



# 2018-2019 Newsletter

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District Governor

## ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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### Governor's Letter

#### Happy Birthday Rotary.

This month is dedicated to the celebration of peace and the 114th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International on February 23rd - **World Understanding and Peace Day**. I don't believe Rotary's founder, **Paul P. Harris**, or our own **Arch C. Klumph**, Father of The Rotary Foundation, had any idea at the time the true significance of their visions for "Service Above Self" and "Doing Good in the World" and the impact they would have on this world for generations to come, for all eternity.

**Polio eradication**, the largest global public health initiative in the world, contributes to peace each and every day. Bringing light into some of the furthest outreaches of the world, and yes, Rotary does stop wars to immunize its children.

Rotary's **Peace Fellowships**. In just over 10 years, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,200 fellows. Many of them now serve as leaders at international organizations or have started their own foundations. Our district was at the forefront of the formation of this program when 2000-2001 District Governor Jim Frame of the Rotary Club of Mantua stood on the stage at the RI Convention in San Antonio



#### FEBRUARY IS Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

*Conflict and violence displaced more than 68 million people in the past year, and half of those are children. We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts. Through our service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships, our members are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.*  
Source: Rotary International

representing us as one of the few charter districts from around the Rotary world who supported the development of the World Peace Fellow Program.

**Rotary Youth Exchange** builds peace one young person at a time. The long-term exchanges represent a full academic year and the short-term program can take the form of several days up to three months. There is no better opportunity for our youth to experience another culture, learn a new language and develop life-long friendships all under the umbrella of the Family of Rotary.

Our community and university-based **Rotaractors** (ages 18-30) are part of a network of over 10,904 Rotaract Clubs representing over 250,000 Rotaractors in 189 countries and our Interactors (ages 12-18) are represented by over 20,372 Interact Clubs with 468,556 members in over 159 countries. When our Interactors reached out to the youth in hurricane-ravaged St. Thomas, with the help of

Rotary clubs throughout the district, they raised over three times their initial goal of \$10,000. This \$33,000 resulted in the development of a Global Grant worth \$141,000 sponsored on their behalf by the Rotary Club of Chesterland. It helped rebuild their library for their high school and the community. Just another example of reaching out with understanding and support make their "world" a better place.

Our Rotary Youth Exchange Students, our Rotary Peace Fellows and our Interactors and Rotaractors...**these are our peace-makers and they do change our world.**

Many of you may remember Mother Teresa has had a profound effect on my life and I wanted to share with you one of my favorite quotes and the significance of a world without peace.

**If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.**

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## Governor's Letter cont'd

### - Mother Teresa

As a Nobel Peace Prize recipient in 1979, she devoted her life to working with the "poorest of the poor" in the slums of Calcutta and donated all of her winnings to those she served. Mother Teresa continues to be an inspiration to this day.

I couldn't be more excited about the upcoming **District Conference of Clubs, April 12-13, 2019 at the Cleveland Airport Marriott**. Woven throughout the mosaic of the weekend will be RI President Barry Rassin's theme of "inspiration" with a "touch of the Islands" throughout. We have assembled one of the finest Planning Committees – ever – led by District Conference Chair Julie Brandle of the Rotary Club of Akron. As our Club Presidents already know, this year we will be holding the **Celebration of Life** on Friday, before the **Annual District 6630 Business Meeting**, effectively reducing the conference by a day and giving more of the Family of Rotary the opportunity to remember those we have sadly lost in the last year. Friday's speakers will include **Special Agent in Charge Eric B. Smith, FBI – Cleveland Division** and we are awaiting final confirmation of attendance by one of the **"Children of the Dump"** from Nicaragua who is now in college; a shining example of the result of the support provided by so many clubs in our district for the Shoebox Program. Our afternoon education sessions will lead off with a panel of Rotarians representing some of best "new

**member development and engagement programs"** this year in our district. PDG Membership Chair Jim McKee will be announcing winners of the Tri-District Membership contest at lunch. Friday evening will conclude in the Hospitality Suite sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Chesterland**.

Saturday morning begins with the **District Leadership Assembly** featuring a wide-array of programming for all Rotarians and guaranteed to **Inspire to Lead - Empower to Achieve... And Have Fun**. Watch for further details that will be forthcoming in the near future from the **District 6630 LEAD Committee** co-chaired by PDG Steve Zabor of the Rotary Club of Mantua and Ryan Knotts of the Rotary Club of Hillcrest Sunrise.

Saturday's luncheon is a **Celebration of Youth** featuring our Rotary Youth Exchange Students, a presentation by the District 6630 4-Way Test Speech Finalists, Charter Ceremony for new Interact and Rotaract Clubs and a segment on our Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) camp – all guaranteed to inspire you.

The afternoon will feature the **RETURN of the acclaimed "Carnivale"** sponsored by our District 6630 Interact Students featuring games guaranteed to make you laugh, intrigue and inspire! \$20 will get you 20 game tickets and the net proceeds will go to support this year's Foster Care Project selected by our students at Interaction 2018. How fitting that this weekend celebrates **"Global Youth Service**

**Day."**

**As of press time**, special plans are "in the making" in the hopes that we can bring one of the **Interactors and an adviser from the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands**, the beneficiary of the Global Grant Literacy Project, to meet in person our Interactors to share what it means to have their support and their outreach

And further **late breaking news**...Dave and Laura Diffendal of the Rotary Club of Cleveland have generously offered to **provide four nights at one of their "incredible" resorts in Belize** as an auction item on Saturday to provide further support for Polio Eradication. Saturday evening will give us the opportunity to honor those who have recently become **Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation** and the chance for an update on the **"53,000 Points of Light" Polio Eradication Initiative**. We will also be welcoming **PDG David Bixler and Julie** from District 6080 in Missouri as the RI President's Representatives for President Barry and Esther to this year's District Conference of Clubs. PDG David is his district's Rotary Foundation Chair and Zone 31's Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator. I know we all look forward to welcoming them to our Rotary Family.

Below is a brief overview of the proposed schedule of events for the District Conference.

Warmest regards,  
Governor Beverly

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

8:00 a.m. Registration  
Open (House of Friendship Set-up)  
9:30 a.m. Celebration of Life  
10:30 a.m. District 6630 Business Meeting  
12:00 Noon Presidents of Action Luncheon (includes the Recognition of 50-Year Rotarians)  
2:30 – 3:20 p.m. Afternoon Education Session I  
3:30 – 4:20 p.m. Afternoon Education Session II  
6:00 p.m. Presidents of Action Reception  
7:00 p.m. Presidents of Action Dinner Evening Hospitality sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chesterland

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

7:15 a.m. Registration  
Open (District Leadership Assembly and Conference of Clubs)  
All Day House of Friendship & Rotary Youth Exchange Conference

### **District Leadership Assembly (DLA)**

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
8:15 a.m. District Leadership Assembly "kick-off"  
9:00 – 9:50 am. Presidents-Elect Session I  
Leadership Education Sessions I  
10:00 – 10:50 a.m. Presidents-Elect Session II with Youth Safety Officers  
Leadership Education Sessions II  
11:00 – 11:50 a.m. Leadership Education Sessions III  
12:00 Noon Celebration of Youth Luncheon (Rotary Youth Exchange, 4-Way Test Speech Contest Winners, Interact and Rotaract Chartering Ceremonies)  
2:30 p.m. Carnivale Sponsored by District 6630 Interact Clubs  
6:00 p.m. BE THE INSPIRATION Governor's Reception (Visit with our Youth Exchange Students)  
7:00 p.m. BE THE INSPIRATION Governor's Dinner Evening Hospitality sponsored by Rotary Club of Cleveland

## Special Agent to Speak at DisCon

Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Eric B. Smith was named SAC Cleveland by FBI Director Wray in December 2018.

SAC Smith graduated from the FBI Academy in 1999 and was assigned to the Wichita, Kansas Resident Agency (RA) where he worked multiple programs including Violent Crime, Counterterrorism, and Counterintelligence. In October 2005, SAC Smith transferred to the FBI's Counterterrorism Division where, for the next three years, he held positions as a Supervisory Special Agent and Unit Chief in the International Terrorism Operations Section, focusing on countering threats both domestically and internationally.

In 2008, SAC Smith was selected as the field supervisor for FBI Cleveland Division's Counterterrorism Squad and Joint Terrorism Task Force. In association with this role, he was chosen in 2010 to deploy to Bagram, Afghanistan and serve as the FBI's Senior Representative to the nation's elite Counterterrorism Joint Task Force.

In June 2013, SAC Smith was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge in Cleveland where he had oversight for counterterrorism and cyber matters as well as multiple RAs. In April 2015, he joined the Senior Executive Service as the Chief of Staff to the

FBI Deputy Director. In December 2016, SAC Smith transitioned to serve as the Executive Special Assistant to the FBI Director. In this capacity, he served both FBI Directors Comey and Wray.

From 1991 to 1999, SAC Smith served as an officer in the United States Army, primarily in airborne rapid deployment forces at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He graduated from the U.S. Army Airborne School, the U.S. Army Ranger School, the Basic and Advanced Military Intelligence Courses, the Jungle Warfare School, the Advanced Airborne (Jumpmaster) Course, and the Combined Arms Services Staff School. SAC Smith served as a battalion intelligence officer, an airborne rifle platoon leader, a company executive officer, and company commander. SAC Smith's military awards and decorations include the U.S. Army Ranger Tab, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the Royal Australian Parachutist Badge, and the German Schutzenschnur (shooting badge).

SAC Smith received his Master's Degree in Homeland Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security in Monterey, California in 2009. He graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 1991.



Eric B. Smith Special Agent in Charge Cleveland

## Matching Grants Seminars

Is your club considering applying for a matching grant during Rotary Year 2019-2020? Don't miss your chance! **Register now at our district website** (<http://www.rotarydistrict6630.org/>) left hand column under District Events.

In order to be qualified to apply for matching grants, a minimum of two of your club members must attend one of the three upcoming Grant Management Seminars! (It is not required that the two of you attend the same session.) Since next year's president MUST sign off on the Memorandum of Understandings, we strongly encourage that individual to attend!

Upcoming Sessions: Grant Management Seminar (**South**) will be held on February 28, 2019 at the **Cuyahoga Falls Library** (6:00 PM)

Grant Management Seminar (**East**) will be held on March 16, 2019 at the **Mayfield Library** (9:30 AM)

### Please Register Now!

Contact District Foundation Chair, Bob Johnson ([goracerbob@aol.com](mailto:goracerbob@aol.com) or 440/ 384-7574), or Foundation Compliance Coordinator, Rick Pollak ([grantmakingservices@gmail.com](mailto:grantmakingservices@gmail.com) or 330/ 650-9005), with any questions.

Yours in Rotary  
Rick Pollak



15 February 2019

A roundup of Rotary news



### Special wedding gifts benefit PolioPlus

Filippo Arcioni and Roberta Peverelli had both been members of different Rotary clubs near Como, Italy, before they met. When romance blossomed into marriage, it didn't take too much discussion for the couple to decide on the perfect wedding registry. Instead of gifts, they asked fellow Rotarians and friends to make a contribution to PolioPlus, raising more than \$30,000 to help Rotary eradicate polio.

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## Taste of Western Reserve Benefits Camp Sunshine

Rotary Club of Aurora selects Camp Sunshine to benefit from its flagship fundraiser 2019 TASTE of the Western Reserve, raffle funds!

Rotary Club of Aurora has selected Camp Sunshine as the charity which will benefit from raffle funds held during its annual fundraiser TASTE 2019.

"The process of selecting a charity is like entering into a part-



nership" said Ben Askren, 2019 TASTE Chair of the Rotary Club of Aurora. "Like any partnership, for it to be right, it must be mutually beneficial. The charity will benefit from funding it receives and increased visibility of its programs. Rotary has an opportunity to 'make a difference' and attract new members who would like to do good in Aurora and the surrounding areas."

The club adopted a strategic approach to selecting a partner for this year's raffle funds. There were several extremely worthwhile organizations deserving support. To be fair to each one, a list of criteria was developed. These included such things as whether it had a local focus; how



many other resources each had; how would the funds be used; how could they support ticket sales; was its mission consistent with that of Rotary; etc. According to Dale Thorne, President-Elect of Rotary Club of Aurora, "Camp Sunshine fit the pre-

determined criteria the best and we are very enthusiastic about building a closer relationship with them. Aurora is extremely fortunate to have this resource for special needs kids and their families.

Camp Sunshine of Aurora is a four week summer camp founded by par-

ents of children with special needs in 2009. The camp has assisted children

with differing abilities while fostering their unique talents and gifts in a creative and structure environment. Summer vacation can be challenging for our kids, but at Camp Sunshine, they can truly enjoy a fun summer camp with their friends! The program offers a safe, enjoyable learning environment for children who need specialized supports for summer camp activities. "Our Camp meets the needs of children with a wide range of disabilities; such as those with Autism, ADHD, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and so on. Funds raised through raffle sales will be used for field trips, accessible transportation, intense adult supervision and with the camps' general operating costs. "Rotary's support will be so helpful in not only financial assistance, but in raising community awareness of the important work we are doing to help provide an adaptive camp experience for children with disabilities in our community." said Carol Denzinger, Treasurer – Camp Sunshine.

Rotary Club of Aurora's, 19th annual 'TASTE of the Western Reserve will be held on April 28, 2019 at Signature of Solon. We appeal to Rotarians in District 6630 to help support this worthy cause by purchasing raffle tickets and attending TASTE 2019.

## News From Lkwd/RR Sunrise

Scholarships for High School students to attend the American Youth Foundation Leadership Camp, Support of the Rocky River Assistance Program Food Bank, Thanksgiving and Christmas food delivery in Lakewood, financial support of foreign exchange students, and sending clothing and school supplies to Children of the Dump in Nicaragua; these are just some of the activities and services that are funded from the proceeds of the annual Sunrise at Sunset Fund Raiser of the Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club. This year's event will be on Friday, April 12 from 6 to 9pm at the Umerley Hall of the Rocky River Civic Center Complex. It features a catered dinner, silent and live auction.

There are many ways for you to make this successful and help the Rotary Club raise \$20,000 to fund its Community and International Service Projects; Be a sponsor for from \$500 to \$125 and promote your products or services to the 200plus attendees; Sponsor a table for you and 8 of your friends or business associates for \$240 per table; donate an auction item or certificate for a service; or just purchase a ticket for \$30, and come and enjoy the dinner on Friday, April 12 from 6 to 9pm in the Umerley Hall of the Rocky River Civic Center Complex.

Contact Jim Rowe on-line at jarowe1378@gmail.com and you pick up your tickets at the event. If you have an item or service a Club member will contact you and arrange for pick up.

Rotary & RYE Night	
Pregame Reception at The Clevelander at 5:00pm	
Cavaliers vs. Phoenix Suns	
Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7:00pm	
	
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## Paul Harris Society

After club and international service, I don't think there is a better way to show your support of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation (TRF) than by the financial support you provide. Thank you so much for your past support of TRF and Polio Plus.

Rotary created a unique opportunity for those Rotarians willing to make an annual commitment of \$1,000 to TRF and or Polio Plus. This opportunity is called the Paul Harris Society (PHS). When I last reported in November 2018, we had 35 PHS members in our district. We are now at 45!!!

There may be many of you already contributing this amount or more and just never formalized your commitment. I would love to talk with you and make your PHS membership official.

If you would like to find out more about the PHS, please contact me. I would love to talk with you about it. Also, Club Program Chairs, I have been making the rounds talking to clubs about the PHS and some specific reasons why Rotarians may consider supporting TRF and possibly becoming PHS members. Let me know if you would like me to fill an open date on your club's calendar.

Jim Lechko  
District 6630  
Paul Harris Society/Major Gift Chair  
2018-19  
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Contributions are tax deductible where allowed by law for security purposes, please see the Paul Harris Society registration sheet also plus \$1,000 or more each year to the Rotary Club, District, Area or to the Rotary Foundation grant given letter or [www.rotary.org/donations](http://www.rotary.org/donations)

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## Rotary Centennial Bell Visited TRC Cleveland

Edward G. Thomas  
Rotary Club of Cleveland  
Historian, Rotary District 6630

Many, perhaps most, Rotary clubs begin and end their meetings by ringing a bell. For example, at the Rotary Club of Cleveland, the president opens and closes meetings by ringing a brass bell that was presented to the club in 1926 by long-time Cleveland Rotarian Fred C. Werk. So, an obvious question is, How did this tradition get its start among Rotary clubs?

The explanation is contained in the following article from an unidentified newspaper.

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.—The spirit of International Rotary was dominant at a recent luncheon of the New York club when Immediate Past President Arthur Chadwick of London Rotary presented to the New York club the bell which acknowledged the victory in an attendance contest between the two cities. The bell has an interesting history, for during the World War it was used on the auxiliary warship Patrol No. 20. It is mounted on a frame made from the oak of Nelson's famous battleship the "Victory." In a speech notable for kindly humor and dignified sincerity Rotarian Chadwick described the contest and its helpful effect on attendance. From 28 per cent in 1920 the London attendance rose to 48 per cent in 1921 and 51 per cent during the period of the contest. Removing the British colors which draped the trophy, Rotarian Chadwick expressed the hope that in its new field the bell might ever sound a clear ringing note of goodwill, and symbolize to New York Rotary the friendship, fraternity, and loving affection of their brother Rotarians in London. In responding for New York Rotary, Past-President Raymond Knoepfel said that "Each league of the bell's progress on its last ocean voyage was cheered with the soft tinkling of its new message of the true brotherhood of Rotary."

Soon after the Rotary Club of New York received the special bell mentioned in the article, other clubs began to acquire bells to use in their meetings. Much like it does on a ship,

a bell represents order, discipline, and the passage of time. The gavel is a symbol of the authority invested in the president of the club, and the outgoing president hits the bell one last time before turning the gavel over to the incoming president, thereby transferring the authority of the office of president to his or her successor.

While the bells used by individual Rotary clubs are important, we know that there are two other significant Rotary Bells. One is the Centennial Bell that was made by the Marinelli family foundry in Agnone, Italy, in time for the 2003 RI Convention in Brisbane, Australia. At that convention, it was announced that the Rotary Centennial Bell would travel to the "First 100" clubs and then end up in Chicago in time for the 2005 RI Convention. When it was chartered in 1911, the Rotary Club of Cleveland became the 18th Rotary club to be founded. Thus, the Rotary Centennial Bell visited the Rotary Club of Cleveland on October 28, 2004, as part of the tour to the First 100 clubs (see photo below left).



In 2017, the Marinellis cast another Centennial Bell to commemorate the 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation. This special 110-pound bell (see photo above right) is embellished with a selection of images, logos, and words which tell the story of the Rotary Foundation over the past 100 years. The bell arrived in Atlanta, Georgia, in time to be used in the opening ceremony of the 2017 Rotary International Convention.

# Rotary District 6630 Conference of Clubs

The District Conference of Clubs on April 12-13 has a new look, new theme, new location and some exciting new programs.

Since RI President Barry Rassin's theme is "Be the Inspiration," we've adopted our conference theme of "Inspiring People of Action." And since President Barry hails from the Bahamas, Interactors will recreate a Carnivale with unique games with all proceeds going to support Interact Club projects. Look for the famous toilet paper toss from a previous conference to return.

Interactors also will be collecting drawstring backpacks and filling them with goodies for children in foster care. Look for more information from Interact/Rotaract Chair Chelsea Talty on page 9 in this newsletter entitled "Foster Children Care Packages."

Also new this year is the Rotary Treasures Sale. Honchoed by Judy Davanzo, spouse of PDG Mike Davanzo, the store is looking for donations of Rotary "stuff," such as T-shirts, mugs, memorabilia of any kind (in good condition). Bring your clean items to the conference. For more information, contact Judy at (330) 592-0061 or [mdavanzo@zoominternet.net](mailto:mdavanzo@zoominternet.net).

We are honored to have the new FBI special agent in charge of the Cleveland Office as one of our speakers. Eric B. Smith is no stranger to this area. He was named field supervisor

for the FBI Cleveland Division's Counterterrorism Squad and Joint Terrorism Task Force in 2008. He subsequently was deployed to Afghanistan in a similar role. He is an Army veteran, where he served as a company commander and intelli-

submit names to PDG Mike Davanzo, [mdavanzo@zoominternet.net](mailto:mdavanzo@zoominternet.net).

The annual Business Meeting will follow the Celebration of Life. Other Friday events include Presidents of Action Luncheon and Dinner and education sessions. The Hospitality Suite will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Chesterland.

An action-packed Saturday includes the Rotary Youth Exchange Conference, Interact's Carnival, District Leadership Assembly and special sessions for Presidents-elect. The day wraps up with the Governor's Dinner and the Hospitality Suite hosted by the Rotary Club of Cleveland.

gence officer.

We also are working to sponsor a visit from an Interactor and an Interact adviser from St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. At the Interaction Conference last year, our District Interactors raised funds to help a St. Thomas school recover from the ravages of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Our international visitors will update us on their progress.

The conference will run Friday, April 12 through Saturday, April 13. No Sunday sessions this year. We'll start the day off Friday with the Celebration of Life memorial service. This service honors the memories of District Rotarians and Rotary supporters who have passed away in the past year. It is a touching ceremony and a fitting way to begin our day. Please

Don't forget to visit the House of Friendship. Clubs are invited to display photos and memorabilia from their projects. The number of tables available is limited. Be sure to contact House of Friendship Chair DGND Larry Lohman for more information.

The Cleveland Airport Marriott is at 4277 W. 150th St., Cleveland, just off the I-71 interchange. District 6630 has reserved a block of rooms at a reduced rate. Hotel reservations and reservations for the conference can be made on the District web site shortly.

Linda G. Kramer  
District 6630 Secretary  
Member, Public Relations Advisory Committee

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## Goings on In Garrettsville

I've been involved with many Rotary projects and events over the years, but none give me as much pleasure as the Dictionary Project.

This past month we presented dictionaries to the third grade classes at James A. Garfield Elementary. The children were very excited to get a book that was to be their very own. They put their names proudly inside the cover, next to the Rotary stickers we placed about the 4 Way Test.

The students were also fascinated by the amount of information besides words and definitions. To find our namesake, James A. Garfield, and the other Presidents was exciting. Braille and sign language were found to be very interesting as well as the longest word found at page 373 with 1,909 letters!



New this year was the club's effort to reach out to the Amish community, to which

we also provided dictionaries. Again our work was very greatly appreciated. I had heard from Amish parents who enjoyed looking up information, were also thankful.

To see so many young faces excited about this project is truly inspiring!

Also this past month we had John Harris, the Director for the Portage County District Library, speak about new things going on at the library and programs they offer.

Other speakers this past month included, Linda Clark and Karen Cravetz, from the Mental Health and Recovery Board to discuss the opioid epidemic which faces all of our communities.

We are currently working with the schools in northern Portage County and the MHRB to host a forum for open discussion and review programs available for help.

Inspired,  
John Crawford

## TRC Solon Honors First Responders

The Rotary Club of Solon had the privilege of honoring two of Solon's finest on Wednesday, January 17th, during our annual First Responders' Dinner. Selected by their peers for this recognition, Fireman Nick Rostankowski and Patrolman James Horetcki were presented awards by



their Chiefs. We are so proud of these dedicated professionals, who commit themselves to saving others and living the Rotary Motto "Service above Self."

We were joined at the event by Mayor Eddy Kraus, all Solon Councilmen, Police Chief Viland, Fire Chief Shaw, the families and friends of the honorees, and our special guest District Governor Beverly. With 85 people in attendance, this was our largest First Responders' Dinner yet!

During the event, we also had the opportunity to induct our new Rotarian, Judy Caine, and bestow a Paul

Harris Fellowship Award to Councilman Bill Russo, who has provided generous support to our club over the years.



In all, a wonderful evening filled with Rotary spirit, kinship, and eloquent speeches. The Chiefs had heartwarming stories to tell about the first responders being honored, from their dedication to service, commitment to developing themselves and others, and specific acts of courage. Mayor Kraus had many kind words of support and encouragement for our club, and DG Beverly closed the evening by showing her appreciation for our event. We would like to thank everyone involved in such a meaningful night!



*Be the INSPIRATION*

*Become a FRIEND*

INSPIRE our youth to connect with the values of the 4 Way Test by becoming a Friend. All you have to do is send in a check for \$25/- Your friendship will help create hope for a better tomorrow!

In return, you will be recognized at the District Contest as a Friend of the 4 Way Test. You will also be entitled to attend the Contest at no extra charge. This includes lunch and refreshments (\$15/- value). You don't have to attend to become a friend. All money raised will go towards the contest. An excellent opportunity to be the inspiration!

**Rotary 4 Way Test**  
Since 1922

April 6, 2019 | 9 am to 2 pm | Aurora High School

[Cut and return this portion with payment to address indicated below by March 29, 2019]

Please list my name as a Friend of the 4 Way Test Speech Contest as follows:

YES, I will attend the District Contest on April 6, 2019  
 NO, I am unable to attend the District Contest

Make checks for \$25/- payable to RI District 6630 and mail to:  
Rotary Club of Aurora, P.O. Box 795, Aurora, OH 44202  
Deadline to receive Form & Payment is March 29, 2019

*If YOU are this person in the mirror.*

*Please consider serving as a JUDGE or TIMER.*

Volunteering as a judge or timer is a response to a call to serve. Good judging inspires our youth to do more and better themselves. We are looking to diversify our panel of judges in terms of age, gender, viewpoints, backgrounds, experiences etc.

Prospective judges must be familiar with the 2019 Judging Guidelines and Judging Sheet which can be found at [www.rotarydistrict6630.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6630.org) under the 4 Way Test tab. All judges are expected to attend the training/refresher session on April 6th at Aurora High School from 8 to 9 am. Please know that even though many are called, only a few may be chosen. An excellent opportunity to be the inspiration!

Rotarians or their spouses who would like to serve as judges or timers, are invited to send an e-mail to: [scottpease@roadrunner.com](mailto:scottpease@roadrunner.com) OR [peter@violatororthodontics.com](mailto:peter@violatororthodontics.com)

**Rotary 4 Way Test**  
District 6630

April 6, 2019 | 9 am to 2 pm | Aurora High School

## News From TRC Chagrin Highlands

At the Chagrin Highlands Rotary Club meeting on Friday, Feb 8, most of our 2018 speakers returned to our club meeting for our first Recognition Luncheon. Each of them were proud to be able to return and be recognized. I introduced each one of them and had them review and update their speaker topic. They are all shown in the photograph below. Included in the photograph as one of our 2018 speakers are:

**Ohio Supreme Court Justice Judi French**

**Beachwood Mayor Martin Horwitz**

**Beachwood Police Chief Gary Haba**

**Rotarian Reverend Stanley Miller**

**Previous Rotarian in several cities,  
Dr. Ken Polke**



After they were each introduced, I gave a brief overview of what our Club does in the surrounding communities and some of the things our District and Rotary International does. I introduced some of our members who were leaders in getting these projects started. I also introduced our senior member, Dr. Don Kwait who has been a Rotarian for over 60 years and had been with Rotary International in the late 1970s and early 1980s when he got Polio Eradication started. He mentioned that we are now down to just 1 or 2 new cases worldwide.

Our Rotary members loved the Recognition meeting as did each of our speakers who attended.

John Newburger

## Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians History

by PDG Jack Young, Chair InterAmerican Region (North, Central & South America) 2018-19 Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

**The following is a brief History of the two organizations.**

There are nearly 1,200 Rotary Clubs scouting Units. Since their inception, Rotary International (1905) and the Scouts of America (1910) have been partners in serving young people. The principles and goals of both organizations are closely allied, .Character-building; service to country, to others and to self, teaching leadership skill; and becoming aware of the world around us-these all incorporated into the programs and activities of each organization.

The values expressed in Rotaries International's motto and the Four Way Test greatly parallel those articulated in the Scout Oath, Law motto and slogan. Rotarians have long served as role models, demonstrating leadership, character and the value of selfless service to the community and Rotary Clubs Rotary Clubs in the United States charter nearly 1,300 scouting units.

According to a report I have received from BSA there were two troops sponsored by Rotary Clubs in Ohio, Troop 321 in Hudson Ohio and Troop 701 in Strongsville, Ohio. If you know of a any other troops who are sponsored by a Rotary Club, please let me know.

Rotary working together with our young people is a great opportunity to mentor them and to share the skills of Rotarians with other leaders, It is also a great way to increase the future membership of Rotary and build future community leaders.. For further information on How to Organize a scouting unity, please feel free to contact PDG Jack Young of the , of the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, Chair of the InterAmerican Region for North, Central & North America OR any Scouting or Regional Scouting District Leader of local Scouting Organizations. (Jack1villa@aol.com or 440-759-4000)



**A Taste of the Western Reserve**



**Food, Friends and Fun!**



April 28, 2019 14 to 7 PM  
SIGNATURE OF SOLON

Rotary  
Club of Aurora



### Burton Middlefield Rotary Club

## Maple Splash Raffle!

**Enter the Maple Splash Raffle!**  
**Tickets \$10 - Only 2000 will be sold**  
**YOU COULD WIN:**  
**A New 4x4 from Just for Fun Honda**  
**A 55" LG UHD SMART TV**  
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**\$1000 Cash • \$500 Cash**  
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**8:00 am ~ 1:00 pm**  
**Every Sunday in March**  
**AT BERKSHIRE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**14519 NORTH CHESHIRE 44021**  
 Contact : Larry Fox  
 Larry@KBRsolutionsinc.com

## ShelterBox USA Would Like to Have You on Our Team

by PDG 2005-06 Jack A. Young and Past Shelter Box USA Board of Director and Shelter Box USA Board Emeritus

Since its founding in Corwall England in 2000 Shelter Box as responded to more disasters than ever expected. Unfortunately, natural disasters continue to devastate humanity throughout the world. With that we are continuing looking for those who want to help and join our Shelter Box Team. Giving of your time and talents as apart of the action to help others is a tremendous feeling.

**GIVING YOUR TIME:** Every volunteer is instrumental in providing shelter to families after disaster, wherever they are in the world. Whatever skills, knowledge or spare time you have, you can play a vital part in this process. All we need is your passion. It is an incredible feeling to be able to reach out and help people on the other side of the world in what is quite possibility the worst moment of their lives.

**WHICH ROLE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?**

**AMBASSADOR:** Fund Raising and spread awareness

**ADVOCATE:** Amplify our message

**CLUB CHAMPION:** Share Shelter Box message with your club.

**CHANGE MAKER:** Fundraiser to support our message

**RESPONSE TEAM MEMBER:** Deploy to deliver aid

**OFFICE/INTERN** Assist with task in our California or Florida Office

If you don't see a role or have an interest in any of the above, please feel free to contact District 6630 PDG Jack Young (440-759-4000 or [Jack1villa@aol.com](mailto:Jack1villa@aol.com)) We appreciate al of those who have supported Shelter Box in the past and those who are supporting us now and in the future. If you would like to have a speaker on Shelter Box at your club or event, please feel free to let me know.



Rotary District 6630 Interact/Rotaract Project 2019

## Foster Children Care Packages



### Mission:

To collect products for children in the foster care system and donate them to local Children Services Agencies.

### Items Needed:

There are 2 age groups we will concentrate on that have the most need.

**For ages newborn - 24 months, we need:**

baby lotion, baby shampoo, diapers, wipes, diaper cream, formula, sleepers, baby blankets, booties and mittens, and bibs.

**For ages 10-18, we need:** lotion, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner,

Please come support the Aurora High School Interact's first event of its kind called Fashion For Compassion. The event will be held at Aurora High School on Saturday February 23rd at 5:30 PM.

It is a fashion show in which all proceeds will go to Sandy Hook Promise to spread awareness and prevention of school violence. We encourage Rotarians to attend as well as students at any high school and especially Interact Clubs. Check out the attached flier and website.

journals, and pens and pencils to write in the journals.

Please note that all toiletries should be full size.

### What You Can Do To Help:

- You can bring any of the items on the list to the District Conference on our Youth Day, Saturday, April 13th. Care packages will then be assembled after the Conference.
- Monetary donations are always accepted as well. You can make a donation to your local Interact club for their collection or contact Chelsea Talty [chelsea.talty@westg.org](mailto:chelsea.talty@westg.org) or Bob Oborn [boborn@kentelastomer.com](mailto:boborn@kentelastomer.com).
- An Amazon wishlist will be sent out soon for you to buy the items and send them directly to us.
- If you have access to drawstring backpacks, we are looking for donations. Please contact Chelsea or Bob.



## *Fashion for Compassion*

A charity fashion show at Aurora High School created by Interact Club

*February 23, 5:30-7:30 in the AHS auditorium*

*\$7 for students and adults,*

*Children 10 and under and Seniors 65+ = Free*

*Sponsored by*

*- Winds of Change*

*- A Bit of Shirt*

*- Abigail's of Aurora*

*- Francesca's*

*- Nike*

*- Nautica*



### All proceeds supporting the Sandy Hook Promise

Based in Newtown, Connecticut, the intent is to honor all victims of gun violence by turning our tragedy into a moment of transformation by providing programs and practices that protect children and prevent the senseless, tragic loss of life.

[Visit us on Twitter! @ahs\\_ffc\\_and at fashion-for-compassion.weebly.com](#)



## Capture the Moment at the Hamburg convention from Saturday June 1st to Wednesday June 5th 2019

### Important deadlines

- 31 March 2019:** Last day for preregistration discount
- 30 April 2019:** Last day to request to cancel registrations or tickets
- 5 June 2019:** Last day for online registration

### Registration fees

Register early to take advantage of discounted rates. Go to [registration fees](#) for information about rates, cancellations, and refunds, and what your registration includes.

**Register NOW** Rotary International Convention <http://www.riconvention.org/en/hamburg>

**Hotels** are filling up, [book yours today](#) <http://www.riconvention.org/en/hamburg/accommodations>

Ticket availability: [Hamburg Host Organization Committee events](#) are starting to sell out. Secure your spot for the dance and music performances, bike tours, host hospitality night, and other wonderful activities by purchasing tickets soon.

Don't miss your chance to **Capture the Moment** on June 1<sup>st</sup> with your fellow Rotarians from Zones 28 and 29. This will be our last Harrah with our current paired zones and will provide us with Food, Drinks and FUN!!! at Gröninger Privatbrauerei, Willy-Brandt-Str. 47. [To register, "Register Here"](#)

Come and meet the Rotarians from our new Zone 30-31 on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hofbräuhaus Hofbräu Wirtshaus, Esplanade 6, Hamburg, Germany [To register, "Register Here"](#)

### Capture the Moment at the Hamburg convention

**Don't miss your chance to Capture the Moment at the 2019 Rotary Convention in Hamburg, Germany with your fellow Rotarians**

#### Zones 28 & 29 Northland Beer Fest

**When:** Saturday, June 1, 6:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Gröninger Privatbrauerei, Willy-Brandt-Str. 47.  
**Who:** All Rotarians, Guests and Friends of Zones 28 & 29  
**What:** Food, Drinks and FUN!!! Registration for the event includes an entire meal featuring meat loaf, sausages, pork, ribs, salad, dessert and your beverages too! Attire is casual.  
**Cost:** \$70 per person until February 1 when the \$5 early bird discount ends.

[To register, "Register Here"](#)



#### Zones 30-31 Fellowship Event Hamburg



**When:** Sunday, June 2, 6:00pm till 10:00pm *Facility is open till 1am for your enjoyment*  
**Where:** Hofbräuhaus Hofbräu Wirtshaus, Esplanade 6, Hamburg, Germany.  
**Who:** All Rotarians, Guests and Friends of Zones 30 – 31 and District 6630 Rotarians  
**What:** The food will be served buffet style to the table- each table will receive: Landbrot, Radi, Emmentaler, butter, Bavarian potato salad, Leberkase, meat plant, GroBt "pan" Crispy fried potatoes with onions, beans, colorful peppers and wild mushrooms, Apple Streudal with vanilla sauce  
**Cost:** \$50 per person Open bar is included in the price.

[To register, "Register Here"](#)

ROTARY OF GREEN INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

*A Spaghetti Dinner*

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Sunday February 24th  
4-7 pm  
Akron Rotary Camp  
4460 Rex Lake Drive  
Akron, Ohio 44319

DINE IN \$10.00 | TAKE OUT AVAILABLE FOR \$7.00

Proceeds will go toward the Green Safety City Program  
And The Rotary Club of Green

Come out and meet the Rotary of Green Club Members  
and learn more about our efforts in the Community.

All Are Welcome!

Proudly sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Royalton Broadview Heights

HAPPY CHINESE  
New Year  
2019 猪年快乐  
YEAR OF THE PIG

**Come Celebrate.....**  
**The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Lunar New Year**  
 Sunday, March 10, 2019  
 4:00 to 6:00pm  
**Double Dragon Buffet**  
 6276 Pearl Road, Parma Hts, OH 44130  
 Call 440-477-9145 for more information and tickets  
 or got to: <https://rotarylunar2019.eventbrite.com/>

<b>Tickets:</b> \$25 Adult Groups of 10 Tickets \$220 \$12 Children 10 & under	<b>Tickets include:</b> AUTHENTIC LION DANCE Buffet, Beverage (Coffee, Tea or Pop) Chinese Raffle 50/50 Drawing & Entertainment
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### Ring in the new year with Rotary Global Rewards

Start the new year with savings from Rotary Global Rewards. You can also check for offers that give a percentage of your purchase price to Rotary.

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### Free event booking service



Book your personal or Rotary event at no cost to you. You will receive assistance with booking, hotel pricing, an event website, and more.

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ENTERTAINMENT DISCOUNTS

# Resources For Club Membership Chairs

[Dear District Leaders,

Greetings from a wintry Evanston! I hope the New Year has started well for you. As we ramp up for PETS, I have information to share on passport clubs, as well as updates on Membership Leads and membership reporting. Everyone who receives this message is noted at the top of the email, but don't hesitate to forward this message to anyone you think should be aware of this information (including club membership chairs, assistant governors, and other key membership leaders in your district).

## **What's the deal with passport clubs?**

The goal of a passport club is to create a positive Rotary experience for new and transferring Rotarians, former Rotaractors and Rotarians, and prospective members. This is a great option for those trying to determine if a traditional club in the area makes sense for them, or if they are looking for a more flexible club environment for the long term. Passport clubs are designed to be a low-cost club model that is more accessible and in tune with the needs of its members.

Just like traditional clubs, passport clubs meet at least twice a month and focus on providing a variety of ways for members to engage, like socials, volunteer projects, web content or online discussions, and networking events, as well as opportunities to attend the meetings of and support the service projects and fundraising activities of other clubs.

Here are a few examples of how districts around the Rotary world have structured their passport clubs:

[Greater Lauceston Rotary Passport Club](#), which is in the process of chartering, promotes themselves as "the Rotary club for busy people" and provides details about their membership options and costs on their website.

[Rotary Passport Club of West Chester](#) lists their service projects on their website, as well as a calendar that details upcoming events for the month

[Rotary Passport Club of Southeastern PA](#) focuses on attracting new and returning members to that have difficulty attending weekly meetings, and also posts upcoming events that you can sign up for directly on their website.

## **Membership Leads report**

Membership leads submitted through [rotary.org/join](http://rotary.org/join) are first sent to the district leadership team. That's why it's beneficial to have an established process for quickly and effectively managing leads and connecting these prospective members with the right club. I've attached the Membership Leads Progress Analysis report, run from 1 July 2018 to 31 December for each district. It's important that districts and clubs use My Rotary to update the status of candidates, because that data then populates the report so district leaders can see:

- How far leads have gotten since they were assigned to your district
  - What percentage of leads haven't been followed up on
  - What percentage of leads are no longer interested in membership
- How many leads have been admitted to a club

## **News from the Ohio districts**

PDG Sieglinde Warren is the new club development chair in District 6650. She and other districts leaders were trying to start a new club in Green, Ohio, when a new lead arrived on her district's Manage Membership Leads page. The inquiry was from Kristen Lewis, who was interested in getting involved with Rotary because the organization had meant a lot to her recently deceased father. Seeing a great opportunity, PDG Warren followed up, inviting Lewis and her husband to informational meetings to gauge their interest in forming a club. Both of them became instrumental in launching the Rotary Club of Green, chartered this past May. Warren says this and other experiences proves the value of the membership leads tool. "It definitely works," she said. Has your district or club visited the Manage Membership

Leads page and fully utilized the tool? Learn how to manage membership leads for your [district](#) or [club](#).

## **Membership Resource Guide**

I've updated and attached the Membership Resource Guide with helpful new resources and publications noted in red. If you have any questions about the materials listed, please let me know.

## **District Membership Progress to Goal**

I've attached your December 2018 District Membership Progress to Goal report. I'd like to congratulate District 6600 for the highest retention percentage in the three Ohio districts and third highest in Zone 29. Great job!! All clubs can find ways to keep their current members engaged and ensure they value their Rotary membership. The latest resources (including online Learning Center courses) for engaging members and improving member retention can be found at <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/membership#engage>.

Kind regards,

Haris

Haris Sofradzija

Regional Membership Officer | Membership Development  
Tel +1.847.866.3105

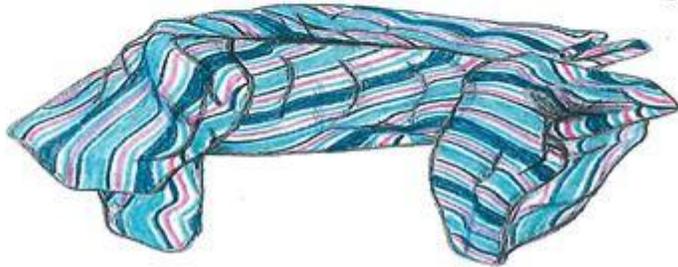
[Click here to download the Membership Resource Guide](#)



**MEMBERSHIP RESOURCE GUIDE**



## MY VERY OWN BLANKET All Ohio PETS Service Project



Since 1999 My Very Own Blanket (MVOB) has been dedicated to warming the heart of every child in the foster care system with a blanket and a pillow case. This gives them a feeling of comfort, security and most of all, a smile. MVOB works with diverse people, community groups, businesses and service agencies through its volunteer opportunities and ministry to Ohio's children in foster care.

This year at All Ohio PETS all five districts will be competing with each other in a service project to provide as many blankets as we can for children in our foster care system.

We at District 6630 believe we are the most active and best District in the state. We are encouraging Rotarians and Rotary Clubs to donate to this very worthy cause. Once again, we have made that easy for you to use Amazon and Amazon Prime to make this donation. Below we have a single blanket for \$7.97 and a pack of 24 for \$98.65. Please consider "passing the hat" at a meeting and order a 24 pack.

Once you log in and order either one, add the following as the shipping address:

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 MVOB

Project  
407 W Main Street  
Westerville, Ohio 43081

You can use your two day free shipping and have it shipped directly there. Or you can have it shipped to your home. Notify your Assistant Governor or Bob Oborn at [boborn@kentelastomer.com](mailto:boborn@kentelastomer.com), and we will make arrangements to pick it up. Please remember all the kids to will benefit when placing your order. Thank you Rotarians for everything you do.

### Single Blanket

[https://www.amazon.com/Super-Soft-Fleece-Throw-Blanket/dp/B00DP4XBGI/ref=sr\\_1\\_13?ie=UTF8&qid=1548337850&sr=8-13&keywords=cheap+fleece+blanket](https://www.amazon.com/Super-Soft-Fleece-Throw-Blanket/dp/B00DP4XBGI/ref=sr_1_13?ie=UTF8&qid=1548337850&sr=8-13&keywords=cheap+fleece+blanket)

### 24 pack of Blankets

[https://www.amazon.com/Ultra-Fleece-Throw-Blanket-Wholesale/dp/B003WIOKCG/ref=sr\\_1\\_7?ie=UTF8&qid=1548337850&sr=8-7&keywords=cheap+fleece+blanket](https://www.amazon.com/Ultra-Fleece-Throw-Blanket-Wholesale/dp/B003WIOKCG/ref=sr_1_7?ie=UTF8&qid=1548337850&sr=8-7&keywords=cheap+fleece+blanket)

Bob Oborn  
AG  
Summit County North Cluster of Clubs



Photo: John Graves with Teresa Thomas, a missionary supported by St. Barnabas School in Northfield, cutting a ribbon signed on one side by students from the school. The residents of the village signed the other side and then the ribbon was cut in half. One half remains in Nigeria with Teresa Thomas and John took the other half to St. Barnabas.

Rotary Club of Painesville  
Presents:  
**Best of Broadway**  
Provided by the  
**Mercury Theater Company**  
Music from *Mama Mia*, *Newsies*, *Disney & More!!!*

Saturday, April 6, 2019  
St. Noel Party Center  
35200 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills  
Doors open at 6:00 PM

**\$65 per person**  
Open Bar  
Family Style Dinner served at 7:00 PM

Benefits *Lake Health/University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center & Painesville Rotary's Local Charities*  
Chinese & Silent Auctions/Cash Raffle/Dessert Run

Rotary Club of Painesville  
For More Information Contact Eileen Cicero @ 440-346-4401

## My Rotary Defining Moment

By Randy Rininger

Past President of the Rotary Club of Port-Summit

When DG, Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski, asked if I would share My Rotary Defining Moment I sat back and thought how easy. The more I thought about it, the harder it was to say this is "My Rotary Defining Moment", I'll explain.

First, was it when two local business owners, Ralph Petit an electrical contractor and Paul Neal owner of the local grocery store across the street from my office asked me to lunch? I should have known something was up when they said "we're buying". You know where this is going; they invited me to their Rotary club meeting. As we enter their meeting place they're introducing me to other members, some I knew some I didn't but they all made me feel welcome. They had a group of young professionals from Taiwan visiting and were the program for that day's meeting. Later, I learned about the GSE (Group Study Exchange) teams from around the world. I was so impressed with these young professionals. I say young, but I was about their age at the time. I wanted to learn more and more about Rotary and get involved. But was this my "Rotary Defining Moment"? After all it was the moment I decided to join Rotary.

As I became more involved, I started walking through my club leadership chairs. After a few years with the support of the other members and of course my wonderful wife, Celeste, I finally became President for the 1999-2000 Rotary year. Having a spouse that is supportive and willing to participate makes the journey so much more rewarding and enjoyable. We were so excited, but was this "My Rotary Defining Moment"? After all, I was the President who would take our club into the next century. My year as President went so fast and all the wonderful people and experiences Celeste and I had could never be replaced. But was this "My Rotary Defining Moment"? As my year was winding down Celeste and I spent the weekend enjoying the District 6630

Conference of Clubs. It was at this time I realized my Rotary family increased a hundred fold. The new friends I made at the conference were amazing. Was this "My Rotary Defining Moment"?

While at the conference, enjoying one of the hospitality suites, I had time to get to know Bill Hite, PDG a little better. I remember saying to Bill, "my year as President is ending and I would like to get involved at the district level, would you have any suggestions where I might fit in"? Bill's response was perfect; would you like to be on the business-side or the fun-side with your involvement? Of course as a younger member I said the fun-side. Bill promptly introduced me to Ken Fogle. Ken was serving as the District Chair for the GSE team program at the time and I was hooked. It wasn't long till Ken had me on the GSE committee, mentoring me along with the other committee members. Involving my club and other clubs in the GSE exchange was exhilarating. Celeste and I would go on to host many GSE members and teams from around the world in our home. But was this "My Rotary Defining Moment"?

One day, PDG/Past International Director Mike Johns invited Celeste and I to a Rotary Zone 28-29 Institute being held at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island, Michigan. What a venue! We were so excited to go and it was then I realized my Rotary family increased a thousand fold. That District experience left me even more convinced I wanted to do more and be more involved. But was this "My Rotary Defining Moment"?

Over the years we've had the pleasure to attend many District Conferences and a few Zone meetings providing us the opportunity to personally meet many of our International Presidents and leaders. Recently, the Rotary International Conference was held in Atlanta, Georgia and it was to include the 100th Birthday celebration of Arch Klumpf, who came from District 6630. Celeste and I decided we had to go. There were

many exciting and memorable takeaways from the Rotary International Conference; seeing 40,000 like-minded volunteers demonstrating service above self was an awesome experience and the House of Friendship was fantastic! Hearing Bill Gates personally speak about Rotary's mission to eradicate Polio and our other avenues of service and seeing some of the many friends we've made from around the World at the Conference. It was then I realized our Rotary family increased by hundreds of thousands. But was this "My Rotary Defining Moment"?

Yes, I joined my local Rotary club. I became a club President, more than once. I got involved with my district 6630 and stayed involved. I sit on our District Grants Committee and Finance Committee. I got involved internationally as a Paul Harris Fellow, Group Study Exchange teams, and other international programs such as the Youth Exchange Program, Ambassador Scholarship Program. And of course my local clubs community programs and fundraising events. Celeste and I are getting ready for our first Rotary International Conference outside of the U.S.A. in Hamburg, Germany. We're really looking forward to going. I've seen many Rotary members come and go for one reason or another. Then it hit me, I can look at my Rotary family and proudly say "I am a Rotarian". For me this is "My Rotary Defining Moment".

## TRC Cleveland Celebrates International Service Day March 21st

***Please join the Rotary Club of Cleveland on March 21, 2019, for International Service Day honoring William M. Griswold, Director and President of the Cleveland Museum of Art***

The Rotary Club of Cleveland is pleased to announce that it will present its prestigious International Service Award to Dr. William M. Griswold, Director and President of the Cleveland Museum of Art. This annual award celebrates Rotary International's vision of "a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change—across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves" and is presented to a leader who has worked to increase Cleveland's International stature in business, industry, and the arts.

William M. Griswold was appointed director of the Cleveland Museum of Art in May 2014. The institution's ninth director, he leads the 450-member team responsible for building the museum's collection, deepening its long-standing engagement with the local community and elevating its profile both nationally and internationally. Since his arrival in Cleveland, he has overseen the 2016 celebration of the museum's centennial, as well as the conclusion of the \$320 million campaign that made possible its recent renovation and expansion. In 2016, Dr. Griswold led a strategic-planning initiative that will guide the museum as it begins a second century of growth and public service.

Prior to his tenure at the Cleveland Museum of Art, Dr. Griswold was di-

rector of the Morgan Library and Museum in New York. He previously served as director and president of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and in leadership and curatorial positions at the J. Paul Getty Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He earned his bachelor's degree at Trinity College and his Ph.D. at the Courtauld Institute of Art, London.



The Cleveland Museum of Art is renowned for the quality and breadth of its collection and is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship, and performing arts. It is one of the top comprehensive art museums in the United States and is free of charge to all. The museum achieved record-breaking annual attendance in 2018 welcoming 769,435 guests, a 31% increase compared to the prior year and eclipsing the previous record of 719,620 set in 1987. More than 44 million people from around the world have visited the Cleveland Museum of Art since it first opened its doors in 1916.

In January 2019, CMA announced it is using Open Access to make high-resolution digital images and collections data freely available by means of the Internet, further expanding its international reach. The public now has the ability to share, remix, and reuse images of as many as 30,000 CMA artworks that are in the public domain. "The CMA's Open Access program brings our mission 'for the benefit of all the people forever' into the digital age," said Griswold. "With Open Access, the museum makes its collection of art from all periods and parts of the world easier to access and more relevant to the public. As a global leader among museums, CMA is committed to transparency and universal access.

Dr. Griswold joins a distinguished past recipients of the International Service Award who include Ronald B. Richard, The Cleveland Foundation; Franz Welser-Most, The Cleveland Orchestra; Christopher M. Connor, The Sherwin-Williams Co.; Dr. Toby Cosgrove, The Cleveland Clinic; and Mayor Frank G. Jackson, City of Cleveland among others.

The award will be presented on Thursday, March 21 at Windows on the River, 2000 Sycamore Street, Cleveland, OH. A reception will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by a buffet lunch at 11:45 a.m., and the award program. This event is open to all for a cost of \$20. Reservations are required and may be made by calling Sharon Lerch at the Rotary Club of Cleveland (216) 556-8637 or emailing [rotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryclub@gmail.com).

## News From North High School Interact

Rotary Interact North High School has been busy as usual! We had our first fundraising bake sale and another round of desk cleaning at North. The biggest event in the last month was helping Legacies of Success to strip a home so that it could be refinished and create affordable housing for people in the North Hill community. Our workers were so successful they have been invit-

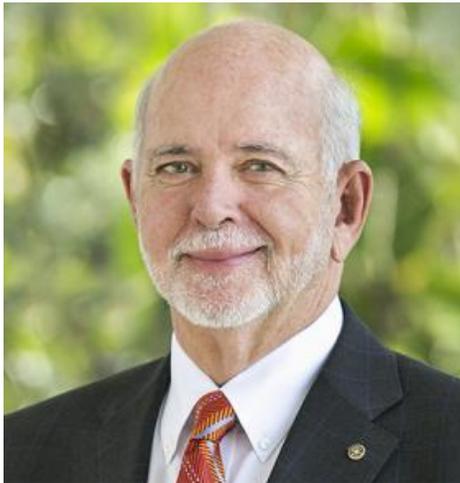


ed back to help the painting process! We also spent time helping at the Salvation Army Hydroponics facility and learned a few things about hydroponic farming. We have even begun making plans for the second annual International Dinner night, in conjunction with the International Club at North.

Thanks, Alma DE Blasio

## Presidential Message February 2019

Barry Rassin  
President 2018-19  
February 2019



In my travels over the past year, I've visited many strong, vibrant clubs and districts that are transforming their communities. When I attend their meetings, I can feel the energy. When I meet their members, I can see they are people of action. And when I look at their communities, I can recognize the impact of their work.

I've also visited communities with Rotary clubs that were hardly more than social clubs. It shouldn't ever be that way. Fortunately, there's a simple approach that I believe can help revitalize any club.

I'd like to challenge every Rotary club to come up with at least one high-impact service project. Each club already has the potential, the resources, to make it happen. It has the power to change people's lives — completely.

It doesn't take millions of dollars. One of the most transformational projects I've been a part of involved providing a Jeep to a group of midwives in Haiti. We had asked the midwives what we could do for them, and they told

us they needed a way to reach expectant mothers in a remote part of the country. We supplied a Jeep, painted it pink, and put the Rotary logo on it. Three years later, we went back to see how they were doing. They were excited by the outcomes: They told us that the mortality rate for mothers and infants in that region had dropped by 50 percent. That's what I call transformational service.

But Jeeps don't last forever, and after eight years on the road, that vehicle was on its last legs. So we bought a pink Land Cruiser. It's still on the road, allowing the midwives to provide prenatal care to women in that remote region.

What makes a project transformational? It doesn't have to involve a lot of money, but it has to reach people and have a major impact in the community. That is the key, and that is where careful planning and thorough research come in. So do your research. Leverage your resources. Seek partnerships that can increase your impact. And then take action.

Of course, service is only part of what a strong club must offer. It must also have good speakers, provide leadership development, involve Rotaract and Interact, and bring value to its members and reasons to participate in Rotary events.

If your club is transformational and well-organized, everything else will follow. Members will be engaged, and new members will be eager to join you. Fundraising will be easier: People love to give when they see how their money is making a difference and when they know the organization is accountable. Your club will be vibrant, relevant, and alive — and it will *Be the Inspiration* to those within its ranks as well as to the community it serves.

## The 9th Annual Speakeasy Charity Casino

***The Rotary Club of Fairlawn Fundraiser March 30th, 2019***

Fairlawn, Ohio: The Rotary Club of Fairlawn will host its 9th annual Speakeasy Charity Casino Fundraiser on March 30th, 2019, from 6:00 - 11:00, at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn. The Rotary Club of Fairlawn will join forces with Akron Children's Hospital, Easterseals Northern Ohio and Habitat for Humanity of Summit County to make this a very special event in our community.

The Rotary Club of Fairlawn raised over \$1 million for children in this community and around the world since 1964. Speakeasy Charity Casino is the club's major fundraiser. Its main purpose is to help fund special projects for local charities. Through the Fairlawn Rotary Foundation, this year's proceeds will help local organizations that support children's education, health and welfare. As this year's recipients, Akron Children's Hospital, Easterseals Northern Ohio and Habitat for Humanity will be receiving proceeds from this event. Last year the Rotary Club of Fairlawn raised nearly \$40,000 which was distributed to local organizations.

The Speakeasy Charity Casino will be a fun-filled evening of dancing to a live band and games where everyone is a winner. Guests at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn will enjoy a nostalgic 1930s speakeasy atmosphere with professionally run simulated poker, blackjack, craps and roulette (all proceeds from the evening go to charity). A sit-down dinner will be provided along with oral and silent auctions, raffle entries for fabulous prizes, a cash bar, a "best-dressed" costume contest and fun at the gaming tables. The ticket price is \$125 per person. Of course, the real winners will be the charities and children of our community.

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## News From Gift of Life

Attached is a brief report from Dr. Alexandra Noisette, Haiti's first pediatric cardiologist. She is the Haitian pediatrician Gift of Life Northeast Ohio helped support and train along with our partners Gift of Life International and the Haiti Cardiac Alliance. She is back home in Haiti from her final year of training at Necker Children's Hospital in Paris and working again at St. Damien's Children's. We are beginning the planning process of our next activities to help Dr. Noisette establish her work within St. Damien's in a sustainable way. We will be discussing next steps to make a Cath Lab and children's cardiac services a self-sustaining part of St. Damien's service to the children of Haiti. Equipment improvements and appropriate ongoing training in partnership with Akron Children's Hospital are priorities under consideration. Thanks to so many of you that have supported Gift of Life NEO over the years. We can all take great pride in the accomplishments of Dr. Noisette and her commitment to serve the children of her home country. Without your support this could not have happened.

Ken  
Kenneth J. Fogle, Chair  
Gift of Life North East Ohio, Inc.  
216-861-5151  
Since my return from Paris, I started

my job at St Damien hospital. Every day I see new patients and those already following for heart disease. And all this is organized with the help and the good collaboration of Shelda Simon the nurse who works with me and HCA.

I am enjoying doing this job and the parents of the patients are very happy to have Haitian doctor explaining the heart disease in creole.

However, there is a lot to do to organize better this clinic.

My objectives:

Improving the care of children with heart disease

Increase the screening rate of congenital heart disease and rheumatic heart disease (I plan to see 150-200 patients monthly)

Develop the pediatric cardiologic in Haiti.

In order to attain these objectives, different actions are envisaged:

Participate in the training of the physicians (Teaching, Echo fast for the intensivists doctors)

Structure the reference network of children with heart disease

Write policy to better guide physicians on reference criteria

Have the different materials and inputs required for the operation of this clinic (pending adequate space, ekg machine, defibrillator, some drugs like milrinone).

My issues:

A problem with the echo machine that is constantly low on space. I really need an external drive for my daily backup

No available EKG machine sometimes I have to send the patients to another hospital to do it (usually the paper is inadequate)

I really hope in the next six months that the functioning of the cardiology clinic at St. Damien will be optimized.

Thanks to all the partners of St. Damien who make that possible: Warm thanks to GOL, Rotary International, Akron Children's Hospital, HCA.

***The Rotary Club of Chagrin Valley will hold a fund raiser on March 9th and Gift of Life Northeast Ohio will once again be a recipient of the Rotary Clubs of Hudson's May 17th Gala to continue support of Gift of Life NEO and Children's hearts throughout the developing worlds***

Thanks for what you all do.  
Kenneth J. Fogle, Chair  
Gift of Life North East Ohio

## Speakeasy Charity Casino cont'd

The spring fundraiser is one of the ways the Fairlawn Rotary Foundation raises money for local organizations and schools. The club's efforts to support local charities and build goodwill throughout the community stem from Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self." Rotary's compassion stretches well beyond the Akron community as it works to combat polio, poverty and illiteracy on national and international levels. Rotary focuses its time and efforts on service projects encompassing peace and conflict prevention and resolution, disease prevention and treatment, maternal and child health and economic and community development.

To order tickets to the Speakeasy Charity Casino, please contact Darethann Krill at 440-813-6230 or at DarethannK@gmail.com. More information is available on the Rotary Club of Fairlawn Ohio Facebook page. Corporate sponsorships are also available starting at \$395. If you are unable to attend the event, but would like to help, please send checks to the Fairlawn Rotary Foundation, Inc. at P.O. Box 13063, Fairlawn, Ohio 44334. The Fairlawn Rotary Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3).

## More Rotary International Fellowships

This is the sixth in the series of the Fellowships of Rotary International throughout the world. For more information on Rotary Fellowships or how you can become involved in fellowships please feel free to contact District 6630 Fellowship Chair, PDG Jack A. Young, (440-759-4000 or Jack1villa@aol.com)r

REMEMBER THE WORLD OF ROTARY IS HELPING ALL OF US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CULTURES OF THE WORLD AND EACH OTHER AS ROTARIANS

CHESS FELLOWSHIP - is an International and challenging Fellowship that exist to promote the International spirit of Rotary and the chess play among interested Rotarian's, ICFR members who share a mutual love of chess and an interest in the personal and cultural activities of Fellow members through individual correspondence.

INTERNATIONAL CARAVANNING FELLOWSHIP was started by British Rotarian's who caravans to Rotary International conventions at Nice, France. Since 1967 groups have been established in the Netherlands, Germany, North America, New Zealand and Australia. On most days they do their own thing by experiencing the local area and visit local tourist attractions and hold rallies.

COMPUTER USERS FELLOWSHIP holds a forum on callers webwiz and can handle many forums, sub forums and groups. The Fellowship is open to any Rotarian provided they register. The chair of this International Fellowship is from the RC of Cochin Sunrise in India.

CRICKET LOVING ROTARIAN'S. The fellowship is open to Ro-

tarian's and clubs who are interested in the game of cricket. They establish friendships throughout the world and hold international activities throughout the year.

CRUISING FELLOWSHIP - This is a social media based fellowship for Rotarian's who have and share in interest in Leisure cruising and enjoy traveling and enjoying visiting new places throughout the world.

CYCLING FELLOWSHIP - They are dedicated to promoting cycling as an opportunity for fellowship. Their objective is to develop and promote world wide friendship through cycling both competitive and touristic along with to serve local communities through cycling activities.

ROTARIAN DOCTORS - This a global organization of Rotary Physicians and allied professionals interested in networking and promoting service through hands on efforts and fellowship through visits and friendship exchanges

FISHING FELLOWSHIP - This fellowship provides friendship between Rotarian' s who enjoy recreational fishing and encourages special activities among its members so that young men and women can learn more about Rotary, sport fishing and the value of protecting the fishes of the world.

ITALIAN CULTURE FELLOWSHIP - The Rotary International Italian culture is worldwide and was established from small groups and exchange international projects which use their friendships to support their own district Rotary Projects.

ROTARIAN JAZZ - This fellowship brings together jazz loving Rotarian's

and musicians from all over the world. They share a common interest in Jazz and further their vocational development through Jazz along with experiencing new opportunities of learning new cultures.

LATIN CULTURE - This fellowship has a very active Rotary involvement including a translation of Rotary service into Spanish and Portuguese.of the latest Rotary news and services. They also encourage members to share information about the activities of their clubs ad district along with best practices.

LGBT FELLOWSHIP - This fellowship brings together members of the LGBT community and encourages Rotarians in learning more about each other and dhow we can all work together to build a better world. This fellowship was started in 2018.

OLD AND RARE ANTIQUES BOOKS AND PRINTS - This group of Rotarian's are interested in sharing the knowledge of old books and items to continue the history of what we have done and preserve the culture that we share. Along with this they want to share and educate others on this information.

FELLOWSHIP OF SINGLE ROTARIAN'S - Networking with single Rotarian's and friends is a delightful way, to share ideas, make travel easier and more economical , provide support for Rotary Service activities and make lasting friendship along with practicing the ideals of Rotary..

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# Rotary Action Groups - Another Way You Can Become Involved

By Jack A. Young, PDG 2005-06  
Rotary District 6630 Fellowship Chair

Rotary Action Groups help Rotary Clubs and districts plan and carry out community development and humanitarian service projects in their area of expertise. These groups are organized by Rotarians and Rotaractors who are proficient and have a passion for service in a certain field.

Rotary Action Groups operate in the following fashion.

1. Each group functions independently of Rotary International establishing its own rules, dues requirements and administrative structure.
2. Membership is open to Rotarians, their family members as well as participants and alumni of all Rotary and Foundation programs.
3. Rotary Action Groups must adopt Rotary International's standard by-laws and operate in accordance with Rotary Policy.

4. Rotarian Action Groups regularly collaborate with clubs and districts on service projects in their own area of specialty.

5. Rotary Action Groups can help clubs and districts obtain funding or other assistance for their service projects.

**BENEFITS OF ROTARY ACTION GROUPS: or BY STARTING A NEW ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP:** By joining a Rotarian Action Groups, you can engage in meaningful service activities outside your own club, community or country. By partnering with a Rotarian Action Group, your club or district can also gain the support of experts for planning and implementing a project.

The following is a list of current Rotary Action Groups.

Addiction Prevention  
AIDS & Family Health  
Alzheimer's and Dementia  
Blindness Prevention

Blood Donation  
Clubfoot  
Diabetes  
Disaster Assistance  
Domestic Violence Prevention  
Endangered Species  
Food Plant Solutions  
Health, Education and Wellness  
Hearing  
Hepatitis  
Literacy  
Malaria  
Mental Health  
Microfinance & Community Development  
Multiple Sclerosis  
Peace  
Polio Survivors and Associates  
Population and Development  
Preconception Care  
Slavery Prevention

For more information, please feel free to contact PDG Jack Young (440-759-4000 or Jack1villa@aol.com) or visit the website of the relevant Rotary Action Group or email [actiongroups@rotary.org](mailto:actiongroups@rotary.org).

## District 6630 Newsletter Policy

Submit story suggestions to Mike Johns, Jr.  
at [stonecut@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stonecut@sbcglobal.net).

We accept article ideas about club and district successes, including fundraisers, publicity efforts, service projects, and membership drives. Please include descriptions, high-resolution photos, and contact information in your email. Due to the high volume of submissions, we cannot promise to feature your story.

**PLEASE USE "ARTICLE FOR DISTRICT NEWSLETTER" IN THE SUBJECT LINE**

Rotary  Young Leaders in Action

February 2019 Engaging the next generation of Rotary leaders



Get ready to celebrate World Rotaract Week

This World Rotaract Week, 11-17 March, Rotaractors around the world will show how they take action in their communities! Here are four ideas for how you can join our World Rotaract Week global celebration:

1. **Serve.** Organize a special service project.
2. **Celebrate.** Plan a party and have fun!
3. **Give.** Support our causes and do good in the world.
4. **Join leaders in Hamburg.** Register now for the 2019 Rotaract Preconvention, 31 May to 1 June to meet Rotaractors from around the world, gain professional skills, and explore the breathtaking city of Hamburg.

No matter how you serve, celebrate, or give this World Rotaract Week, share how you're taking action with #WorldRotaractWeek and see how other clubs are celebrating around the world.

[JOIN THE CELEBRATION >](#)

## Rotary Youth Exchange News-February

February 2nd and 3rd found our Rotary Inbound, Rebound and future Outbound students gathering for an overnight experience of learning and fun at the Akron Rotary Camp on Lake Rex. The convening RYE leaders present were Shelia Hedrick (Inbound Chair), Robert Haydon (District General Chair) and Patrick Kelly (Outbound Chair). The Rotary program leaders were Susan Colville-Hall, Brian Chime, Marilyn Orr and Emily Patterson.



Amelia Kapostasy, Ana Crespan Fontenia, Drew Vargo, Patrick Culliton, Jacob Scharnweber, Ada Bicego, Patti Kitcharoenchai and Austin Brewster display their "global" sculpture (left to right).

Inbound students attending were Ada Cicero (Brazil), Ana Crispin Fontana (Spain), Partita "Patty" Kitcharoenchai (Thailand), Léa LaFond (France), Eduardo Nunes Machado Flora (Brazil), Natalie Sadkova (Czechia) Jacob Scharnweber (Germany) and Sotaro Yamasaki (Japan). Rebounder Drew Vargo (France) was joined by future Outbound students Austin Brewster, Patrick Culliton, Ethan Jones, Paige Ray, Sienna Leising, Amelia Kapostasy, Fionna Fisher and Jacob Weitman. The day started with a mixer in

which we learned more about our individual travel experiences and



Our Sunday morning chefs: Doug Hausknecht, Tamara and Joe Mora (left to right).

facts about each other. Inbound and future Outbounders were paired for a frank exchange of challenges and delights experienced during the early days of the inbound experience. Students learned more about cultural sensitivity by examining the various stages of ethnocentrism and ethnorelativism and discussing a series of case studies, sharing descriptions



Teamwork improves your time! Eduardo Nunes Machado Flora, Drew Vargo, Lea LaFond, Amelia Kapostasy, Patrick Culliton, Patti Kitcharoenchai and Ethan Jones (left to right).

of favorite breakfast menus and roleplaying. Brian Chima led several games involving teamwork and the value of worldwide currencies. Of course, there was plenty of time for socializing, playing cards and games

and just hanging out!

Sunday brought a hearty breakfast (thanks to Akron Rotarians Doug Hausknecht, Joe and Tamara Mora), a brisk walk and a snow sculpture contest. Stew Buchanan introduced the Rotary and RYE Cleveland Cavaliers' game and pre-game reception to be held on February 21st. Professional Sports are a huge part of the NE Ohio Culture—what a treat for our Inbound Students! The end of the Overnight also brought time to re-evaluate individual goals for the year and review language acquisition skills. Future outbound students and their parents experienced an afternoon of orientation. Rotary leaders present for the Sunday events were



A traditional snowman with really spooky eyes! Ethan Jones, Sotaro Yamasaki, Eduardo Nunes Machado Flora, Page Ray, Lea LaFond, Natalie Sadkova and Sienna Leising. (left to right).

District Governor Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski, District Governor Elect John Reyes, Past District Governor David Skrzynski, Bob Huges and Judy Stull (Short Term co-chairs). The next event on the social calendar for the RYE program is a toboggan event on February 17th at The Chalet.

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Rotary  Rotary Peace Centers

February, 2019 Making communities around the world more peaceful and vibrant



Join us in promoting the 2020 Rotary Peace Fellowship!

The 2020 Rotary Peace Fellowship application is now available. This fully funded fellowship provides peace and development leaders with the knowledge, skills, and networks they need to advance their peacebuilding careers. Help us publicize this incredible opportunity!

Here are some resources for promoting the program and recruiting candidates:

- Share our new promotional video.
- Circulate the fellowship announcement to your contacts.
- Do you know someone who could benefit from our program? Submit a name and email with our referral form, and we'll follow up with them.
- See the application page for an overview of the process and read the steps to becoming a peace fellow.
- Follow us on the Rotary Peace Centers Facebook page and share our fellowship updates on your own pages.
- Rotarians, take the courses All About the Rotary Peace Fellowship and The Role of the District to learn everything you need to know about the fellowship.

Interested candidates must apply to their districts by 31 May. Districts need to submit endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation by 1 July. Learn more about the district interview and endorsement process.

[APPLY NOW](#)

Rotary  Rotary Service and Engagement

February, 2019 Connect. Partner. Serve



Sparking peace in your community

Each day, conflict and persecution drive 44,400 people worldwide from their homes, according to UNHCR figures. Rotary's service projects, scholarships, and peace fellowships take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, which include poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

During February, Rotary Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month, think about service projects that can build peace and mitigate conflict. Rotary has many resources to get you started.

Take action

Bring your project ideas to life with guidance from a Rotarian Action Group

- The [Rotarian Action Group for Peace](#) gives Rotary members resources for projects to advance world peace and can help turn ambitious plans into life-changing realities.
- The [Rotarian Action Group for Family Safety](#), *Breaking the Family Violence Cycle* helps clubs and districts plan and implement programs that address domestic violence.
- The [Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery](#) provides information and ways to get involved with campaigns to fight slavery and human trafficking.