

JANUARY 2018

Rotary
District 6600



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PLAYBOOK

Message from Governor Deb Cheney



HELLO TEAM 6600!

Happy New Year! Cheers to 2018! As Chris and I rang in the new year I couldn't help but reflect on how blessed we all are in District 6600. We are blessed with wonderful Rotarians who give their time, talents, and financial resources from the heart. District 6600 Rotarians are very caring and supportive of your clubs, school districts, and communities near and far. Thank you!

As we turn our focus to 2018 I hope each of you will continue to be committed to Rotary. I hope each of you will consider attending at least one District event in 2018 to build goodwill and new Rotary friendships. Engaging with your fellow Rotarians helps to build your personal and professional lives and enrich your clubs. The more you learn about Rotary, the easier it will be for you to make an impact in your communities and across the world. Please consider attending the District Assembly, District Conference, or the International Convention in Toronto!

I want to sincerely wish you all a Happy New Year. Let's continue to "Make a Difference" in 2018!

Yours in Service,

Deb



Important Rotary International Dates



March 9-10 – Presidents-Elect Training in Columbus

March 12-18 – World Rotaract Week
(It's the 50th Anniversary!)

March 23 – 4 Way Essay Contest due to District Essay Chair

April 14 – 4 Way Speech Contest at Van Wert

April 28 – District Assembly

April 28 – RYLA (Information coming soon)

Saturday, May 5 – STRIVE Interviews (West) - University of Findlay

May 19 – 4 Way Speech/Essay Contest and STRIVE winners will be recognized at the District Conference

SAVE THE DATE

Students Taking a **Renewed Interest in the Value of Education**

The STRIVE Interviews will be Saturday, May 5th. There will be interviews on the East and West side of the District. The West Interviews will take place at the University of Findlay. **Click HERE for all of the information you need.**

Need a make-up? Check out our District E-Club! <https://www.rotaryclub6600.org/>

TEAM Polio Update

There are currently **20 cases of Polio** reported in the world.

From Polio Coach Dennis – There is an excellent article in the Dec. 26, 2017 Time magazine entitled “The Year Polio Gets to Zero”. Rotary is highlighted. **Check it out here!**

Please reach out to our Polio Chair Dennis Thayer for Polio Speakers or any questions about Polio at dennis.thayer@gmail.com or 419-635-5606.



Giving



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING:

- **Giving:** \$377, 874 in total giving so far this year!

Membership



MEMBERSHIP IS UP 28 MEMBERS!

FEBRUARY 2018 THEME

Peace and Conflict Prevention/
Resolution Month



Our Peace Chair/Coach is PDG Chuck Stocking. Please reach out to Chuck for information on “Peace” at cstocking@pbenet.com.

It's our birthday! What will your club do around February 23 for Rotary's 113th Anniversary?

HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

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.

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Improving quality of life. Rotary members founded the People for People Foundation, which has helped 10,000 families afford food, clothing, rent, utilities, medications, and other necessities.

Raising awareness of bullying. Rotaract clubs in the Philippines conduct antibullying campaigns in schools to teach children how to handle conflict peacefully from an early age.

Protecting domestic violence survivors and their families. The U.S. state of Louisiana has the fourth highest incidence of death caused by domestic violence. Local Rotary members met this issue by helping a shelter provide food, clothing, legal advocacy, and counseling to over 500 women in one year.

Our Team In Action



CHECK OUT WHAT IS GOING ON WITH TEAM ROTARY!

Coach Boddie and Team Elyria treated the Disabled Children of Elyria with presents from Santa!



Many Clubs supported the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Campaign:



Tiffin



Amherst



Bucyrus



Perrysburg provided 125 Thanksgiving meals to those in need!



Mayor Roth of Swanton read a proclamation honoring Swanton Rotary on the 55th anniversary of its Charter. Congrats Coach Craig!



Ada Rotarians had a great time at their Annual Wine and Food Pairing Christmas Fundraiser!



Scottish GSE Team visitors Scott Anderson and Andy Ireland (aka, Santa) fundraising for Rotary! They raised \$5,188.00! Thanks to Findlay Rotary Joe Distel for keeping in touch with our Scottish visitors and submitting this photo.



St. Mary's new Interact Club, made up of students at Memorial High School, held a drive to benefit SART. It was the club's first major project! Congratulations on your first project!



Lima



Willard



Port Clinton

Many Clubs celebrate Paul Harris Award recipients:



Vermilion



Findlay



Oregon Northwood

Many Clubs of District 6600 sponsor a "Children's Christmas Shopping" Project:



Holland Springfield



Sandusky



Lorain



Oberlin

Rotarian Spotlight: Melanie Satterfield

Melanie Satterfield has been a member of the Oberlin Rotary since 2006. She and her husband Rich are very involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Melanie has been club president and held several District positions, currently serving as the District's Tree-Hugger-in-Chief and Environmental Chair. Melanie always has a smile on her face and is willing to help anyone! In addition to being active in the Oberlin Club, she is the mentor for the E-Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations Melanie!



Spotlight on a Grant

CELINA, ST. MARY'S, LIMA AND NEW BREMEN/NEW KNOXVILLE CLUBS BANDED TOGETHER 2 YEARS AGO TO BEGIN A MEDICAL MISSION IN COSTA RICA.

Thus far, 2 missions have been completed in Nicoya, Costa Rica by 4 doctors from the United States (Ohio, Nebraska, California and Texas), to restore the eyesight from cataract damage. Nicoya, Costa Rica is very unique as they are one of the 5 Blue Zones in the world. A Blue Zone is a designation that more people live to an older age (80 to 100+) with all of their mental faculties, are mobile, etc. Because they live so long, they are more susceptible to eye damage because they are positioned so close to the equator. Most Costa Rican people do not wear sunglasses.

Our mission has completed over 100 surgeries in the two mission trips. Since then, we have had numerous doctors come forward to donate their time to go to the Nicoya hospital to perform surgeries. In fact, we are sending another doctor from California in late November of this year to begin transitioning this into our clinic style. He will perform over 60 surgeries in 3 days and will have the local doctor sit in with him to train on newer surgical techniques.

From the beginning, we have had the thought of making this ongoing mission in to a "clinic" style mission. We have



believed that a sustainable clinic will benefit the over 800 plus local people on the waiting list to see again. With a rotation of American doctors, training of the local doctors and providing newer equipment on a regular basis to their clinic will help achieve the goal and begin to rapidly diminish the large waiting list. A different team of doctors will go up to four times per year to the hospital to train the local doctors and conduct up to 60 surgeries during each clinic.

Our 4 Club group has partnered with the Rotary Club of Nicoya in the last 2 missions. Unfortunately, there was a large miscommunication with their Club and the District Governor from Honduras. 3 Countries share a district. This resulted in the Nicoya terminating their Rotary membership at this time. They have created a foundation and will continue to work with us on this mission.

Medical Equipment Supplies Abroad (MESA)

TWO WORK DAYS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE DISTRICT!

Mark your calendars for **January 27th** and **February 24th!** Please call, text or email Scott Salyers at 419.348.7719 (cell) salyersscott@yahoo.com if you and/or your Club is able to work.

M.E.S.A. IS ON FACEBOOK

Please check out all the projects and pictures on our Facebook page!

Water is Life

Spring is coming! And so is the 2018 Water Monitoring program! Get ready to dip a sample and check the water in the creeks and streams near you. To get on the list to be a Rotary Citizen's Science Water Sampler send an email to Eric Anderson at eric@armarketing.com



ENVIRONMENT/TREES

Please join the Facebook page "**Rotary District 6600 Go Green Challenge**". You can showcase your tree planting projects and share ideas. As you know, Rotary International President Ian has set the challenge for every Rotarian to plant a tree. Please send your photos to Melanie Satterfield at mfredrickson68@windstream.net