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## Message from Governor Maris Brenner



**What an amazing Rotary year we have had!** I can't express how inspiring it has been to visit your clubs and see all the tremendous ways you impact your community through service and giving. I would encourage you to share the good news of your club's efforts by taking lots of pictures and sharing them with the press and local media. When you give to organizations or projects, use a big Rotary check and share it on social media. Your community probably has no idea the many ways you are making it better just by being a Rotarian! And to reward your efforts, we will have a Public Image District contest beginning in March. Stay tuned for more details!

This will be a wonderful spring filled with events that highlight our organization. First up is our Paul Harris Celebration Dinner on Friday, February 22, 2019. This event will be held at the Emerald Event Center in Avon, Ohio and is open to all Rotarians in the District. Read on in the newsletter for more information about this very special night!

Then, the weekend of May 10-12th will be our District Conference: Wild about Rotary. At the conference there will be a House of Friendship where we are inviting all clubs to bring any project they are working on to share with other clubs or to engage collaboration for future projects. It will be a wonderfully wild weekend you don't want to miss.

Last but not least, February 23rd is Rotary's 114th birthday. In honor of that, we would love to see a picture of your oldest and youngest member together in a photo for Rotary's version of Facebook's 10 year challenge. Send your picture including the names and ages of the Rotarians plus your club name to [district6600@gmail.com](mailto:district6600@gmail.com).

Yours in Rotary,

District Governor Maris Brenner





## Rotary Peace Fellowships



Each year, Rotary funds some of the world's most dedicated and brightest leaders to study at Rotary Peace Centers. Through training, study, and practice,

Rotary Peace Fellows become catalysts for peace and development. Many go on to careers with governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.

Applications for the next Peace Fellowship cohort are now open through May 31, 2019. Learn more about the process [here](#).

Please help us by sharing information about the Peace Fellowship with individuals in your area. If you would like a press release to send to your local media, please email

[afrye@signaturebankna.com](mailto:afrye@signaturebankna.com)

## Join Us On A Trip To Haiti



**Plans are beginning to take shape for a possible trip to Haiti**, to visit the area where our next Multi-District Global Grant Project will happen. We have tentatively chosen the dates of **October 20-26, 2019** for the trip.

These pictures are of several of the schools where the "Bio-Sand Water Filters" are still up and operational, from our '13-'14 project in Mirebalais (north of Port-au-Prince). The current project application will be for the communities of Pistere and Campeche, near the northern city of Cap-Haitien, where Columbus first visited the "New World" in 1492.

Inquiries should be sent to Rotarian John Hill - [degaje98@hotmail.com](mailto:degaje98@hotmail.com), or 440-858-7669. More information will be available at our May 10-12 District Conference at Kalahari.

## World Community Workshop To Be Held April 11-13<sup>th</sup>

This three-day workshop for high-school students sponsored by Defiance Rotary Club is designed to help participants learn about the history, customs, economic and political issues of a selected region of the world. Students participate in small group discussions and experience hands-on activities. This year's workshop focuses on Ohio: The Early Years (1803-1845) and will be held at Sauder Village in Archbold, Ohio.

The workshop is open to high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Students should be in good academic standing and have a genuine interest in learning about different regions of the world.

Local Rotary Clubs within District 6600 provide scholarships which cover the cost for student to attend. The cost for a Rotary Club to send a student is \$225.00 and the deadline for registration is March 27, 2019.

Students can register [here](#).

For questions about this event please contact Pete Lundberg at [peterlundberg200@gmail.com](mailto:peterlundberg200@gmail.com).



# Fundraising Superheroes

Many clubs are kicking off fundraising season and we are seeing heroic results. One club in our district has already hosted a large fundraiser that exceeded \$75,000. How did they do it?



On October 27, 2018, Wauseon Rotary Club hosted their 55<sup>th</sup> Annual

Auction at the Spangler Arena in the Fulton County Fairgrounds. An amazing group of core leaders and teamwork from the club pulled off another awesome event that involved the entire community. From 10AM until dusk the club auctioned off items from boats to appliances to furniture to clothing, golf equipment and more.

The Auction takes an entire year to plan as members solicit donations and attend area estate sales to ensure the Annual Auction has enough merchandise to keep the bidders bidding, and bidding, and bidding some more.

The Auction benefits Wauseon's club projects, including their newest effort, a 1.25 mile walking trail. The Indian Hills Walking Trail is a peaceful woodland trail adjacent to Homecoming Park and the club will continue to improve the path over the next year.

## Win A Chance To Stay In A 4-Star Room In Hamburg For Free!

Still looking for a reason to attend the **Rotary International Convention** in Hamburg?



Already registered but need a room?

In less than 17 weeks the Rotary International Convention is taking place in Hamburg on June 1st through the 5th. We have thirty District 6600 Rotarians already booked for the RI Convention and others will be registering soon.

Apply for the chance to stay in the 4 Star Superior Nordport Plaza Hotel for FREE! The room, which includes breakfast, could be yours from June 1 to 5 (four nights in total) and is conveniently located near the airport. Even better, the hotel still has additional rooms for family, friends and other Rotarians.

CONTEST DETAILS- Send a Rotary-inspired photo with a quotation about why you are looking forward to the Convention to [moment@ric2019hamburg.org](mailto:moment@ric2019hamburg.org). The application deadline is March 31st, 2019 so don't miss out on your chance to win!

## Paul Harris Celebration Dinner

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2019**

**Register today for the 2019 District Paul Harris Celebration Dinner.** This isn't your typical awards dinner...this one features Paul Harris himself who will share his thoughts on how Rotary has changed since 1903. This event will recognize the work your donations to The Rotary Foundation have helped to make possible, and recognize individual donor achievements in both the 2017-18 Rotary year and the 2018-19 Rotary year.

**Tickets are just \$35 per person or \$60 per couple**, and options are also available to purchase an entire table. The event will be held at the Emerald Event Center in Avon, Ohio with a hospitality suite to follow after the event concludes. **A special Rotary hotel rate is available** using this [link](#). For questions on this event email [district6600@gmail.com](mailto:district6600@gmail.com)

Make your reservations [here](#) today!

## Giving



**YOUR GIFTS TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL HELP MAKE REAL CHANGE HAPPEN ACROSS THE GLOBE.** This year generous Rotarians in District 6600 have contributed:

- Polio Plus Giving: \$76,841.57
- The Annual Fund: \$133,417.05
- Total giving: Nearly \$212,000
- Over 778 members have given a contribution this year.

**CLICK HERE** to make your donation online today.

## Membership

**District 6600 Members as of July 1st 2018: 3,485**

**District 6600 Current Membership: 3,477**

Most members join because they were asked! Continue to share the amazing gift of Rotary membership with those you know. Another way to grow is to start a new club at new time or location. Find more membership resources at [myrotary.org](http://myrotary.org).

## Wild About Rotary

**2019 DISTRICT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD MAY 10-12, 2019**

**Save the date and get ready to get Wild About Rotary!** This year's conference will be held at Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio. The conference includes a behind the scenes tour at NASA Plumbrook, Gift of Life Heart Surgery, Pure Water Haiti, Shelterbox Camp and more. It will be a weekend to remember and with discounted room rates that include waterpark passes, you may want to include your friends and family in the fun.

Our District Conference is always a celebration of a wonderful Rotary year and a chance to connect with friends across the district. Register via the [district calendar](#).

## First Round Of District Foundation Grants Awarded

Each year, as a result of your donations to The Rotary International Annual Fund, District 6600 is able to award grants to local Rotary club projects. Congratulations to the following clubs who have received grants in this Rotary year.

Club(s)	Project	Area of Focus	Total Project Cost	District Grant Amount
Celina	Celina Amphitheater Seating	Economic and Community Development	\$19,999	\$6,666
E-Club of District 6600 Ohio Pathways	Guatemala Literacy Project	Basic Education and Literacy	\$5,000	\$2,500
Grand Lake	Grand Lake Rotary Express Handicap Access Project	Economic and Community Development	\$6,000	\$2,000
Lima	Kendrick Woods Boardwalk Replacement	Economic and Community Development	\$20,000	\$5,000
St. Marys Grand Lake Celina	Beaver Creek Treatment Train Lab Walk Path	Water and Sanitation	\$8,250	\$2,750
St Marys	C-Pen Reader for St. Marys Public Library	Basic Education and Literacy	\$250	\$83
Sylvania Elyria Perrysburg	Basic Education: Belize	Basic Education and Literacy	\$20,000	\$10,000
			<b>\$79,499</b>	<b>\$28,999</b>



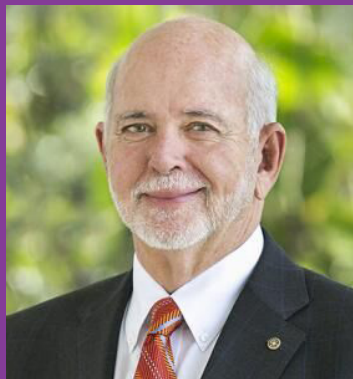
## License Plates

Let everyone know you're a Rotarian when you renew your vehicle plates this year. For an additional \$25, you can upgrade your Ohio License plates to include the Rotary wheel and a portion of the fee is returned back to us.



## February RI Presidential Message

**BARRY RASSIN, PRESIDENT 2018-19**



**In my travels over the past year, I've visited many strong, vibrant clubs and districts that are transforming their communities.**

When I attend their meetings, I can feel the energy. When I meet their members, I can see they are people of action. And when I look at their communities, I can recognize the impact of their work.

I've also visited communities with Rotary clubs that were hardly more than social clubs. It shouldn't ever be that way. Fortunately, there's a simple approach that I believe can help revitalize any club.

I'd like to challenge every Rotary club to come up with at least one high-impact service project. Each club already has the potential, the resources, to make it happen. It has the power to change people's lives — completely.

It doesn't take millions of dollars. One of the most transformational projects I've been a part of involved providing a Jeep to a group of midwives in Haiti. We had asked the midwives what we could do for them, and they told us they needed a way to reach expectant mothers in a remote part of the country. We supplied a Jeep, painted it pink, and put the Rotary logo on it. Three years later, we went back to see

how they were doing. They were excited by the outcomes: They told us that the mortality rate for mothers and infants in that region had dropped by 50 percent.

That's what I call transformational service.

But Jeeps don't last forever, and after eight years on the road, that vehicle was on its last legs. So we bought a pink Land Cruiser. It's still on the road, allowing the midwives to provide prenatal care to women in that remote region.

What makes a project transformational? It doesn't have to involve a lot of money, but it has to reach people and have a major impact in the community. That is the key, and that is where careful planning and thorough research come in. So do your research. Leverage your resources. Seek partnerships that can increase your impact. And then take action.

Of course, service is only part of what a strong club must offer. It must also have good speakers, provide leadership development, involve Rotaract and Interact, and bring value to its members and reasons to participate in Rotary events.

If your club is transformational and well-organized, everything else will follow. Members will be engaged, and new members will be eager to join you. Fundraising will be easier: People love to give when they see how their money is making a difference and when they know the organization is accountable. Your club will be vibrant, relevant, and alive — and it will **Be the Inspiration** to those within its ranks as well as to the community it serves.



# Our Team In Action



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



Bryan Rotary's "Rotary Reads" program pairs Rotarians with elementary classrooms to read on a weekly basis.



Amherst Rotary hosted a wine tasting and auction with some amazing items (plus wine!).



DG Maris celebrated her last official visit with Elyria Sunrise, including a mimosa toast!



Logan, an outbound exchange student hosted by Bellevue enjoys a visit to Cite Fortifiee de Carcassonne in France.



Tiffin Rotarians turned a vacation into a service project by helping in Panama City with hurricane relief efforts.



Rotarians from Toledo, Tiffin, Maumee, Oberlin and Sandusky celebrated at Perrysburg Rotary's Casino Night on Feb 2, 2019.



Mansfield Rotarians helped obtain a truckload of dental equipment and supplies and delivered it to the MESA warehouse.



Maumee Rotaract and Rotary joined together to serve meals at Mosaic Ministries in Toledo.



The District 6600 International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians (IYFR) celebrated the season with a holiday party at The Oliver House in Toledo.



A sweet project! Grand Lake Rotarians put together plates of cookies to sell for a fundraiser.



The first container shipped by MESA this year headed to Nigeria. Next stop Thailand and Honduras.

