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District 6630



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**FIFTY CLUBS. ONE PURPOSE.  
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2025-26 District Conference & Learning Assembly

**APRIL 24 & 25, 2026**

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**ROTARY CLUB OF HILLCREST SUNRISE**

## Welcome from our District Governor



Thank you for taking time out of your busy life and spending it with us this weekend at the Cleveland Marriott East in Warrensville Heights. We know how valuable your time is, especially during the weekend. We have worked extremely hard to make the time with us and your fellow Rotarians a fun event filled with reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. Our shared passion of Service above Self will be evident throughout the weekend. We have tailored events so there are opportunities to gain experience and to share our passions, our successes with each other, and have open dialog on what we can do better. This is one of the few times during the Rotary year that we can all gather from our clubs and Unite for Good.

This year has been so rewarding visiting all our clubs and seeing the wonderful things each club has done. The plethora of service projects, events, and the depth of your service to others is humbling. I hope each of you have opportunities to share with each other the wonderful things that we do that demonstrate our Service Above Self. I hope you are looking forward to sharing with each other innovative ideas, progress on projects and sharing the stories of people's lives that have been changed.

This year our DLA was tailored to give you information and tools that can assist you in both professional and personal life. Todd Morgano will show us how to harness the art of storytelling and use the human connection to attract new members, boost fundraising and share the wonders of Rotary with others. Dale Smith and Tina Ingraham will help us look at new ideas to improve our Rotary experience and make people want to come to meeting and events. Sue Nelson will give us tools that will help avoid misunderstandings and what we can do when there are. Kevin Wermer and Jennifer Kelley will explain how our Youth Exchange students are real ambassadors of peace.

Friday Evening we have our friend and Peace Scholar Wisdom Addo talk on how he is helping youth in Ghana learn to become agents of change in their communities. After his discussion we have a great meal with several food stations before we play Rotary Jeopardy with host Steve Warren. Our eight-area cluster of clubs will compete against each other in a fun filled event on Rotary trivia.

Saturday is our member favorite, our Youth Luncheon where we will commission our outgoing Youth Exchange students, hear our top finishers in the District 4-Way Test speech contest and learn about the wonderful service projects our Interact clubs United for Good. Our Dinner Saturday we hear from Katie Spatz, an endurance athlete and clean water advocate on her world record attempt to solo row the Pacific Ocean to bring clean water to families and communities in Fiji. This live interview will include a Q & A session where we can find out what drives her to make a difference. Each night we will have the opportunity after dinner for fellowship and fun in our hospitality room.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Marriott East, it is a world-class conference center whose staff has worked hard to make this a premier event for each of us. Let's enjoy ourselves, make new memories and continue to Unite for Good, and have fun doing it!

## About District Governor Bob Oborn



Bob Oborn was born and raised in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and graduated from Cuyahoga Falls High School in 1976. After high school, Bob chose to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Army as a Military Policeman. He completed tours both stateside and in West Germany, before receiving an honorable discharge in 1979.

Upon his return to civilian life, Bob pursued a career in private security before joining Kent Elastomer Products, Inc. (formerly Kent Latex Products) in 1981 as a general laborer. Over the course of his remarkable 42-year career at Kent, Bob worked in a variety of roles, including positions in manufacturing and operations. In 2011, he was named President of the company.

While building his career, Bob also focused on his education, earning a BA in Administration with a minor in Management from Malone College and later an MBA from Kent State University. His commitment to continuous learning and improvement led him to become an expert in

Continuous Improvement and Lean Manufacturing. Bob gave many presentations to local companies on reducing waste and improving profitability.

Under Bob's leadership, Kent Elastomer became a key player in the community. The company, along with Bob, supported several local initiatives including The Kent Community Center, Ronald McDonald House of Northeast Ohio, and Birdie Bags, a school food initiative founded by Candace Curtis, wife of professional golfer Ben Curtis. Kent Elastomer was also involved in the Kent Chamber of Commerce and the Northeastern Ohio Better Business Bureau.

In 2009, Bob was sponsored by Jeff Wagner and joined the Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls. Throughout his time in Rotary, Bob has held numerous positions, including Interact Chair, Board Member, and President. He also became highly involved at the district level, serving as Assistant Governor for Northern Summit County, District Interact Co-Chair, and Chair of the Conference of Clubs. Bob's dedication to Rotary's ideals is reflected in his status as a level 1 Major Donor, a level 1 Bequest Society member, a level 5 Paul Harris Fellow, and a member of the Paul Harris Society. He was honored as Rotarian of the Year in 2016-17.

Bob and his wife Annette, whom he married in 1987, reside in Munroe Falls, Ohio. They have two children: Allison (married to Alex) who lives in Cuyahoga Falls, and Patrick (married to Emma) who resides in Richmond, Virginia. The Oborns are also proud pet owners of a lovable Chocolate Lab named CJ and a moody, spoiled cat named Delilah.



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PACK AWAY  
**HUNGER**

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE SERVICE PROJECT

All are welcome to join us as we UNITE FOR GOOD in a powerful day of service at our Pack Away Hunger service project.

Because of our clubs' generosity, we raised over \$8,000 and will be able to pack 20,000 nutrient-dense meals to support local food banks and families facing food insecurity throughout the region.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 25  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
YOUTH LUNCHEON**



### SILENT AUCTION TO SUPPORT PEACEJAM

From the hearts and hands of children in West Africa come these beautiful pieces of art with one goal - to encourage and celebrate the power of peace.

Help us raise money for the West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation's PeaceJam by bidding on these silent auction works of art and inspiration. Artwork is on display in the House of Friendship. Silent auction winners will be announced Saturday evening. You do not need to be present to win.



## Need Help with ClubRunner?

Visit District 6630 Webmaster Cheryl Warren at the District Conference. She is hosting a ClubRunner Help Desk in the House of Friendship to answer questions about your club's website and any questions about the ClubRunner software.

Contact Cheryl to schedule an appointment:  
[cawarren@neo.rr.com](mailto:cawarren@neo.rr.com)



**FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
APRIL 24 & 25, 2026**



## LIVE AUCTION

*at the District Conference*

TO BENEFIT KATIE SPOTZ  
PACIFIC ROW FOR CLEAN WATER

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25  
EVENING KEYNOTE EVENT**

### **BID ON THIS LIVE AUCTION PACKAGE:**

- First Pitch Toss at Cleveland Guardians End
- Polio Now Night - Wed. August 19, 2026
- 1,000 Paul Harris Points
- History of District 6630 Book by Ed Thomas



Learn More about Katie's Pacific Row Mission & Donate Direct:



**ONE DROP  
MATTERS**

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS • ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 CONFERENCE

## FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

2:00 PM            **Registration & House of Friendship Open**  
*Located in the Atrium*

3:00 PM            **District 6630 Annual Business Meeting**  
*Salons I & II - Bring Your Credentials*

4:00 PM            **Celebration of Life Memorial Service**  
*Salons V & VI*

5:00 PM            **Unite for Good Reception**  
*Atrium (Cash Bar)*

6:00 PM            **Unite for Good Evening Program**

**Speaker Rotary Peace Fellow Wisdom Addo –  
PeaceJam: A Voice for Justice and Human Rights**  
*Ballroom*

The PeaceJam WA Education Program is transforming young lives by connecting students with the inspiring legacies of Nobel Peace Laureates, empowering them to become agents of change in their own communities. Through this powerful program, youth don't just learn about justice and human rights — they live it. They develop the courage to speak up, the compassion to serve, and the conviction to lead. As Rotarians, we share this vision: a world built on service, integrity, and dignity for all. Join the conversation as we explore how education can be the greatest tool for peace. Together, we can amplify the next generation's voice for a more just and humane world.

6:20 PM            **Dinner Buffet Stations open**

7:00 PM            **Rotary Jeopardy with Steve Warren**  
*Ballroom*

Cheer on teams from all eight clusters in this fun night!

8:00 PM -  
10:00 PM           **Hospitality Suite**  
Sponsored by Past District Governors  
*Cleveland Room*

**END  
POLIO  
NOW**

## RAFFLE TICKETS TO END POLIO NOW!

Once again, we have gorgeous raffle baskets to help raise money to End Polio Now! You can purchase your tickets at the Registration Desk, or find one of our volunteer ticket sellers throughout the Conference. This year, all raffle ticket proceeds will go to:  
**End Polio Now.**

## HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP! VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE

See what fellow clubs are doing as well as community organizations they support. You can get to know our RYE Inbound students, too. It's a great place to visit and get inspired! Have a favorite? Vote for the best as one winner will be selected as the "Best in Show" of the House of Friendship. Turn in your ballot to Registration. Winner will be announced at the Saturday Luncheon.



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## SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

- 7:30 am **Opening Breakfast (ticketed)**
- 8:15 am **District Leadership Assembly Kick-Off**  
with Color Guard, Pledge of Allegiance and Reflection
- 8:00 am - 6:00 pm House of Friendship Open until 6:00 pm

### **DLA Sessions – 45 min sessions**

- 9:00 am - 9:45 am **Public Image: Telling the Story – Presenter Todd Morgano**  
*Salon V*  
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- 9:00 am - 9:45 am **Creating the Perfect Club – Presenter Dale Smith**  
*Salon VI*  
How do we build clubs that people can't wait to join? This interactive 45-minute session moves beyond theory and into action. Working in dynamic break-out groups, you will collaborate to design the perfect traditional, companion, and caused-based clubs.
- 10:00 am - 10:45 am **Compassion Over Division – Presenter Rotary Peace Fellow Wisdom Addo**  
*Salon V*  
In a time of increasing polarization, Compassion Over Division encourages participants to explore how empathy, understanding, and respectful dialogue can bridge differences and strengthen communities. This interactive session will examine the roots of division and highlight practical ways to respond with compassion. Through role-plays and guided discussions, participants will practice real-life scenarios that build skills in active listening, conflict resolution, and constructive communication. By the end of the session, participants will be better equipped to foster understanding, reduce conflict, and promote unity in their communities.
- 10:00 am - 10:45 am **Keep More Members: Design the Experience That Makes Them Stay – Presenters Tina Ingraham and Dale Smith**  
*Salon VI*  
Seven in ten new Rotarians leave within five years of joining. It's not because Rotary isn't "worth it". It's because we haven't designed an experience that makes them feel it is. In this hands-on session, you'll use your own Rotary experience to build a portrait of what keeps members - and leave with a concrete plan to create it deliberately.

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- 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM **From 'Oops' to 'Oh No!': Stopping Misunderstandings Before the Chairs Start Emptying - Presenter Sue Nelson**  
*Salon V*  
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- 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM **Rotary Youth Exchange – International Ambassadors of Peace – Presenters Kevin Wermer, Patrick Kelley, Jennifer Kelly, Tanisha Taylor**  
*Salon VI*  
Ready to help a young person take their world a little further? Join us for an exciting and inspiring meeting to learn more about the Rotary Youth Exchange - a powerful opportunity where young leaders explore new cultures, build lifelong relationships, and grow into confident global citizens. Come catch the energy, hear impactful stories, and discover how we, as Rotarians, can continue shaping the next generation through this life-changing experience. We will be sharing our latest marketing tools from the District to help grow this program. It's a transformational journey that reflects the heart of Rotary—Service Above Self.
- 12:00 PM Noon **Celebration of Youth Luncheon**  
*Ballroom*  
Parade of Flags  
Pledge and Reflection  
Outbound Youth Exchange Commissioning  
*Lunch Served*  
50-year Rotarian recognitions Interact Service Project presentation  
RYLA Presentation  
4-Way Test Speech Contest Winners presentation  
250 Acts of Kindness Launch  
Richard C. "Dick" Pitcher Award presentation  
House of Friendship Award Winners Announced
- 2:30 PM **District Service Project – Pack Away Hunger**  
*Salons I & II*  
Listen for instructions after lunch as we gather to prepare at least 20,000 meals – fun and hands all for all in attendance or who want to come join us.
- 3:30 PM **President-Elect Training/Budget Review with DGE Terri Speck**  
*Cleveland Room (PEs Only)*

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5:00 PM

**Unite for Good Governor's Reception**  
*Ballroom Foyer (Cash Bar)*

6:00 PM

**Unite for Good Governor's Banquet**  
Ballroom  
Raffle Basket Winners Drawn  
Live Auction  
Presentation of Gary M. Neuman Award

### **"A Long row for Clean Water: An Evening with Katie Spotz"**

**Presenter District Public Image Chair Tina Ingraham and Katie Spotz**

What does it take to row across the Pacific Ocean alone — and why would someone do it? Join Rotary District 6630 Public Image Chair Tina Ingraham for an unforgettable conversation with endurance athlete, adventurer, and clean water advocate Katie Spotz as she prepares for a world-record attempt to solo row the Pacific Ocean.

Katie's mission is bigger than the journey itself: to raise \$1,000,000 for clean water projects in Fiji that will transform lives for families and communities in need. Through powerful stories, incredible video footage, and an inspiring live interview, you'll leave amazed and energized by what is possible when courage, purpose, and Rotary come together.

After Dinner

### **Hospitality Suite**

Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls  
*Cleveland Room*



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Special thanks to our 2026 District Conference Planning Committee for all your work in putting together this wonderful weekend for our Rotarians to connect, engage and celebrate 50 for One: Unite For Good.

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**FRIENDS OF ROTARY:**

**Hillcrest Sunrise Rotary Club**



**2025-26 Inbound Students:**

**Brazil - Guilherme Schatzmann**

*Medina Sunrise Rotary - Medina High School*

**Germany - Emelie Helbert**

*Kent Rotary Club - Theodore Roosevelt High School*

**Japan - Tosuke Ohashi**

*Rotary Club of West Shore - Fairview High School*

**Peru - Luciana Ortiz**

*Akron Rotary Club - Stow-Munroe Falls High School*

**Thailand - Ekkonkhun Puangchart**

*Aurora Rotary Club - Aurora High School*

**2025-26 Outbound Students:**

**Chile - Maggie Thomas**

*Heights of Greater Cleveland - Beaumont High School*

**Mexico - Selena Pintos**

*Medina Sunrise Rotary - Black River High School*

**Belgium - Kevin Fu**

*Chagrin Highlands - Beechwood High School*

**Spain - Caleb Wright**

*West Geauga Rotary Club - West Geauga High School*



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**ABOUT PRESENTER TODD MORGANO:**

Todd Morgano has more than 30 years of experience developing and managing strategic communications and crisis plans for large and complex B2C and B2B companies. He has held leadership positions in corporate environments (Progressive Insurance, National City/PNC, The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland) and within top independent PR and advertising agencies (Falls & Co., Marcus Thomas, Dix & Eaton, Northlich, Hitchcock Fleming, and Zero-G Strategy).



As an early adopter and practitioner of generative AI, Todd also counsels companies on how to maximize human-led AI practices that elevate their capabilities and make them more efficient. Before joining the corporate world, Todd was a television journalist, anchor and managing editor.



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**ABOUT PRESENTER SUE NELSON:**

Sue Nelson, much older than she looks, was a career coach for 4,051 mid-life professionals, as well as a culture fixer for 35 organizations, all of whom are happy that she has now retired and moved on to serving in Rotary. She checks the boxes for District Grants, and asks annoying questions on Rotary Club of Cleveland's International Service and Membership committees and Board - all in between adventures with her grandchildren.

Over 30 years, Sue has been asked to figure out what would help organizations thrive, or at least stay out of trouble. She has coached companies of all sizes (from Ford Motor Company to Cleveland Museum of Art) to understand the power of our words and communicate in the most effective, meaningful way before hurtful misunderstandings lead to lawsuits.





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be better equipped to foster understanding, reduce conflict, and promote unity in their communities.

**About Wisdom Addo** - Wisdom Addo is a distinguished peacebuilder, educator, and social change agent who hails from Ghana. He serves as the Executive Director of the West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation, WACPF, a nonprofit organization focusing on empowering the youth through peace education, leadership development, human rights, and community services. He is also the Africa Director with the PeaceJam Foundation, USA, where he is a champion of Nobel Peace Laureates' values in Africa.

As a Rotary Peace Fellow, Wisdom has played an essential leadership position in leading PeaceJam's activities in Africa. He founded the PeaceJam affiliate in Ghana and helped established Nigeria, Uganda, and Liberia chapters, through the Gbowee Peace Foundation for Africa, in addition to providing steady support to PeaceJam South Africa. His efforts have encouraged hundreds of thousands of young people to become changemakers in their own communities.

Wisdom's educational qualifications match his professional background. He holds a master's degree in Peace Studies from the Rotary Peace Center at the International Christian University in Japan, a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies from Rotary Peace Centre, Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, and a certificate in International Civilian Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding from the Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Austria. He also studied conflict analysis and peacebuilding from the Central European University, Budapest, and The Network University, the Netherlands. He also obtained a bachelor's in computer science from the Association of Computer Professionals, ACP, United Kingdom.

Wisdom has conducted numerous workshops, trainings, and dialogues both locally and internationally over the years, promoting peaceful coexistence, conflict resolution, and cross-cultural understanding. His work continues to bridge divides and empower the next generation of peace leaders in West Africa, Africa and worldwide. His vision revolves around empowering youth with values, knowledge, and skills toward a more peaceful and just world. To learn more about West Africa Centre for Peace Foundation, scan QR code or visit: <https://wacpfg.org/>





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An Evening with Katie Spotz  
Saturday Keynote Event  
Ballroom***

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***About Katie:***

Katie Spotz is an endurance athlete, charitable ambassador, author, and world-record holder from Mentor, Ohio, who describes herself as being the "benchwarmer" throughout her life. However there came a time when she made a discovery: you don't have to be extraordinary to achieve incredible things. And she set about achieving them, one by one.

The list of accomplishments to Katie's name is long, and includes five ironman triathlon, cycling across America, a 325-mile river swim, running across deserts and a solo row across the Atlantic Ocean. But this wasn't just any row; when Katie arrived in Guyana, South America, after 70 days at sea, she set a world record for the youngest ever solo ocean rower and first American to row from Africa to South America, some of many records to her name.

***Why She Rows***

Throughout her adventures, Katie isn't just seeking to make history. She is also raising money for a cause she cares about - providing access to clean drinking water to everyone in the world. Along the way, Katie has helped more than 30,000 people have gained access to clean water in Haiti, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, India, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Nigeria, Kenya, and the USA. To date, more than \$300,000 has been raised and a total of 75 projects funded since 2010. Katie's goal is to raise \$1 million for water projects, giving kids a chance to stay in school and get an education instead of fetching water all day.



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Katie is continuing to raise awareness of the plight of billions around the world suffering from a lack of safe drinking water, as an Ambassador for H2O for Life, a non-profit that provides a service-learning opportunity for schools to raise awareness about the water crisis while taking action to provide funds for water, sanitation and hygiene education for a partner school in a developing country.

***Highlights:***

- Youngest person to row an ocean solo (Atlantic)
- First person to swim the entire 325-mile Allegheny River
- Ran 11 ultramarathons in 11 days across 11 states (world record)
- Completed a 3,300-mile human-powered crossing of South America
- U.S. Coast Guard Elite Athlete of the Year
- 3x TedX talker
- Glamour Magazine Woman of the Year
- American Red Cross Hero Award
- Cleveland Magazine - Most Interesting Person of the Year
- Featured in The New York Times, CNN, ABC, NPR, Joe Rogan Podcast, and more



To Learn more about Katie's Pacific Row and to donate to her cause, scan QR code or visit <https://katiespotz.com/>