





2017 District Conference of Clubs Speaker Line-up



Tim Murphy Rotary International President's Representative PDG District 5950, Rotary Club of Edina

Tim Murphy served as president of the Rotary Club of Edina in 2006-2007 and District Governor of District 5950 in 2015-2016.

Tim joined the Rotary Club of Edina, the largest club in District 5950, in 1995 and has been fully immersed as a humanitarian in this great organization since.

He and wife, Cindy, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and members of the Paul Harris Society.

Murphy has served Rotary in many leadership roles through his home club and District, including International Project Chair, District Grants Subcommittee Chair (DGSC), and District Rotary Foundation Subcommittee Chair (DRFC) in charge of Programs. He was a Group Study Exchange Team Leader to East Africa and is currently a member of the District 5950 Foundation Board. Additionally, Tim was a presenter at the District 9200 Conference in East Africa, at many Zone Institutes, North Central Presidents Elect Training, and The Rotary Foundation Arch Klumph Award Ceremonies. Most recently, Murphy served as a Training Facilitator for District Governor Nominees at the Zone Institutes and presided over the Interfaith Service at the Legacy Zone in Cleveland.

Tim is a recipient of Rotary International's *Four Avenues of Service Award* and in 2012 received its highest honor, the *Service Above Self Award*.

Murphy was instrumental in expanding District 5950's *Safe Water Plus Program* to Kenya, Malawi, Uganda, Guatemala and Honduras over the past seven years. He developed an international service project tracking system for four worldwide locations and created a reporting system that monitored Club, District, and TRF contributions that included three large Global Grants that totaled more than \$3 million.

Tim personally funded and led nine trips to introduce Rotarians and non-Rotarians to East Africa to encourage first-hand knowledge of the need for water projects and to gain support and assist with community-needs assessments. He speaks regularly to the clubs in District 5950 and elsewhere about International Service Project opportunities and OUR Rotary Foundation. He has also helped to raise funds for many of these projects, an effort that has helped District 5950 achieve recognition as a "top ten contributor" to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund for several years.

Tim's philosophy of collaboration – an effort that not only promotes collaboration among clubs, but also among districts and non-Rotary individuals and organizations – has impacted millions around the world!

Tim and Cindy founded and operate a group of automotive mechanical repair facilities in the Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota area. He and Cindy have three adult children -- Rick (Maria), Renee (Matt), and Ryan. They enjoy travel and family time when not involved with Rotary.







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Donald Kwait Trustee, The Rotary Foundation 1982-85 Treasurer Rotary International 1979-80 Director Rotary International 1978-80 District Governor 1969-70

Don is a retired dentist. He is a Fellow of the International College of Dentistry and the Academy of General dentistry. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Quality Assurance Physicians and was a surveyor for the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

Don served two years as President of the American Academy of Dental Group Practice and as a volunteer at the free clinic. The Cleveland Dental Hygienists Society, the Cleveland Dental Assistants Association

and the American Business Women's Association chose him Boss of the Year.

He has been active in his community serving as president of the Wickliffe Chamber of Commerce and as a founding trustee of the Lake County Bluecoats. Don has been active in scouting and the United Way. He taught Junior Achievement to third graders and volunteers in the Heart Transplant Section and Cardiac Catheterization at the Cleveland Clinic.

He has been married to Bea for 68 years and has three children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. A Rotarian since July, 1956, Don is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Chagrin Highlands, and served as president in 1998-99. He also served as president of the Rotary Club of Wickliffe in 1962.

In 2002-03, he was the Zone 27/28 Coordinator for the Polio Eradication Fund Raising Committee. He and his committee raised over \$11.4 million in donations and were recognized for having the second highest total out of 17 paired districts in the world.

Don served The Rotary Foundation as a Trustee and Rotary International as Director, Treasurer, International Assembly Discussion Leader, Moderator of the International Assembly, International Institute Chairman, committee and chairman member, Task Force Coordinator, Rotary Information Counselor and District Governor. In 1982-83 he served as aide to Rotary International President Hiroji Mukasa.

Don and Bea have attended 31 Rotary International Conventions and have served as the personal representative of the President of Rotary International at District Conferences and meetings in 66 countries.

He has received The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, the Distinguished Service Award, the Polio Plus Pioneers Award and the Legacy to Children Award. He was a charter member of The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society and is a Major Donor.





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Ken Babby Owner / CEO, Akron RubberDucks

Ken Babby became Owner and Chief Executive Officer of the Akron RubberDucks, Double-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians, in October 2012 when he purchased the then-named Akron Aeros.

Babby is the founder of Fast Forward Sports Group LLC, through which he additionally purchased the then-named Jacksonville Suns, Double-A affiliate of the Miami Marlins, in September 2015, becoming the youngest multi-franchise owner in professional sports. Following the 2016 season, the Suns started a new identity as the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp.

Akron RubberDucks baseball has taken flight under Babby. In four seasons, the franchise's second-ever owner has invested more than \$7 million into Akron's Canal Park, which includes one of the largest HD video board in the minor leagues, and attendance has increased by 28 percent.

Following a successful identity change after the 2013 season, the team went on to win Minor League Baseball's prestigious Larry MacPhail Award as the top promotional team in 2015. The 2016 was packed with honors for the RubberDucks, including an Eastern League championship, the franchise hosting the Eastern League All-Star Game and Home Run Derby for the first time, and the club's nomination for the John H. Johnson President's Award, which honors Minor League Baseball's "most complete franchise."

Babby was named one of *Sports Business Journal*'s 2016 "Forty Under 40," recognizing excellence and innovation in sports business careers. In 2015, Crain's Cleveland Business also honored him as one of its local 2015 "Forty Under 40" awards.

Babby, 36, is a Potomac, Maryland, native who spent 13 years with the *Washington Post*, rising to positions such as Vice President, Advertising, and Chief Revenue Officer of Washington He is a full-time Akron resident and a visible presence at RubberDucks and Jumbo Shrimp games, as well in the local communities where he serves on several boards.



Roger Cram Rotary Club of Aurora

Roger Cram was employed by Hiram College for the past thirty years teaching at other local colleges as well. During this time, he extensively researched the values and methodologies used by over eighty world heroes of peace. Cram discovered a common and unified methodology among all heroes revealing how they embraced obstacles as opportunities for growth, utilized fear to show courage, protected and maintain the dignity of their adversaries, crusaded compassionately for those unable to speak for themselves, and celebrated diversity for the enrichment of mankind. Cram, as a motivational speaker, offers the inspiring results of his research to the U.S. Military, colleges and universities, and progressive organizations. He presented his research as the opening speaker for the Rotary International World-Peace Conference held in Windsor, Ontario.

Cram also advocates against human trafficking by offering programs condemning this horrible plight. He served as Master of Ceremonies at Canada's opening Anti-Human Trafficking program held at York University in Toronto and has presented seminars on Human Trafficking at Winnipeg, Manitoba.





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Cram has appeared on Cleveland's Channel 5 and Channel 8 News regarding his anonymous giving organization SSSSH as well as CNN News, Cleveland Magazine, good morning America, USA Today, and People Magazine. The Discovery Channel presented a thirty-minute holiday special on SSSSH filmed in Northeastern, Ohio. This inspiring program won the film award for excellence at the International Banff Film Festival in Alberta, Canada.

Cram's organization SSSSH encourages anonymous good deeds for total strangers through a secret network of over 50,000 world-wide members comprising all fifty states and over twenty countries. Cram has coined the term "Ego-Free Compassion" for anonymous giving and is here today to encourage us all to compassionately participate in SSSSH.



Geoff Goll District 6650, Rotary Club of Salem

Geoff Goll is a member of the Rotary Club of Salem, Ohio. He is a committed Rotarian who has served as Club President and District Governor of Rotary District 6650. In addition, Geoff has served as Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator and most recently as the End Polio Now Coordinator for Rotary Zone 29. During his tenure as the End Polio Now Coordinator, Geoff tells a powerful story regarding polio that is truly unique and compelling.

His other Rotary activities include being a presenter at many PETS and GETS assemblies and other Rotary training events. Geoff is a recipient of Rotary's "Service Above Self Award", which is awarded each year to no more than 150 Rotarians in the Rotary world who exemplify service to others.

Geoff is also active in community affairs having served as a long-time chairman of his city's utilities committee. He has chaired and served on the boards of numerous foundations and is currently a member of the city council in Salem, Ohio.

He is an attorney in private practice. Geoff is married to Kim and they have two adult daughters, Megan and Yvonne. Geoff and Kim are members of the Arch Klumph Society.



Larry Wright PDG District 6400 Rotary Club of Taylor, Michigan

Member of the Rotary Club of Taylor since 1983, Larry served as Club President 1991-92 and District Governor from 1995-96.

District positions include District Conference Chair (5x), New Generations Chair, District Webmaster and 10 years on the District Youth Exchange committee as General Chair and General Administrator. Wright was a District COL Representative. He and Sarah, his wife, have hosted 8 exchange students.





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Larry was a RI Training Leader, Zone GETS Training Leader 2001 and 2002 and Zone Institute Chair 2004 and 2012. Wright served as Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC) 2002-04 for Zone 28 and twice as Chairman on the Nominating Committee for Director. He was the Zones Promotions chair for the R.I. Chicago Convention 2005 and most recently the Rotary Coordinator (RC) for Zone 29.

Larry holds a BS degree from Eastern Michigan University. He and Sarah have run their landscape-contracting firm for 41 years.

Married to Sarah since 1976, Larry has two daughters, Rachelle and Andrea, and four grandchildren. Sarah and Larry are Paul Harris Fellows, Charter members of the District Paul Harris Society, The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society and Major Donors. Larry is a recipient of Rotary's 'Service Above Self' recognition, The Rotary Foundation's 'Citation for Meritorious Service', the Rotary Foundation's 'Distinguished Service Award' and recently recognized with the 'Rotary Responsible Business Award' at the United Nations.



John (Jack) A. Young PDG District 6630, Rotary Club of Conneaut

Jack A. Young, PDG 2005-06 has been in Rotary since 1995 and is the 1999-2000 Past President of the Rotary Club of Conneaut, Ohio. He served as the Assistant Governor of Ashtabula County for 4 years. He served as the Zone 28-29 Chair for Membership and Literacy, Member of the Zone 28-29 Institute Planning Committee for 2007 and 2014. He is a Level 4 Paul Harris Fellow and a Bequest Society Member of the Rotary International Foundation.

PDG Young was on the Board of Directors of Shelter Box USA from 2007/2014; Shelter box Board of Director Emeritus 2-15-16; and past chair of the Shelter Box Rotary Relations Committee 2012-14. In 2016, PDG Young was selected to be in the Shelter Box USA Hall of Fame.

He is currently on the Board of Directors for the American Nicaragua Hope and Relief International Foundation (2009-17) and has made 11 trips to the Children of the Dump in Chinnendega, Nicaragua. PDG Young was the 2011-14 Ohio Representative and 2015-17 Vice Chair for the INTER AMERICAN REGION (North, Central and South America) for the Fellowship of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians.

In 2010, PDG Young received the highest award from Rotary International, (SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD). In 2014 he received the Rotary/Scouting Cliff Dochterman (Past RI President) Award and in 2015 Received the AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR AWARD from Shelter Box USA. In 2015 he also received District 6630 PDG and Past RI Director Michael Johns Life Time Achievement Award. In 20211, 2012 and 2013, he received the bronze level United States "Volunteer Award" from the President of the United States. PDG Young has traveled to the Children of the Dump in Nicaragua 11 times since 2006. Through his efforts and Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Friends of Rotary, District 6630 has sent over 1 million 015 Thousand dollars of valued items to Nicaragua. This includes Christmas Shoe Boxes, Layettes to the Pregnant Shelter, medical supplies, a Fire Truck, 3 ambulances and various fire fighting equipment, baseball equipment, dictionaries, pace makers and other supplies being sent to Nicaragua.





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On a personal note, he is the Founder (1999) and administrator of a 90 room suite Assisted Living Facility (The Villa at the Lake) in Conneaut, Ohio. He is a life time member and a Senior Professional in Human Resources and a 10 year member of the International Employee and Labor Relations Committee for the Society of Human Resource Management.

He served as the President of the Licking County Board of Directors for the Mental Health Association and is a past President of the State of Ohio Mental Health Association. He was also the past Board President of the Conneaut Chamber of Commerce and a past board member of both the Newark. Ohio and Ashtabula Chamber of Commerce. While in Conneaut, he was on the Board of Directors for the Ashtabula County United Way and was the Advisory Council Chair for the Venture Scouting Organization for the Boy Scouts of America.

He has served as a Human Resource Director or VP of Operations for Companies such as Celanese Corporation, Michael Industries, OM Scotts, IT &T, Bailey Corporation and Capital Manufacturing before he founded The Villa at the Lake, Senior Assisted Living Facility.

In addition to his Rotary involvement, he is a 49 year Mason and member of American Union # 1 in Marietta, Ohio, a 32 Degree Mason, member of both the Scottish and York Rite Masonic Organizations, and a member of the Aladdin Shrine Temple in Columbus, Ohio. He also has received the highest Award given to a DeMolay, The Distinguished Service Award for Service, and received the Senior DeMolay Legion of Honor Award. While serving in the US Air Force he was the Chapter Advisor for the Barstow Chapter Order of DeMolay in California and received the Adult Advisor Cross of Honor Award. He is also a past President of the Conneaut, Ohio Lions Club and a member of Kiwanis International.

He served in the Air Force and is a 4 year Viet Nam Era Veteran and was honored with the Airman of the Year 1in 1970 while stationed in Boron, California. He has made presentations representing Rotary in England, Japan, Australia, United States and Sweden. A 1965 graduate from Marietta, Ohio High School, he received his Undergraduate Degree in Business and a double Masters (Human Resource Management and Health Care Administration) from Central Michigan University. He has been an adjunct professor at Ohio University, Kent State and Columbus State Business College.

He has 3 children Melissa and Michael of Marysville, Ohio and Emily of Galloway, Ohio and 8 grand children. His partner is Marsha Pappalardo, Past President of the RC of Brunswick and Assistant Governor of Medina County. Marsha chaired the District Conference held In Geneva, Ohio and several Rotary Foundation events. Marsha has also traveled to the Children of the Dump in Nicaragua and received District 6630 "Rotarian of the Year Award" in 2014-15.