and suffer its long-lasting affects.**

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

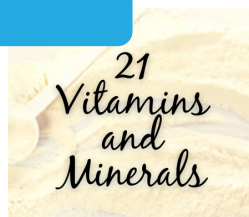
Rice

Soy

KCAH Packet



Vegetables



21  
Vitamins  
and  
Minerals

Since beginning its partnership with KCAH in 2008, SewHope has provided almost 1,000,000 meals to the people of Guatemala!

**Our goal is to pack 150,000 meals!  
Help us feed hungry children down the street and around the world!**

One KCAH food pack will provide 6 adult meals at 35¢ per meal, or \$2.10 a packet.

**Maumee High School: 1147 Saco St, Maumee OH 43537**

**Visit [sewhope.org](http://sewhope.org) for more information**





*Wine ♦ Dine ♦ Play*



# District 6600 Conference

## May 13-15, 2022



**The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake**

Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio

[www.thelodgeatgeneva.com](http://www.thelodgeatgeneva.com)

*Registration opens January 2022*

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[www.rotarydistrict6600.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6600.org)



# Ready for Lift Off?! We are...



Rotary International President  
**Shekhar Mehta**



**Each One  
Bring One**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8\\_Q9CrlocY&t=13s](https://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



Saturday, Sept. 25  
9:30 am – 2:00 pm

### North Coast Rotary Community Home Depot Safety Fair

Avon Aquatic Center  
36265 Detroit Road  
Avon, Ohio

**Rotary**  
District 6600



Thursday, Sept. 30

### Deadline to complete COVID-19 Vaccination Survey

**Rotary**  
District 6600



Monday, October 4  
10:00 am – 6:00 pm

### Sylvania Rotary Foundation Golf Outing

Highland Meadows  
Club  
Sylvania

**Rotary**  
District 6600



Saturday, October 9  
9:00 – 10:00 am

### Virtual Coffee

with the Rotary  
Foundation Chair  
Rotary International  
Past President,  
John Germ

**Rotary**  
District 6600



Thursday, October 21  
5:00 – 7:00 pm

### Axe Out Polio

Contact Daniel  
Woodcock  
at daniel@  
peacocksocial.com

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Sunday, October 24

### World Polio Day

<https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day>

**Rotary**  
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Friday, October 29  
6:00 – 8:00 pm

### Peace Conference Pre-Event

Courageous  
Conversations Café  
Slow Train Café,  
55 East College Street  
Oberlin

**Rotary**  
District 6600



Saturday, October 30  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

### Peace Conference FREE

Rotarians & Non-  
Rotarians are Welcome!  
Lorain Community  
College  
1005 N Abbe Road  
Elyria

**Rotary**  
District 6600



Sunday, November 7  
4:00 pm

### Alumni Reconnect Event

Poco Piatti  
3155 Chappel Drive  
Perrysburg  
RSVP – Kevin Rantanen,  
419-504-3330 (call or  
text), kevin.rantanen@  
gmail.com

**Rotary**  
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Saturday, November 13  
9:00 am to noon

### Food Build for:

- Seagate Food Bank
  - Sew Hope
  - Kids Coalition  
Against Hunger in  
Guatemala
- Maumee HS Gym

**Rotary**  
District 6600



### SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, January 8

### One Rotary Summit

Terra State  
Community College  
Fremont

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District 6600



### SAVE THE DATE

Friday, May 13 –  
Sunday, May 15

### District Conference

Geneva-on-the-Lake

