

# JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

## According to Rotary International Vocational Service focuses on:

- Adherence to and promotion of the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public.
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, not just those that are pursued by Rotarians.
- The contribution of your vocational talents to solving the problems of society and meeting the needs of the community.

During January, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Discussions on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects. Following are some suggested activities to undertake during Vocational Service Month:

Devote a meeting in January to examine the second Avenue of Service, including The Four-Way Test and The Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions. After expanding members' awareness, solicit their input in planning projects for the remainder of the year.

- Introduce a "mini-classifications talk" series in which each member gives a five-minute talk on his or her vocation. Schedule one speaker for the beginning of each meeting until everyone has made a presentation. The purpose of these talks is to promote vocational awareness among Rotarians and help them recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations.
- Present a vocational award to someone in the community who has exemplified outstanding professional achievement while maintaining very high ethical standards. Promote the presentation within the community and consider making it an annual October event.
- Invite experts to give a presentation on the vocational needs of the community and develop a project in response to those needs. Possible projects could focus on developing character, providing career information to youth, mentoring small businesses, or organizing workshops that provide employees with new skills.

## Happy New Year!



I always think of 2020 as perfect vision (perhaps because my daughter worked as an optometrist for many years). A new year always means the chance to reflect on the past year and determine what we can do to make the changes necessary

to keep our momentum on the right path. Rotary gives us so many opportunities to make a difference in our community and the world. I wish you all the best in this new year!

Yours in Rotary Service,

*Carolyn*



# Interact Club News



## Amherst Steele High School Interact Club:

Steele Interact students, advisor Kim Haney, and Amherst Rotary President Mike Molnar! The juniors and seniors took separate pictures but they're all one AMAZING group! Also see their Stressless/Wellness Fair they put on in December.

**MLS STRESSLESS WELLNESS FAIR**  
**DEC 11 IN LUNCH**

Community Support Includes:

Right Track Nutrition with smoothie / tea samples	Innovative Counseling	Marcy Health Let's blow off some steam!	Phoenix Center Counseling talking about Anxiety!
NAMI Lorain County / Lorain County LOSS Suicide Awareness	Alpha Dog Pet Therapy	Ralph, the guide dog & Mrs. Solak	
National Guard with resilience	LCADA with Vaping Cessation & Danger Goggles		
Educational Service Center promoting Sleep Hygiene	Genesis House talking about Self Care	Amherst Heart Association Vaping Cessation	MLS Counseling Connect with a Counselor

**Edison High School Interact Club** sponsored by the Milan Club. The kids approved the purchase of 4 wreaths, so they'll be providing 10 for Wreaths Across America at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky. And next year's officers have asked that the club also participate in the actual laying of the wreaths next December.

Also, they collected supplies, assembled and wrapped 579 boxes for Project OH GO. They are now stacked at the side of the school library and will be delivered the first part of next week to area kids.

*Amazing!*

## Anthony Wayne Interact Club

Look what all they collected for Cherry Street Mission!! A HUGE thank you to the AWHS for supporting the Interact Club!! Happy Holidays!





## From St. Mary's Rotary:

We have completed our Onesies program that helps prevent AIDS. In addition, we were able to complete 4 MESA runs, with the help of New Bremen New Knoxville Rotary.



# Upcoming District Events

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## One Rotary Summit

January 4, 2020 – starts at 8:30AM

Terra State Community College,  
2830 Napoleon Rd., • Fremont, OH 43420



## Project Fair 2020

January 23-25, 2020 (see article for details)

## District Advisory Committee Meeting

February 1, 2020 – 8:30AM-12PM,

Terra State Community College,  
2830 Napoleon Rd. • Fremont, OH 43420

## District 6600 President-Elect Training Seminar

Friday and Saturday – March 13-14, 2020,  
Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel

## 2020 District Conference

Friday & Saturday, May 1– 2, 2020

Friday 8AM • Saturday 10PM

Maumee Bay State Park

1400 State Park Rd, Oregon, OH 43616



## District Assembly

Saturday May 30, 2020 08:00 AM

2:00 PM Penta Career Center,

9301 Buck Rd. • Perrysburg, OH 43551

## Rotary International Conference

June 6-10, 2020 <https://rotaryhonolulu2020.org/>

## District Governor

### Keith Hodkinson Installation

Friday June 26, 2020 • 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

<https://www.hancockhotel.com/>



## Youth Exchange Program Outbound Orientation Otterbein Ohio-Erie Multidistrict July 10-11-12, 2020

Friday July 10, 2020 4PM – Sunday July 12, 2020 11:30AM

Otterbein University

1 South Grove Street • Westerville, OH 43081

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# OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAY IN INDIA

We just received word from the Government of India that they are planning to hold a polio National Immunization Day (NID) January 19, 2020. We will be organizing a group program to Delhi and Uttar Pradesh to participate in the NID and house-to-house activities. This will be the 32nd such trip we have organized to take North American Rotarians to participate in a polio NID.

Frequently, we hear the comment, "I would like to participate in an NID, but I don't know how to find out about these trips." You now have the information to share with your Rotarians.

Along with participation in the polio immunization activities, we will meet with the World Health Organization and local Rotary clubs in Delhi and Jaipur. We will also take a couple of days to travel to Agra to see the Taj Mahal and Jaipur to see the Pink City.

Tentatively, our group will depart on Friday, 10 January from North America and return on January 21, 2020. We are working with the Indian Rotary leadership to finalize the itinerary, Rotary programs and accommodations. We hope to have specific information available the week of October 28, 2019, if not earlier. You will receive the material as soon as it is available.

We are sending you this message so you are aware that an NID will be held in 2020 in India, and we will be organizing a program. Please share this information with others in your club and in your district. We will have a limit as to how many people we can take, and typically, these trips sell out in a week or two. Please tell any interested Rotarians to send us an email so we can add them to our database to ensure they are among the first to receive a notice when the itinerary is finalized.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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*"We look forward to traveling with you"*

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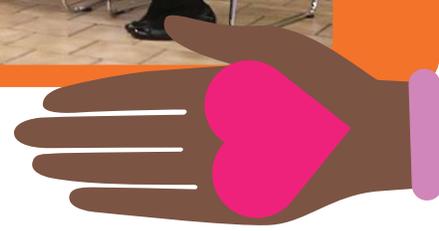
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Ridding the community of lead poisoning requires a comprehensive approach, and the contribution made by the **Rotary Club of Toledo** to Toledo Public Schools to test some 1,000 children fits that bill.

While Toledo waits to see whether the City Council's most recent attempt to establish a proactive lead inspection program is successful, other efforts must be made concurrently.

One such effort is the generous donation from the Rotary Club of \$10,000 to conduct lead poisoning testing. The civic club awarded a check to the school district this month.

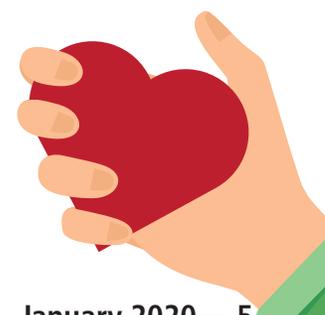


### From the Lima Rotary Club

On November 4, our local development organization, Greater Lima Region, donated \$250,000 to the Lima Rotary Community Stage and Park, bringing our total donations to nearly \$1,000,000. This amphitheater and park will be constructed on nearly an entire block of downtown Lima. Site clearance has been completed and we expect to break ground in 2020.

On November 6 & 7, club members made the rounds of 13 elementary schools and gave dictionaries to all third graders in Allen County. The Lima Rotary Club's Dictionary Distribution is an annual event that has been going on since 2006.

And on November 4, 551 people attended our Fall Blood Clinic. The club teams up with the Lima Memorial Health System Lab to offer low cost blood screenings to anyone who wants to keep track of their health. The proceeds benefit the Lima Rotary Foundation.



From District Polio Chair Lee Peters:  
IN CASE YOU MISSED IT . . .

# Wild Polio Virus 3 has been eradicated!



The eradication of Wild Polio Virus 3 (WPV3) signifies a promising step towards a polio-free world. WPV3 is only the third human infectious disease-causing pathogen to be eradicated in history, following smallpox and Wild Polio Virus 2 (WPV2). WPV3 eradication represents a benefit to the health of future generations and underscores the potential to wipe out all forms of the poliovirus for good. We know what works to eradicate polio and the tools and strategies used to eradicate WPV2 and WPV3 will be used to end Wild Polio Virus 1 (WPV1) for good as well. To eradicate the final strain of WPV1 and prevent another child from becoming paralyzed, however, will require renewed financial and political commitments from governments, donors, multilateral organizations and local communities from across the world.

## From the CDC October 24, 2019 Where we are today –

116 Cases of Wild Polio Virus as of 12/11/2019. This time last year we had 33 to date. Make your end of year investment in Polio by going to <https://www.endpolio.org/>. Your donation is matched 2 for 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – your \$100.00 contribution becomes \$300.00. It takes less than a minute to log into Rotary.org and make your end of year contribution.



## Questions on polio?

Contact Lee Peters,  
District 6600 Polio Chair at  
[lee.peters.apo@gmail.com](mailto:lee.peters.apo@gmail.com)

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# FOUR-WAY TEST ESSAY CONTEST

# 1



Esther Baldrige

It is time to begin talking with your middle school English teachers about the Four-Way Test Essay Contest. This contest is for 7th and 8th graders. (The speech contest is for high school students) Your clubs winning essay(s) are due March 20, 2020. Your club will need to have time prior to that to judge your local essays in order to select a winner to move on to the District level. The District winner will present at the District Conference on May 2 at Maumee Bay State Park. The first place winner will receive \$300 from the District, 2nd Place \$200 and 3rd Place \$100. We hope all clubs will join into this opportunity to introduce your 7th and 8th graders to the importance of the Four-Way Test. For questions, email Esther Baldrige, [esther.baldrige@gmail.com](mailto:esther.baldrige@gmail.com). Winning essays are also submitted to Esther.

# 2

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ROTARY CLUB

1. Agree to sponsor the contest.
2. Identify and contact the lead English teacher for the seventh and eighth grade class(es).
3. Review the contest rules on the District website: [www.rotarydistrict6600.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6600.org).
4. Appoint a committee to evaluate the best essays submitted by the teachers from each school. (Judges can include future Rotarians)
5. Select the Club winner(s) and submit the first-place essay(s) to the District office by March 20, 2020. If the local club chooses to award a first-place award to each participating school, all "first-place" essays may be submitted to the District level. If your club only awards one first-place award, then only one essay may be submitted to the District. The coversheet must be submitted as a PDF. The essay may be submitted as a PDF or Word document.
6. Recognize the Club winners, parents and teacher(s) and award certificates/prizes.
7. Host the local winner at the District Conference along with the family and teacher.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ROTARY DISTRICT

1. Display rules for the contest on the District website.
2. Provide cash awards for the District winners.
3. Appoint a committee to evaluate the winning essays submitted by the Clubs and select the District winners. (Blind contest)
4. Invite the winners, their parents, and teachers to the District Conference May 2, 2020 at Maumee Bay State Park in Oregon Ohio where prizes will be awarded to the top three students and the winner will present the winning essay.

## SOME SPECIFICS

### CONCERNING THE CONTEST

- Original & personal work of the student. (7th and 8th grade students only, signed pledge required)
- Approximately 1,000 words in length.
- No graphics or highlighted text.
- Must be available to be published in the press.
- Must be approved by the student's parents.
- Critical dates established and followed by all concerned for the conduct of the contest.
- Initial screening of nominated essays is performed by the local school English department faculty. The most competitive essays are then given to the sponsoring Rotary Club for final evaluation. (Local club determines the number they will receive from each school.)
- A committee of the sponsoring Rotary Club evaluates the essays in accordance with an established Evaluation Guide. (copy attached)
- Finalists, parents, and teachers are recognized at a sponsoring Rotary Club function and awards presented.
- Media release, with photo(s), submitted to local press.
- The winning essay from each Club is forwarded to the District Office by March 20, 2020.

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# International Service



## IN JANUARY 2020 WE WILL SURVEY & VET ROTARY CLUBS IN GUATEMALA . . .

as well as the clinics in their vicinity. This will be just prior to Uniendo in Antigua. We have a group going to this project fair this year. Details:

## “UNIENDO AMERICA” PROJECT FAIR IS APPROACHING Rotary Districts 4240 & 4250

**JANUARY 23–25, 2020  
ANTIGUA GUATEMALA**

HOTEL-MUSEO  
CASA SANTO DOMINGO  
[www.casasantodomingo.com.gt](http://www.casasantodomingo.com.gt)

To Register for the Fair, go to:  
<http://distrito4250.org/>

Check the box for English and follow the prompts. Registration is \$180.00, then choose a hotel.

Global Grants usually start with a relationship with another club. One way which comes highly recommended is to attend a Project Fair 2020. I have attended 15 fairs in all Central American Countries. The fairs rotate each year to another country.

In January 2020, the fair is in La Antigua, Guatemala. Most visitors call it the land of perpetual spring. The fair is a highly condensed gathering of clubs from all over Central America, the US and Canada. Any club would profit from having a member attend.

Typical costs to attend should be less than \$1700.00. This would cover Airline Flights about \$710.00. Registration is \$180.00.

A hotel of your choosing of 560.00+- and miscellaneous expenses of \$200.00. The registration covers transportation from the airport on Wednesday and back on Sunday of \$40.00, by bus. For Wednesday through Sunday.

Clubs who elect to send a member to Uniendo and who participate as a partner in a Global Grant or choose to develop a Global Project will be partially reimbursed for their costs depending on how many participant's attend. D6600 has set aside \$5000 for Uniendo.

If I was going for the first time, I would take my spouse and stay a few extra days to explore.

### Other trips to Guatemala scheduled:

#### 1. October with George and Linda Gerard of Kootenai Valley (Libby MT).

They are going to Mazatenango, Guatemala. to finalize a GG, they have been developing for the last two years of a little less than \$400,000 for a water project. The trip is starting on October 2. Contact **Mark.Rohweder@kljeng.com** for details and arrangements.

#### 2. The Montana Rotary Coalition is sponsoring a Guatemala Trip from January 22-30, 2020. Trip limited to 24 participants.

To HOLD a space on the trip, RSVP to Terri Smiley, **tallterri09@yahoo.com**, 406-250-1741 as soon as possible.

A deposit for in-country transportation is due by October 30, 2019.

A preliminary schedule is available contact: **Married@wcoil.com**.

D6600 Ohio Pathways Members are traveling to Guatemala in **February 18-23, 2020**. Club President Mat Peabody, Jim and Sue Hunt, Bob and Linda Kuck, Joe Berninger, and Howard Lobb will be traveling to Guatemala in February to participate in the Guatemala Snapshot Tour.

Snapshot Tour **February 18-23, 2020** Single occupancy \$1,475/ Double \$1,375 This trip gives a glimpse into the GLP's projects and Guatemala in general, with visits to GLP (Guatemala Literacy Project) schools as well as tourism (boat ride on Lake Atitlán, shopping in markets, etc.). This is a great trip to Guatemala. If you recall, over 600 Rotary clubs already partner with the GLP to offer textbook, computer, teacher training, and youth development programs to over 50,000 impoverished students. We need more hands-on deck! Additional Rotary Service Trips to Guatemala check the projects web site <https://www.guatemalaliteracy.org/>



Doing international service with just one area of focus such as “**water** and **sanitation**” we can help prevent disease. 4000 children die each day because of water borne disease which is preventable. There are 780,000,000 people without a toilet in the world today. Join with other clubs and get started.

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*Join us for an evening of Fun, Fellowship, & Fundraising*

*As we **LEAP** into a great **YEAR** and look*

*towards our **VISION** for the future*

## **Valleywood Golf Club**

13502 Airport Highway

5:30 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Silent Auction from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Cash Bar

Tickets: \$35/person includes dinner and entertainment

*Tickets can be purchased online by accessing Eventbrite*

*(search Rotary Club of Swanton) or*

*emailing [SwantonRotary@gmail.com](mailto:SwantonRotary@gmail.com)*



# THE 33RD ANNUAL DISTRICT 6600 WORLD COMMUNITY WORKSHOP "CENTRAL AMERICA" SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020 – TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

This three-day workshop for high-school students 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. In addition, guest speakers share their stories about life in different countries.

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 of attending the workshop. Contact your local Rotary Club for more information and to confirm that they are willing to sponsor your participation.

***Please make sure you know the name of your local Rotary Club when completing the Registration Form.***



## **2020 World Community Workshop March 8–10, 2020**

Registration Details: Your local Rotary Club covers the cost of registration for the Workshop, which includes all meals and snacks, lodging, the Grand Banquet and entertainment. The cost to your local Rotary Club is \$225.00 per student.

### **Deadline for registration is February 28, 2020.**

Students should complete the online registration form available at the registration website:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/>

After registering, participants will receive a confirmation e-mail. Specific materials related to the workshop (medical authorization, list of what to bring, workshop schedule,

etc.) will be sent to Workshop participants closer to the actual date of the event. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Pete Lundberg World Community Workshop Liaison (419) 438-4767 [peterlundberg200@gmail.com](mailto:peterlundberg200@gmail.com) Check-In for the Workshop is scheduled for Noon – 1 pm on Sunday, March 8, 2020. The Workshop will conclude at Noon on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Join students from all over the world for this three-day event as you explore and learn about Central America. Workshop participants spend three days and two nights at Sauder Village and Heritage Inn, interacting with Sauder Village staff, other local educators and students.

Research special topics with your peers Join in small group discussions Participate in hands-on activities Interact with peer international students from a dozen or more countries Enjoy informative presentations by knowledgeable speakers Fun social events in the evening with fellow workshop participants Local and regional historians help staff the workshop and mentor participants through an interactive learning process Grand Banquet on Monday night featuring cultural cuisine.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE**  
**THE FIRST WEEKEND IN MAY!**

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# DOWN BY THE BAY!



## District Conference

**MAY 1-2, 2020**

MAUMEE BAY STATE PARK • OREGON, OHIO



*District Governor*  
**CAROLYN HUSTON**  
HOME CLUB: LORAIN

**Join our Rotary family for a year-end celebration of  
all we have achieved in our District and the world.**

LEARN MORE AT:

[ROTARYDISTRICT6600.ORG/DISTRICT-CONFERENCE](https://www.rotarydistrict6600.org/district-conference)

Use this registration link if you know your DACdb login:

<https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77464666>

Use this registration link if you do not know your DACdb login  
and would like to use email to request a link:

<https://www.IsMyRotaryClub.org/Register/RegisterMe.cfm?EventID=77464666>

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## WHO WE ARE

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

## WHAT WE DO

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies

## OUR MISSION

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



## HOW OUR MEMBERSHIP WORKS

Membership in a Rotary club is by invitation only. We want to make sure you join a club that best fits your passion and perspective. We can connect you with a club that's right for you and make it easy to get involved and on your way to membership immediately.

### 1 You express interest

Let us know a little about yourself and what you're looking for in a club. We'll find the local clubs in your area and let them know you're interested.

### 2 Rotary matches you with a club

Based on your preferences and interests, Rotary leaders in your community will match you with the local club that fits you best.

### 3 A local club contacts you

A Rotary club member will contact you by email or phone to discuss your interest in Rotary. You'll be invited to get to know the club better by attending a club meeting, a social event, or even to join in on a service project as a volunteer.

### 4 The club invites you to join

Now that you and a local club have spent some time together and determined that you're a good fit for each other, you will be invited to join. Each club has its own ways of welcoming new members; they may hold a ceremony for you.

### 5 You're a member!

Enjoy getting involved in your new club as a Rotary member. Join a committee. Lead a service project. Organize a social event. Lead and contribute to your new club.

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