



Keith Hodkinson, District Governor

It's hard to believe that I am entering into the fourth and final quarter of my term as your governor for Year of Covid 2020-2021. In a strange juxtaposition, so much has been canceled as a result of the pandemic, yet, so much has been created as a result of the pandemic.

Covid continues to guide our world. Many of you have already been vaccinated. Many have chosen for



whatever reason, not to be. Here is a statistic that is alarming. As of April 9, approximately 30% of Ohioans have gotten vaccinated. Those that are 15 years of age and under cannot get the vaccine. They represent approximately 25% of the total population. That means 55% of Ohio either has received the vaccine or cannot get it because they are too young. The downside is that means 45% have not gotten one of the three vaccines or are choosing not to get any vaccine.



Several Saturday's ago I was sitting at home thinking about the Mass Vaccination clinics being sponsored by the state. Our district contained 3 of the 15 sites in the Ohio. Lima, Maumee and Mansfield were the sites named. But there would also be other locations for clinics as the weeks rolled on. It hit me like a Led Zeppelin (sorry, I was raised in the era of classic rock). Who knows more about the logistics of vaccinating a lot of

people at one time? Rotary, of course. We've been doing it for years with polio. We should be part of this! WE are **PEOPLE OF ACTION!**

I met that same day with the organizers of a large clinic going on in Findlay. Karim Berudi, Hancock Public Health Director, Chad Masters, Organizer of the clinic, Christina Muryn, Mayor of Findlay and others gave their input on how to organize a volunteer group to assist in making any clinic run smoothly. From traffic control, taking temperatures, helping individuals fill out paperwork, assisting the vaccinators, inputting data into the state's system or watching over people after they received the vaccine to make sure there were no reactions.



Thus was born the Rotary Covid Connection! **WRONG!** I threw that name by District Trainer Alison Frye. She said "how about **Rotary Covid Coalition?** She was right! I talked to

▲ District Public Image Chair Sharon Trabbic. She ran with it! Later in this newsletter you will see a sidebar story on Sharon's experience working at the Maumee clinic and we will detail the proper procedures for joining the Rotary Covid Coalition and helping out a number of clinics in areas you wish to work in.

I invite you to help out wherever and whenever you can. Contact Sharon Trabbic for more information. sharon@trabbic.com.

We are **PEOPLE OF ACTION!**

Be safe!

Keith



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Steps to Volunteer to be part of Rotary's COVID COALITION

All over District 6600, counties are setting up large and small COVID-19 vaccination sites. Three areas, Maumee (Lucas), Lima (Allen), and Mansfield (Richland) have been identified as Mass Vaccination sites. "Volunteering to help the cause of vaccinating thousands of Ohioans is part of Rotary's DNA," remarked District Governor Keith Hodkinson in his video to club Presidents in mid-March.

Registering to volunteer is easy, go to:

www.ohioresponds.odh.ohio.gov

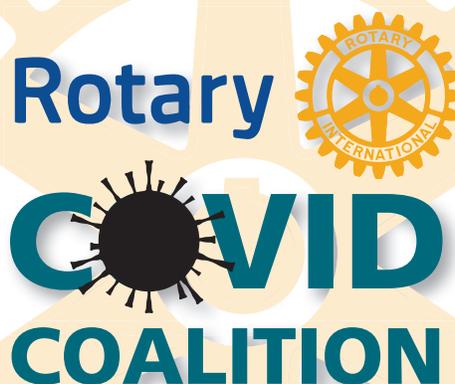
- 1) Once at website, Click on Red Button – Register Now
- 2) Click on "Add Organizations"
- 3) Click on "01-Medical Reserve Corps"
- 4) Select Counties (select your county or where mass vaccination clinics are being located (Lucas, Allen, Richland)
- 5) Continue filling out personal information
- 6) When you get to "Your Occupation" select either Medical or Non-Medical
If you have any medical training, it will then ask for additional information, so they know how to best use your skill set
- 7) Non-Medical volunteers are needed for data entry at registration and vaccination stations, line control, medication and supply runners, and other administration duties.
- 8) The county volunteer coordinator will be in touch with you via email or text with time and dates you may be needed. If you're not available at a specific day or time, they will reach out in the future.

Observations from a COVID COALITION Volunteer:

I was chosen to be a General Volunteer at a Mass Vaccination site at the Lucas County Recreation Center in Maumee, Ohio. Scheduled that day were 1,000 appointments for the second dose and 2,000 appointments for the first dose of the Moderna vaccine. We were directed to Hall 2 where about 10 Lucas County Health Department employees, and about 100 medical and non-medical volunteers were assembled. I checked in with the volunteer coordinator. Besides the inventory, and plenty of chairs for patrons (patients) to sit after their vaccine, there were 20 folding tables with 2 vaccine stations per table, a vaccinator, and a scribe. I was assigned as a scribe at a table for the second

dose. After a quick lesson on how to search and locate scheduled appointments in the Ohio database by the other scribe at my table, we began our day about 8 am. Appointments

were scheduled about 6 minutes apart; the process was smooth and the volunteers at my table were friendly and helpful to the patrons who were getting a vaccine. We didn't feel rushed – the line flowed quickly and efficiently. We took one break in the morning; the vaccinator and I coordinated it with the person who was directing patrons to our table. My shift was over at 11:45, and I left feeling very productive and proud to have served in this role.



Sharon Trabbic
District 6600 Public Image Chair
Rotary Club of Maumee,
Immediate Past President



Side Cut MetroPark Peace Garden

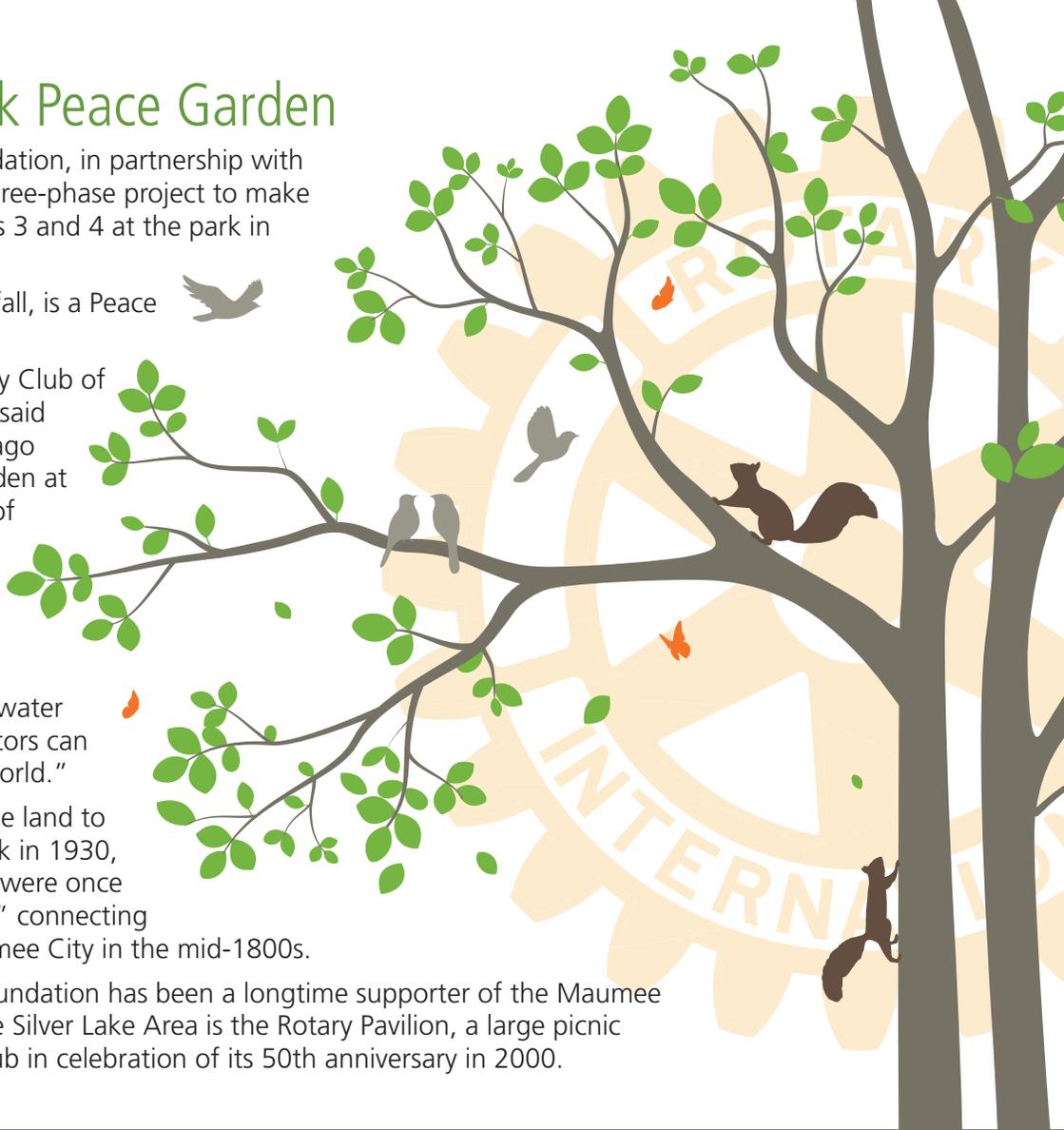
The Maumee Rotary Service Foundation, in partnership with Metroparks Toledo, is funding a three-phase project to make improvements to the historic Locks 3 and 4 at the park in Maumee, Ohio.

The first phase, completed in last fall, is a Peace Garden at the base of Lock 4.

Michele Free, who served as Rotary Club of Maumee President in 2018-2019, said she was inspired by a visit to Chicago where she learned of a Peace Garden at the home of Paul Harris, founder of Rotary International. Michele adds, "World Peace is one the pillars of Rotary International. The Peace Garden is designed to create a serene environment with plants, seating and the sounds of water trickling over the rocks, where visitors can reflect and find peace in a noisy world."

When the park system acquired the land to create Side Cut, the first MetroPark in 1930, it included four original locks that were once part of an extension, or "side cut," connecting the Miami & Erie Canal with Maumee City in the mid-1800s.

Maumee Rotary and its Service Foundation has been a longtime supporter of the Maumee park. Just across the road from the Silver Lake Area is the Rotary Pavilion, a large picnic shelter that was a gift from the club in celebration of its 50th anniversary in 2000.



Guests attend the dedication of Phase One of the Peace Garden at Side Cut MetroPark in Maumee, Ohio.



Kathy Altman, left, President of the Maumee Rotary Service Foundation, Maumee Rotary Club member Sylvia Washburn, Club President Chaz Price, and Past President Michele Free at the new Peace Garden at Side Cut MetroPark.

Howard Lobb and the Rotary International Cooperative for Education (CoEd) in Guatemala.

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This month, Howard Lobb is celebrating his 20th work anniversary with Cooperative for Education (CoEd), a partnership with Rotary International.

In 1996, Howard first went to Guatemala to explore volunteer opportunities. "My mother was always encouraging me to do service for others, and so I went down to see a Catholic mission. Immediately, I was in awe of how beautiful Guatemala was and how friendly the people were."

But during his first exploratory week in Guatemala, he just could not get over the heartbreaking condition of the villages, towns, and Guatemala City. The roads, schools, and living conditions of the people were unlike anything he had ever seen before.

In addition to witnessing poverty around him every day, he was told horrible stories from the civil war that had just officially ended that year—stories of military trucks driving down the road picking up boys as they walked home from school, "recruiting them into the Army," just like that.

After that trip, he was offered an opportunity by Sister Kris Schrader to come back and volunteer for the Catholic mission by helping to teach in their middle school. It turns out that the school, "La Labor," was where Joe and Jeff Berninger, CoEd's Founders, had just started their first textbook cooperative. He met Jeff and Joe, and they quickly became friends as they realized that they had many shared values, including a passion for education.

Fast forward a few years, Joe remembered, "So, it's the year 2001. CoEd had just received a grant from Microsoft for \$50,000 to put a computer lab in a school. The problem was, at that point, CoEd didn't HAVE a computer project. \$50K for a computer lab...and no capacity to put in computer labs. CoEd was just a textbook project only for the first 4 years."

He thought, "who do we know who has a heart for service, knows Spanish, knows technology and who could come down and help us get a computer lab installed in 3 months?" Of course, the answer was Howard Lobb.

"Growing up in the Midwest of the US, I had little concept of Central America as a kid. If anything, the few images that I saw on the TV news were less than positive. But working here, I have seen Guatemala through new eyes. I have seen the true capability and professionalism of my Guatemalan co-workers and their heart and humor, and they inspire me as I learn from them and as I see them make continuous and incredible improvements to our work," Howard recalls.

Today, the program provides critical and life-changing technical skills to nearly 14,000 impoverished schoolchildren each day through our network of 53 computer centers.

Howard Lobb is a member of the e-Club of District 6600, Ohio Pathways. Visit the CoEd Website (<https://coeduc.org>) to learn more about the organization and its Guatemala Literacy Project Tour (<https://coeduc.org/tours/glp/>).



Paul Harris Society



The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honor and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation. Paul Harris Society contributions also count toward Sustaining Member (Annual Fund contributions only), Every Rotarian Every Year, Paul Harris Fellow, and Major Donor recognition. Recognition consists of a chevron style pin and a certificate provided by your District Paul Harris Society Coordinator. Paul Harris Society members are listed in the Paul Harris Society Report.

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants. It is necessary that you actually enroll through Rotary International to be a Paul Harris Society member. Please share with your club members and Rotary friends. It takes less than 5 minutes to sign up! Enroll in recurring giving at <https://rotary.org/donate> or complete the paper form available to download.

Each of the Districts in our Rotary International Zone 30 is competing to see which District can get the most Paul Harris Society members from now through the end of June. It is based on a percentage increase, so all Districts have equal chance of winning.

Are you interested in taking the next step in supporting our Foundation or have any questions? Let's talk about it!! Contact Deb Cheney at debcheneyrotary6600@gmail.com.



Membership News



Despite COVID restrictions and its challenges, several Rotary Clubs in District 6600 have inspired many new members in the past year to join their ranks.

Rotary Club of Vermilion continues its focus on service to Vermilion, our county, state, country, and the world.

On Wednesday, March 24th, the Rotary Club of Vermilion welcomed six new members.

Incoming President, John Hill, and District Chair of the Membership Committee says:

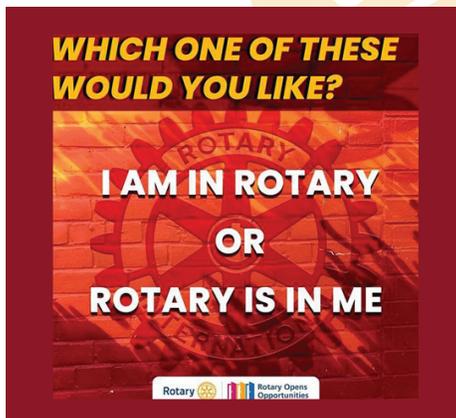
The most compelling reasons for them to join was their keen interest in doing service within the Seven Areas of Focus that Rotary supports. Our club has been recently focusing on several of the Rotary Areas of Focus: Community Development - 33 hand sanitizers to businesses, food/supply certificates to Salvation Army recipients, Blessing House, Learn to Swim, Cuddeback Cemetery, Roadside Clean-up); Literacy (Dolly Parton "Imagination Library"); Water and Sanitation (Haiti Clean Water, Hygiene and Education Project global grant - 500+ homes receiving safe/life-giving filtered water); and Environment (possible water run-off mitigation project in the near future).



New Vermilion Members (Left to right), Tara Jones (Director of Regulatory Services, Intralot), Jen Allred (Project Engineer for NASA Aerospace, Plumbrook), Bob Kowalski (Facility Manager, NASA Aerospace, Plumbrook), Dr. Andrea Fisher (Optometrist, Erie Shores Eye Care, Vermilion), Jennifer Bing (Business Development Manager, Kingston Health Care), and Jonathan Logue (Donor Development Manager for UH Hospital, Elyria), along with John Hill and Sylvania Rotary Club President Laura Dosch has been equally successful in gaining over 11 new members since July 1, no doubt a record for the club's membership efforts.

Laura says, "I am relentless. I talk Rotary to everyone I meet and explain the benefits of being a member of a vibrant club and organization. I'm in sales in my day job at Waterford Bank, and I know that you must have a consistent and welcoming message. Sylvania Rotary is meeting virtually and in person at Highland Golf Club

in Sylvania, of course socially distanced and masked. We have great programs and offer tremendous opportunities for Service to our community." Laura also isn't shy about promoting Sylvania Rotary and its new members on social media. Their Facebook page has 757 followers.



Sylvania Rotary President, Laura Dosch (right) inducts new member, Bill Garbe from Huntington Bank.



Pop Up Tents Delivered to Clubs

All clubs in the district recently received their pop-up tent as part of the We Are One District grant to help out our local communities. The tents actually belong to the community, however the Rotary Clubs will be the steward of them.

Archbold President, Jodi Herman, poses with the tent box.

The box is large and heavy, usually requiring about four people to help with the initial set up.

The Easter Bunny was busy a few weekends ago, visiting North Baltimore and New Bremen/New Knoxville locations where the tents were put to good use in the community.



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PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS.



Virtual Multi-District Conference

Friday April 23, 2021

6:30–8:30 pm

– AND –

Saturday April 24, 2021

9:00–11:00 am.

Rotary A World of Opportunity

Friday night will feature music, prizes, and inspiration. On Saturday you will have the unique opportunity to hear powerful Rotary stories with an Ohio connection and a global impact.

Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcrf-ugqj0rGtbheqGJp-0dVT5boCsEWyEG%2>

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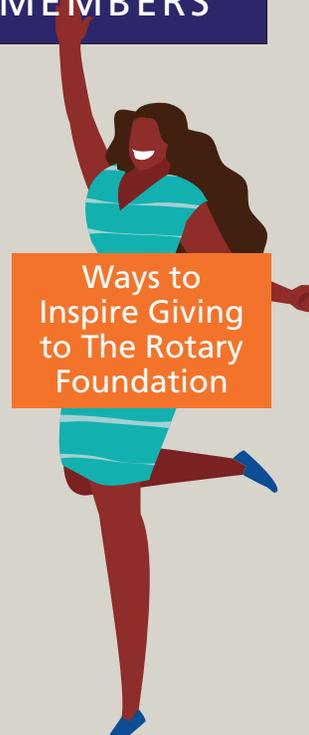
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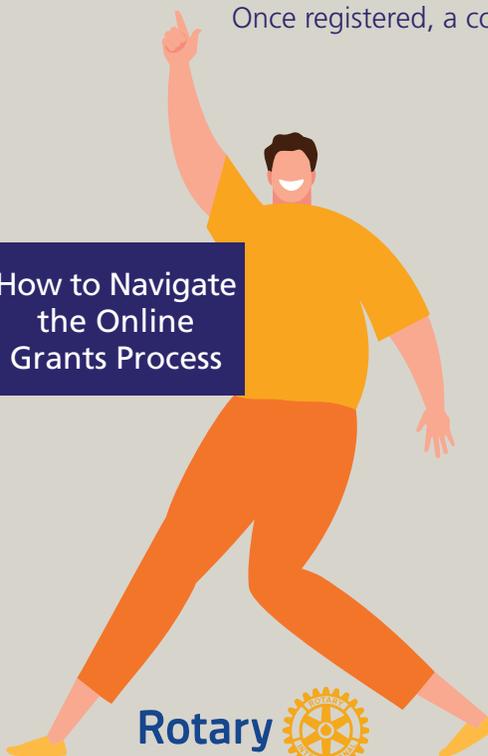


DACDB
tips and Tricks

Learn more about spearheading a
vibrant club
at the 2021 District TRAINING Assembly

Saturday, May 15, 2021
ZOOM MEETING
opens at 9:30 am
Event runs 10:00 am to Noon

Registration for EZ Link: <https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/ezLink.cfm?EventID=77525563>
Once registered, a confirmation will include Zoom Meeting link.



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Learn new skills, explore thought-provoking topics,
and discover innovative ways to engage.

Registration Link will be available soon.
Promotional fee of \$49 per person starting in Mid-April to early May.
Rate increases to \$65 per person after the Promotional period.

District Leadership Positions Open

**Your Rotary District Needs You —
we are seeking club members to step into
leadership roles for 2021- 2022 and beyond.**

What are you passionate about? Is it Membership, Foundation, Public Image, International Services, Youth Service, Community Service? Is it Diversity, Equality, and Inclusiveness? Is it our Environment?

We have a spot for you on a committee or in a leadership role.

Where would you like to see change? What opportunities can we create together? If you have idea for something new, Mary wants to hear from you. Let's work together to grow our Rotary District and Serve to Change Lives!

Mary AufkenKampe, District Governor Elect

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ROTARY DISTRICT 6600
IN-PERSON CHANGING OF THE GUARD
DISTRICTWIDE INSTALLATION EVENT



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021
6:00 PM
EMERALD EVENT CENTER
AVON, OHIO

Honoring District Governor Keith Hodkinson
and welcoming incoming District Governor
Mary AufdenKampe and the Class of 2021-2022
Club President's and District leaders



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Overnight accommodations at
the Marriott Hotel, next to the Event Center

Registration for EZ Link:
<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/ezLink.cfm?EventID=77526051>