



MAY 2018

Rotary  
District 6600



DISTRICT 6600

# PLAYBOOK

## Message from Governor Deb Cheney



### HELLO TEAM!

I couldn't believe I turned the page and it was May – can the year PLEASE slow down! There are so many rewards that come with being the District Governor but the top benefit is getting to meet and spend time with all of you at meetings, fundraisers, and celebrations. Rotary is supposed to FUN – from planting trees together, enjoying fellowship at Rotary fundraisers, and recognizing and honoring the members and Clubs. We also have milestones like 100th Anniversary of the Elyria Club whose members worked very hard all year to put on an amazing celebration. I am so proud of them!

Helping to plan The District Conference is another benefit. You can probably feel the excitement through this newsletter that is building for YOUR District Conference. We have an amazing Conference Committee who has arranged for outstanding speakers, inspiring breakout sessions, the “Food Build” Service Project and Youth Development Conference, a fun Mud Hens ballgame and so much more! I promise you will be encouraged and entertained and will leave the Conference with a renewed interest in the value of Rotary. It's not too late to register! [Click here](#) to sign up for the Golf Outing and the District Conference. We hope to see you all there!

We have only two months left in this Rotary year. What goals have you set that you still want to accomplish? Several of the Clubs were able to start Interact and Rotaract Clubs. If you are still interested in starting a new Club, let us know. Many of the Clubs want to increase their membership or their Foundation giving. The coaching staff is still here to help!

See you at the Conference!

Deb



## MAY 2018 THEME

# Youth Services Month



### ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Promoting World Peace and Understanding,  
One Student at a time



#### What is Rotary Youth Exchange?

Each year, about 8,000 students from over 80 countries and geographical areas participate in exchanges through the Youth Exchange program. This program is a true "grass-roots" program as it is administered at the regional level by Rotary Districts and at the local level by Rotary Clubs.

#### Two Types of Exchanges

- *Long-Term Program:* This exchange is open to students ages 15-19 and usually lasts 10-12 months. The student lives with more than one family in the host country and is required to attend school for two academic terms.
- *Short-Term Program:* This exchange is open to students ages 15-19 and ranges from several days to several weeks. It often takes place when school is not in session, and usually does not include an academic program. Short-term exchanges typically involve a Rotary District-organized exchange of a son or daughter between two families, but they may also take the form of international youth camps or tours that bring together groups of students from many countries.

#### Rotary District 6600 and the Youth Exchange Program

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is a very active program within our District. Historical Data of Hosting Inbound Students and Sponsoring Outbound Students from 1971 to the present show the dedication and interest that the Clubs have with this International Program.

In the past 47 years . . .

- Rotary District 6600 had a total of 70 Rotary Clubs (currently 63).

- Of the 70 Clubs, 59 Clubs or 84% of the Clubs actively participated with Rotary Youth Exchange some time during the 47 years.

Clubs are not required to participate with Rotary Youth Exchange Program, this is a voluntary decision made at each Club level. This is an actual "grass-roots" decision, where Rotarians decide if they wish to participate or not.

During the past 47 years . . .

- D6600 Clubs have directly influenced 614 students' lives
  - 574 Long Term Students
  - 40 Short Term Students
- D6600 Clubs have directly interacted with 50 international countries – countries that students were either from or countries that hosted our students from D6600

Over 37% of the D6600 Youth Exchanges are with the following countries:

- France
- Brazil
- Mexico
- Japan
- Germany
- Belgium

The other 63 % are countries such as: Bolivia, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Canary Islands, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Iceland, Indonesia, Lithuania, New Zealand, South Africa, and the Ukraine.

All of the 50 countries involved with D6600 Exchanges have tangible evidence of our involvement; each of the counties received a Rotary District 6600 Club Flag when the Exchange Student exchanged flags.

When the students are asked about their Exchange Year, they often say, "It was the best year of my life!" and they enthusiastically share information about their year and their experiences.

#### These students are our future.

Some become Rotarians themselves (D6600 has 6 Rotarians who were former Rotary Youth Exchange Students), some study international subjects, become lawyers, CEOs, medical professionals, or even movie stars (Matthew McConaughey was a Rotary Youth Exchange Student). All become proficient in another language; all become more culturally aware and responsive to global needs.

#### Students remember their Exchange Year.

##### They remember Rotary.

Consider hosting an Inbound Student or sponsoring an Outbound Student. The perfect way to promote world peace and understanding.

If you would like a copy of the 196 page D6600 Student Database, please email us at: [d6600rye@yahoo.com](mailto:d6600rye@yahoo.com)

## JUNE 2018 THEME

# Rotary Fellowships Month

### START THINKING ABOUT:

Celebrating all of the ways your club has helped Rotary Make a Difference! Does your club create an Annual Report for the end of the Rotary Year? Do you have an Induction Night for your new leaders? June is also transition month! Have you approved your budget? How are you going to "train" your new board members? How about scheduling a retreat? Celebrate your accomplishments!

## Important Rotary International Dates



**May 18-20** – District 6600 Conference in downtown Toledo at the Renaissance Hotel

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

**May 19** – Youth Development Conference at the Renaissance Hotel

**May 31** – M.E.S.A. kick off Bike Ride in downtown Toledo

**June 1-5** – M.E.S.A. Bike Ride

**June 22-27** – International Convention in Toronto

**July 6** – 2018-19 Installation

## Membership



**Our membership is up 38!**

## Giving



### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING:

- Polio Giving: \$130,327
- Annual "Share" Fund: \$197,943
- Our total giving to The Rotary Foundation is \$580,495

**From RCFC "Coach" Rex** – Please send in what you have collected from your members for Polio and the Annual Fund to RI as soon as possible so it is recorded under this year for your current President.

## HAS YOUR CLUB CONSIDERED SPONSORING A ROTARACT CLUB?

### JOIN THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT OF YOUNG LEADERS WHO ARE DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE WORLD'S MOST PRESSING CHALLENGES BY STARTING A ROTARACT CLUB.

Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18-30 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service.

In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service. From big cities to rural villages, Rotaract is changing communities like yours.



*Maumee Rotaract (Community Based)*

### HOW TO START A COMMUNITY BASED ROTARACT CLUB

Did you see the **7 things you don't know about** Rotaract story in the March issue of The Rotarian? This talented group of emerging leaders are thinking beyond their clubs and redefining what it means to be a Rotarian. Rotaractors are experts in their fields, have mastered the art of recruiting, and embrace opportunities to learn. Rotary President-elect Barry Rassin set a goal for Rotary to double the number of Rotaract clubs worldwide in 2018-19, so how can we engage more of these amazing individuals in Rotaract?

How about starting a community-based Rotaract club? There was a How to Start a Community-Based Rotaract Club webinar on Wednesday, May 9th and it was recorded. You can go the RI website and hear from Rotary International staff, Rotaractors, and Rotarian sponsors on why community-based clubs are a great option for your area and how easy it is to start one!



*University of Toledo Rotaract (College Based)  
UT is chartered!*

# Our Team In Action



## CHECK OUT WHAT IS GOING ON WITH TEAM ROTARY!

**OUR DISTRICT PLANTED MORE THAN 7,500 TREES, SURPASSING THE CHALLENGE FROM RI PRESIDENT IAN RISELEY TO PLANT ONE TREE FOR EVERY ROTARIAN IN OUR DISTRICT! A HUGE THANK YOU TO CHAIR MELANIE!**



Waterville



Ada



Toledo



Lima



Wauseon



Huron



Tiffin



Oberlin



Maumee



Sandusky



Sylvania

## CLUB FUNDRAISERS ARE SO MUCH FUN!



Grand Lake's Trivia Night



Oberlin's Pancake Breakfast



Centennial Celebration – A warm congratulations to Elyria who celebrated their Centennial with a wonderful event!



Sandusky's Pizza Challenge



Oregon Northwood's Golf Ball Drop

## Rotarian Spotlight: Janina Douglas



Janina has been a member of the Toledo Rotary Club since 2015. She quickly got involved in Rotary. She found her "place" in Rotary focusing on her passion, the environment, especially clean water. She is on the District Leadership TEAM and is the District "Water" Co-Chair. She has participated in the MESA Bike Tour and attends MESA meetings. In Toledo Rotary she serves on the Foundation Advisory Committee, International Service Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Water Conference Committee, and the Water Service Committee. She was also instrumental in helping Coach Melanie surpass our goal of planting one tree per Rotarian in the District! Janina attended the International Convention in Atlanta and is looking forward to attending the Rotary International Convention in Toronto! Thank you so much for everything you do for Toledo Rotary and District 6600!

## Medical Equipment Supplies Abroad (MESA)



**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 8:00AM  
ON SATURDAY, MAY 19TH AT THE DISTRICT  
CONFERENCE (4 back tables of the Ballroom).**

Contact Scott 419.348.7719 (cell)  
[salyersscott@yahoo.com](mailto:salyersscott@yahoo.com)  
for volunteer opportunities.

The M.E.S.A. Bike Tour will begin May 31, 2018 with a Bonus Ride in Toledo, OH at 9 AM. Please gather at the Middle Grounds Metro-Park at 8:00 AM for breakfast followed by the Ride at 9:00 AM. We will then travel to Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron for a Kick-Off event at 5 PM sponsored by the Sandusky Club. We will be hosted that evening in homes of local Rotarians. On Friday, we will leave Sandusky Rotarians and begin our journey in the Southern portion of our Rotary District visiting fourteen Rotary Clubs.

We are ready to test water! The Water Monitoring Committee has a new program and new kits. If you are interested contact [Eric Anderson](#) or [Jim Page](#).

## Four-way Test Speech Contest

**THE 4 WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST  
WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!**

Congratulations to the 1st place winner Anna Little of Norwalk, the 2nd place winner Alex Petroff of North Coast, and the 3rd place winner Ashley Dibling of Perrysburg. Their speeches were amazing. Thanks for leading the TEAM, Coach Steve!



This year's winners of the 4 Way Test Essay Contest were Morgan Shetzer, First Place, sponsored by the Fremont Club; Daniel Kurek, Second Place, sponsored by the Bucyrus Club; and Analei Jackson, Third Place, sponsored by the Lima Club. Rotary Clubs in North Coast, Perrysburg, Tiffin, St. Mary's, and Bellevue also submitted essays after club-level competition. A HUGE thank you to Coach Esther!



## Toronto International Convention News

Former First Lady of the United States Laura Bush, an advocate for literacy, education, and women's rights, will speak at the 2018 Rotary Convention in Toronto this June (read more about Laura Bush).

This is just one more reason you should join our group of District 6600 Rotarians in attending the Rotary International Convention in Toronto in June. It's not too late to register and join in the fun!

# Grants

## HERE IS A GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CLUB:

The Project is a Pilot Project to Improve the Sanitation in the Merendon Mountains of Honduras for \$ 193,500+.



The effort began in 2014 with an evaluation of a water project which as it turned out through a community assessment the people did not want. People from 60 different villages over a period of three days expressed their views. 95% wanted a sanitation program. It took two years of research and development to determine the best method to apply. Research indicated that these kinds of programs have a high rate of failure due to relapse in to old habits. People who are used to outside defecation habitually do not want to change.

The team determined that 135 latrines would be built in the worst areas of the mountains for bad water, as well as in five different schools. Sustainability was always the greatest question to answer. The team became aware of research in sanitation where school children were taught the basics of hygiene and sanitation. The research was being conducted by TRF. The team decided to include the concepts in the teacher training to enable them to include these ideas in their curriculum. 80 percent of disease can be prevented by simple handwashing.

An audit team has just completed a follow up of progress with the project. Our biggest problems have turned out to be weather and logistics. The logistics of moving 624 cinder blocks per latrine up in to the mountains has proven to be a difficult task, because of the weight, elevation, distance

and the poor road conditions. In some cases, the roads stopped and the blocks had to be hand carried to the home. Women who the team interviewed indicated a high level of satisfaction with what they received.

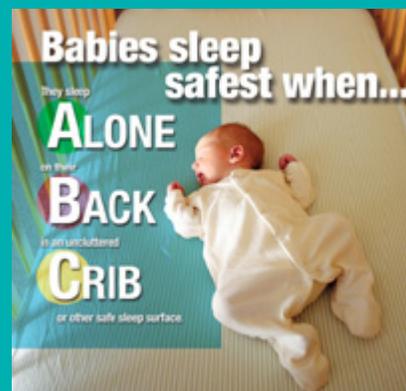
The team has learned the value of community involvement, training at all levels of age and culture. WE also learned to depend on the joint skills of all of us. This project is now under audit by TRF. For more information contact Bob Ruehl or DGN Carolyn Huston.

Is your Club interested in applying for a grant? [Click here](#) to take the Webinar!

## Spotlight on a Grant

### CELINA ROTARY ONESIE PROGRAM

Every week in Ohio, 3 babies die in unsafe sleep environments. These deaths don't have to happen. It's safest for baby to follow the ABCs of safe sleep – Alone. Back. Crib. Every baby, every sleep! For years, the Celina Rotary



has been doing their part to help promote the ABCs of safe sleep by donating onesies that promote the ABCs of safe sleep. Every newborn born in Mercer County receives a onesie and every shirt comes with an information card detailing lifesaving safe sleep messages that can be shared with everyone who cares for baby. In addition, a label is attached by Rotarians to the package of each onesie informing the parents that the donation was made possible by the Celina Rotary Club and partially funded by a District 6600 Grant. An estimated 500 babies are born each year at the only hospital in Mercer County, Mercer Health Hospital.