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## DISTRICT LEADERSHIP AT WORK

District Governor, Do Nguyen, addresses our District Leadership at the District Advisory Committee Meeting on August 27, 2016 held at the University of Findlay.

The meeting was a great forum of sharing status reports and great future plans by District Leaders. Following a recharging lunch break, there was an informative training session for our Assisitant Governors by DGE Deb Cheney and DGN Maris Brenner.

Some of the reports will be shared in this issue of our District Newsletter

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## **FOUNDATION FACTORS**

District Foundation Chair, Joe Ludwig, reported at our recent DAC meeting that there was good information shared at the recent Foundation Seminar on Aug 20. There will be a power point presentation available in the DacDb files as well as some Foundation forms.

He also reported that there was a Grant Subcommittee meeting held Aug 22 to review 11 grant applications. There is \$58,312 available in DDF monies for local projects which is similar to last year.

There are a number of Global Grants in progress.

Our Giving to the Annual Fund last year was \$232,917 and Polio Plus was \$90,333 with an addition of \$50,000 from DDF to make a total \$140,933.

Joe's original goals were challenged by DG Do to increase Annual Fund giving this year to \$350,000 and Polio Plus to \$150,000. We can do it!!!



# WORLD POLIO DAY 2016 OCTOBER 24

Join Rotary for World Polio Day on October 24 to support polio eradication. Learn how you can celebrate with us.

Help us reach a Polio-free world and donate today. Every donation that we commit to polio eradication will be TRIPLED by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation!

#### Polio update:

Afghanistan 6 cases YTD compared to 8 last year. Pakistan 13 new cases YTD compared to 29 last year. Nigeria has had two new cases and first since July 2014. Urgent for all clubs to contact Harry <a href="hhlh2@aol.com">hhlh2@aol.com</a> to schedule polio programs. 23 clubs have scheduled so far. \$7300 sent in to RI so far this rotary year.

Harry Hooyenga rotary PP; PAG; FAC; Polio Plus Chairman for Rotary District 6600

# CENTENNIAL RED AND WHITE WINE NOW AVAILABLE

News Update by Rotary District 6600

In celebration of 100 years of doing good through The Rotary Foundation, District 6600 has commissioned Centennial Red and White Wine from Firelands Winery in Sandusky, Ohio. Please note these words from District 6600 Governor, Do Nguyen:

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is difficult to believe but we are already on our third production of the 100 Year Celebration Rotary Red Table Wine.

Thanks to the generosity of Rotarians in all of Ohio and especially our own District 6600, we have already received contributions enough to donate \$12,000 to the Rotary Foundation. As with our first two productions, the run is limited in number and is on a first donation, first confirm basis. As a District 6600 Rotarian you can order a case or more to use for special gifts, occasions, and even for the Holidays. Cases of wine will be delivered in September.

In addition, a new 100 Year Celebration White Table Wine is also being produced for a September delivery. We have had many Rotarians ask about white wine and we've listened.

YOUR contribution and request needs to be received as soon as possible as a portion of this production is also set to go to the Legacy Zone Institute in Cleveland in late in September. As important, there may not be another wine production run offered prior to the end of this year.

Please join fellow Rotarians by contributing \$288 and you will receive a case (12 bottles) of either the 100 Year Rotary Celebration Red or White Table Wine with commemorative label. Delivery is included in the price for District 6600 Rotarians. Time is truly limited to take advantage of this opportunity.

Thank you, in advance, for your continued enthusiasm for our Rotary Foundation's Centennial Year. Know that a minimum \$120 donation will be made for each \$288 contribution received by the District.

Yours in Rotary, Do Nguyen District Governor 6600







#### CHEERS TO 100 YEARS!

Help us celebrate 100 years of doing good in the world through The Rotary Foundation with exclusive, Private Label Red or White Table Wines from Firelands Winery in Sandusky, Ohio, commissioned by Ohio District 6600.

With each contribution of \$288.00 a minimum donation of \$120.00 will be made to The Rotary Foundation for the District named on your order form.

There is a limited amount available so please complete your contribution today. In appreciation of your \$288 contribution, you will receive a case (12 bottles) of the Private Label Red or White Wine.

Name	Rotary Title	
Club Name	District #	
Phone Number	Email	
Mailing Address		

Red Wine Cases	X \$288	\$
White Wine Cases	X \$288	\$
Total Shipped Cases	X \$25	\$
Add \$25 per case for shipments out Ohio. We can ship to: GA, IA, IN, MI, MO, NC, ND, WI, WV only.		

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Check payments only. No cash or credit. Please make check payable to:

Rotary District 6600
Rotary Foundation Celebration Fund
c/o Anthony Cuevas
5060 Fitch Dr. Sheffield Village, OH 44054

Please send questions to: acuevas1@yahoo.com

\*NO SHIPPING COST FOR OHIO DELIVERIES\*



On Sunday, October 23, 2016at 3pm, Rotarians and guests from around the world will come to Cleveland, Ohio, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation on the eve of World Polio Day.

The occasion will be marked with a special performance of The Cleveland Orchestra under the baton of associate conductor Brett Mitchell celebrating The Rotary Foundation from its humble beginnings with Founder Arch C. Klumph (a Cleveland native), through its global expansion and commitment to humanitarian works, to its present-day mission of eradicating polio throughout the world.

Balcony: \$50.00 - \$100.00 Dress Circle: \$75.00 - \$125.00 Orchestra Level: \$50.00 - \$95.00

Buy tickets at: www.clevelandorchestra.com

The Foundation Centennial Celebration has organized the celebration to include a Two tiered event – concert in the afternoon and dinner in the evening. Each requires a separate ticket. Concert prices vary.

Dinner is open to all Rotarians, spouses - \$140 plate.

Visit www.trf100.org for details and tickets.

Tables of 10 available. It is a fundraising event. All new monies to the Foundation counted as giving. Please consider a donation or pledge by September 30, 2016. \$1000 and above included in the program. \$10,000 above free dinner ticket(s).





# **Group Study Exchange (GSE)**

A GSE Team from R. I. District 6600 visited R.I. District 1020 (Southern Scotland) in 2015-16.

That Team and their sponsoring Rotary Clubs (RCs) were:

Team Leader Rotarian Julie McIntosh (Findlay Rotary Club)
Team member Emily Samlow (Bowling Green RC)
Team member Emily Goetschius (Elyria Sunrise RC)
Team member Joy Walk (Vermilion RC)
Team member Sarah Jackson (Elyria RC)

If your Rotary Club would like a program by one of the above on their Scotland visit, please contact Dr. Julie McIntosh (mcintosh@findlay.edu).

The current District Governor of District 1020 has informed us that District 1020 plans to send a return GSE Team, led by their last-year's DG Andy Ireland, in the Spring of 2017.

Our District 6600 GSE Committee is currently designing the itinerary and schedule for this visiting GSE Team.

If your Rotary Club would like to host this team of young professionals from Southern Scotland for several days while they are here and have not already volunteered, or if you would like to host them for a day at one of your Rotary meetings, please contact one of us ASAP.

GSE Co-chairs Ron Stoner (stonerron@gmail.com) Julie McIntosh (mcintosh@findlay.edu)

# Vocational Training Team (VTT) Committee Report

The VTT Committee is currently in the developmental stage of the following two VTT projects:

#### 1. Midwife VTT to R. I. District 3450. DG Do Nguyen, VTT co-chair Tim Ryan

PDG Gary Newton and Debbie Newton met with representatives of RC of Narlag Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, at the 2016 Rotary International Convention in Seoul, South Korea, to discuss a possible visit to Ulaanbaatar by a VTT of midwives to educate and train Mongolian midwives on modern western pre-natal care and birthing procedures. The RC of Narlag Ulaanbaatar has followed up with positive and informative emails. Debbie Newton is currently working with a group of Toledo-area midwives to determine feasibility of this project and to detail future plans.

#### 2. Kidney transplant VTT to R.I District 3220.

The north-central rice-growing region of Sri Lanka has been hard hit by an epidemic of kidney disease brought on by pollution of well water by agricultural chemicals. A TRF Global Grant is in draft form and nearly ready to submit to prevent this disease by providing clean drinking water to rice-farming villages through reverse osmosis, but that project, when implemented, will not help those who are already in a stage of irreversible kidney failure, and whose only hope is transplantation of a healthy donated kidney.

Kidney transplants are only successful when donor and recipient are well-matched to prevent rejection. The VTT Committee has been actively working with Dr. Michael Rees of the University of Toledo Medical Center on a possible VTT to implement a procedure he has developed with Nobel-prize-winning economist Dr. Al Roth to identify optimum multiple matches in large groups of potential kidney donors and recipients. This VTT would send Drs. Rees and Roth to Sri Lanka to meet with health professionals there to discuss, implement and train Sri Lankan medical personnel in using their matching method.

VTT Co-chairs; Tim Ryan & Ron Stoner

### **MEMBERSHIP MOMENT**

#### Hello all!

I am attempting to complete the remaining 330 miles (of 2,189 total) on the Appalachian Trail. When you read this, I hope to be in mid-Maine, and closer to my goal (October 6th summit of Mt Katahdin, Baxter State Park).

My report is as follows:

#### Goals for R.Y., '16'17

 Work with district clubs, to attain a district membership growth from 3,590\*

(7/1/16) to 3,690 = 100 new *quality* members (2.8%)

\*as of August 16, district membership is at 3,577

#### Plans for R.Y. '16-'17

- To establish a District Membership Committee, of which Dan Skilliter, Robbie Burke and Maris Brenner have agreed to serve. I would also like to draw from 2-3 more willing volunteers (tbd)
- Attend a *minimum* of 20 clubs within our district to collaborate with those clubs wishing to grow their membership qualitatively, and in an organized fashion
- Enthusiastically orchestrate membership activities for District Assembly and District Conference. Work collaboratively with Ken Robinson, Alison Frye, Dianne Brehm, Tony Cuevas, and our cadre' of A.D.G's

#### Activities to date

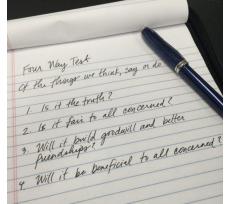
• I have had the pleasure of attending the following clubs - to collaborate and discuss membership perspectives, suggestions, ideas to improve the membership experience for all, focusing on *quality* members vs quantity: Kenton, Tiffin, Fremont, and St. Marys

Respectfully,

John Hill Membership Chair

# NEW DISTRICT ESSAY CONTEST FOR SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS

by Rotary District 6600 | Aug 31, 2016 | General News, Youth Programs



It's back to school time and we have a new opportunity to promote Rotary's Four Way Test with every seventh and eighth grader in District 6600.

District 6600 is pleased to announce the creation of the Four Way Test Essay Contest. This contest is targeted specifically for seventh and eighth grade students and is designed to complement the existing Four Way Test Speech Contest for high school students. Students will write an essay explaining what the Four Way Test means to them in 1,500 words or less. Those essays will be judged by local Rotary clubs to identify a winner who will compete at the District level. The overall District winner will be recognized at the District Conference in May at Sawmill Creek.

Esther Baldridge of the Lima Rotary Club is chairing the Essay contest for the District and shares, "This is a great new project for clubs to offer our seventh and eighth graders. Participating students will have an opportunity for a cash prize and the chance to interact with a local Rotary club. The Four Way Test is an integral part of Rotary and this is the perfect way to introduce those ideals into the lives of youth in our district."

If your club is interested in participating in this year's essay contest please:

- <u>Download Essay Contest information</u> and share with club members.
- Identify a chair for the project within your club.
- Talk to schools now! Essays are due in February 2017 but now is the time to identify a partner teacher for the project.

All clubs are encouraged to participate in this youth focused project. If you have any questions about the contest or would like additional information, please contact <u>Esther Baldridge</u>.

# Rotary International 6600 Interact/RYLA







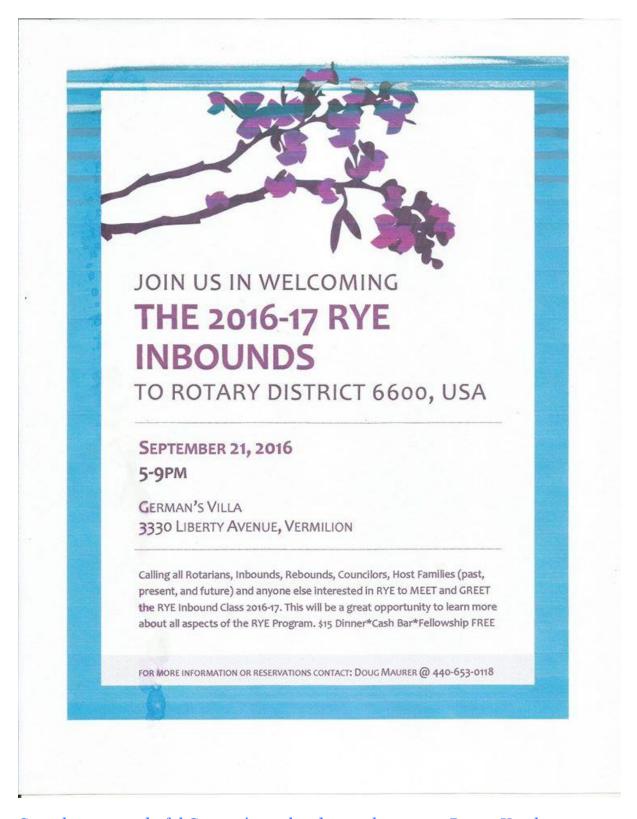
Sam says, "keep up with the youth in our district here"! https://www.facebook.com/Rotary-International-6600-InteractRYLA

**Interact Club** is for youth ages 12-18 who provide leadership and service with others in their community or school. Interact club members have fun while carrying out service projects and learning about the world. Interact clubs organize at least two service projects a year: one that benefits their community and one that encourages international understanding. While Interact clubs receive guidance from individual Rotary clubs, they govern and support themselves.

**RYLA** - (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership development program run by Rotary. While participants can be any age, most events focus on secondary school students, university students, or young professionals. RYLA events are typically 3–10 days long and include presentations, activities, and workshops that cover a variety of topics, including:

- · Leadership fundamentals and ethics
- Communication skills
- Problem solving and conflict management
- Community and global citizenship

# **Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)**



Come have a wonderful German's meal and meet the current Rotary Youth Exchange students in the area and learn how you can be part of making the world a smaller and better place.

#### I. Inbound Student Updates

D6600 will be hosting 11 Inbound Students for the 2016-2017 Exchange Year:

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Student	Home Country	Home District	Hosting Club
Majo	Mexico	4185	Amherst
Johannes	Germany	1860	Antwerp
Gio	Italy	2080	Bellevue
Victoria	Belgium	2170	Bryan
Thomas	France	1660	Elyria
	Czech		
Jan	Rep	2240	Findlay
Caio	Brazil	4130	Hicksville
Fey	Peru	4455	Loudonville
	South		
Tiffany	Korea	3750	Marion
Angelo	Brazil	4760	Tiffin
Sonja	Germany	1860	Vermilion



Four Clubs are involved with sharing an Inbound Student: Loudonville with Toledo and Hicksville; and Vermilion with Toledo.

#### **II. Outbound Student Updates**

A. 2015-2016 OB Students - 6 have returned; the last student will return within a couple of weeks

B. 2016-2017 OB Students - 7 have departed, 2 will leave soon

Student	Placement	Sponsoring Club
Leah	France	Vermilion
Christiana	Italy	Vermilion
		Elyria
Emma	France	Sunrise
Catherine	Brazil	Oberlin
Kayla	France	Bellevue
		North
Inna	Belgium	Coast
Katie	Mexico	Tiffin
		Bowling
John	India	Green
Austin	Germany	Defiance

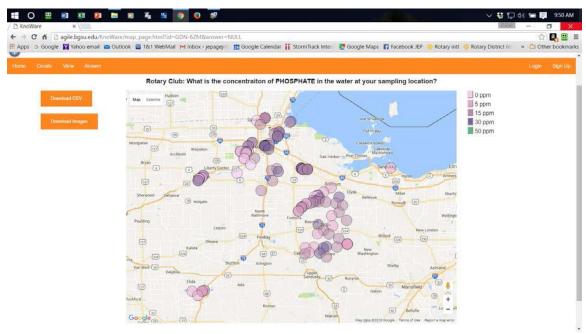


A Special Note: Emma (OB to France, hosted by the Elyria Sunrise Club) donated \$100 to future RYE Students hosted or Sponsored by the Elyria Sunrise Rotary Club as a Thank You for sponsoring her. This is the first time an OB Student has "Given Back" to Rotary BEFORE participation as a RYE Student.

#### III. Short Term Program

- A. D6600 did not host or sponsor any Short Term Students for the Summer 2016 Exchange Session
- B. Bonnie Kimpling-Kelly (Bryan) has agreed to be the Short Term Student Chair. She is taking over for Jan Metzger (Maumee) who retired to Florida.

# WHAT'S IN YOUR WATER UPDATE!!



What's In Your Water?

We now have about 140 tests completed using the KnoWare app. The results are available in an Excel spreadsheet format for Ammonia, Nitrate, Phosphate, pH, and water temp. They are sorted by date.

Over 15 Rotary groups have 75 test kits and most are testing watersheds mostly west of the Sandusky watershed. The recent results are indicating high concentrations of Phosphate after rainfall. Earlier in 2016 we saw 0-15 readings and now we see a lot of 30's! In June and early July we had insufficient water levels to properly test. Seeing the increases in the Tiffin – Sandusky watershed it would be ideal to get more testing of the western portion of the Maumee watershed. We have seen increases in the lower Maumee River entering Toledo. The above chart gives you a snapshot of where the tests are occurring and the color indicates the concentration levels. The darker the color the heavier the concentration. This app can be viewed online at agile.bgsu.edu/KnoWare

Having looked at the data I recommend that we cease testing for pH and water temperature. These do not vary much from the average 7.6 pH

Those using the KnoWare Android phone app are making it very easy to see the results in real-time. Others are emailing their handwritten spreadsheets to me to be converted into electronic versions for BGSU to include in the testing. One problem we do have with this is the correct longitude and latitude expressed in hours, minutes, seconds format versus the preferred digital format. We also occasionally have someone reverse the longitude and latitude columns. Rotary International photo journalist Alyce Hensen plans to return to our area the second week in September for more photos, uses of Lake Erie water, possible water

intake trip, and to interview Hertzfeld Poultry Farms management regarding their installation

of the very successful eco-filter strips along Beaver Creek in Wood County.

Jim Page, Jr. Water Sampling Coordinator

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#### <u>Annual Rotary Lake Erie Watershed Conference</u> –

Friday, October 28th, Seagate Center, Toledo, Ohio 8:30am to 4:30pm,

https://www.toledorotary.org/lake-erie-watershed-crisis-conference/ www.lakeeriewaterconference.org

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rotary Lake Erie Watershed Conference, will be held on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Seagate Center in downtown Toledo, Ohio. This year's event will be a power-packed one-day conference; attendees will leave inspired to go back to their home clubs ready to "Take Action" with Step-by-Step examples of projects and armed to get started!



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"21% OF THE WORLD'S FRESH WATER RESIDES IN THE GREAT LAKES"

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ROTARY CLUB OF TOLEDO

OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 SEAGATE CENTRE, TOLEDO, OHIO

lakeeriewaterconference.org



Why do we need another Water Conference? This summer, even with little rain and low runoff levels, we have seen algae shut down recreation in rivers in Northwestern Ohio near the community of Defiance. And Lake Erie is showing late season signs of algae blooms after even small rain showers. New research is showing that even low levels of algal toxins can cause harm or advance liver disease. The question "Why we need to keep up the fight for our water?" will be answered by opening conference speakers, including Ohio's Lieutenant Governor, Mary Taylor (invited). Followed by a hard-hitting panel discussion of how we get the needed reductions from Agriculture-based phosphorus runoff.

There has been plenty of arguing about what needs to be done; with government regulators, industry representatives, scientists and environmentalists taking every side of the issues. The Rotary 4-Way Test puts us in a unique position to build the collaborations it will take to implement the right solutions. It's time for us to "Take Action"!

Eagerly awaited at this year's conference are the afternoon breakout sessions highlighting projects headed by Rotarians in District 6600 at Waterville, St Marys, Perrysburg and in nearby Fort Wayne, Indiana. These afternoon sessions will equip attendees with Step-by-Step instructions for how to do projects in their home clubs to help make our concerns heard and to heal our waters from phosphorus pollution causing toxic algal blooms.

Support healthy water in our lakes, rivers and streams – make sure that drinking water is safe for our children and grandchildren. This is the time and we are the right people to get the job done! Spread the word in your Clubs and come join us at this important event.

Registration is now open at: <a href="https://www.toledorotary.org/lake-erie-watershed-crisis-conference/">https://www.toledorotary.org/lake-erie-watershed-crisis-conference/</a>

Janina Douglas



# Rotary UN Day 2016

Greetings Rotarians and Friends:

Once again, I am pleased to invite you to participate in our Rotary-United Nations Day in New York City on Saturday, November 12, 2016.

The Saturday meeting starts at 8am (registration) at UN Headquarters and will include presentations and panel discussions addressing key humanitarian issues of concern to both the UN and Rotary. Enjoy featured presentations from senior UN staff, affiliated NGO's and Rotary leaders, with panel discussions on our mutual goal of achieving peace. RI President John Germ will participate.

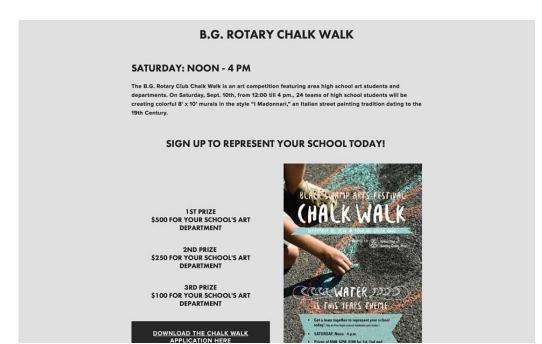
A separate Young Leaders program is planned and available only to Ambassadorial & Peace Scholars, Rotaract Club Members and select Interact Club members. Be sure to encourage these individuals who may have an interest in global affairs. Note: The regular Youth Program is a separate registration at: <a href="mailto:riunday.org/registration">riunday.org/registration</a>. Rotarians and Young Leaders can register at <a href="RotaryUNDay2016.eventbrite.com">Rotarians and Young Leaders can register at RotaryUNDay2016.eventbrite.com</a>. I suggest you do this asap, since numbers are limited. Cost is: Rotarian US\$65 and Youth US\$50, including a box lunch. Note: UN tours are not available on Saturday, so those interested in this should do so on Friday morning.

As usual, a **Saturday evening dinner** (cruise) November 11<sup>th</sup> is being planned. All Rotarians, UN Colleagues and friends from around the world are welcome to join us. Please email me if interested <DougV@DougVincent.com> so I can send you the final details and pricing.

There are economical hotels across the river about 30 minute bus ride away. Many stay at the Quality Inn or Marriott Hotel in, Lyndhurst, NJ and save over \$100. per night.

Join Rotary friends at the United Nations and celebrate Rotary's role in the development of the UN back in 1945. It will be an exciting experience. Rotarians, family members and friends are all welcome.

With best regards, *PDG Doug V* 



On behalf of the Bowling Green Rotary Club, I am pleased to invite you to attend the 24th Black Swamp Arts Festival. The Black Swamp Arts Festival (BSAF) is a free three-day art and music festival in historic downtown Bowling Green, Ohio. Over 60,000 people attend to enjoy the art, music, and atmosphere. Downtown Main Street is lined with over 150 juried artist exhibits from across the country.

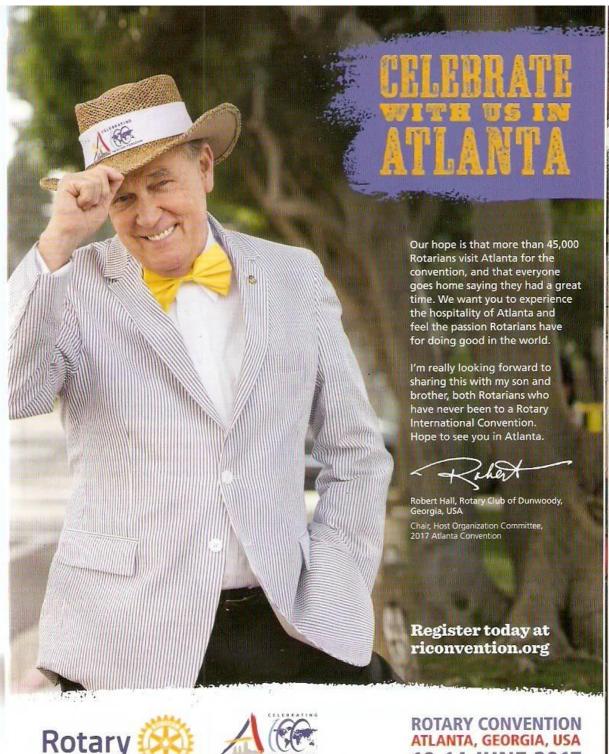
We also invite your community's aspiring teen artists to the **BSAF Chalk Walk!** Bowling Green Rotary Club is the proud patron of the Chalk Walk, an art competition featuring area high school art students and departments. On Saturday, Sept. 10th, from 12:00 till 4 pm., teams of high school students will create colorful 8' x 10' murals on the streets of Bowling Green, in the style "I Madonnari," an Italian street painting tradition dating to the 19th Century. Our sponsorship enables **art awards of \$500, \$250, and \$100**, respectively, to the top three teams, to help fund visual arts in their community high schools. This year's Chalk Walk mural theme is Water.

Please share the information about the Black Swamp Arts Festival and it's BG Rotary Chalk Walk with your club members, your community, and especially your high school administrators and art teachers. We are excited to invite D6600 Rotary club communities to participate in this unique opportunity for high school artists.

The application and rules governing BG Rotary Chalk Walk are on Facebook (please find and like our FB page, BSAF\_ChalkWalk) and on the Black Swamp Arts Festival website

http://www.blackswampfest.org/chalk-walk/

Thank you! I hope to see you at the festival! Your friend in Rotary, Bill Donnelly







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