

Happy Thanksgiving!

District 6600



News

A Message from District Governor Mary L. AufdenKampe

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My Dear Rotary Club Members,

November is a very special month with the beautiful landscape changing as we embrace the season of Autumn. We gain an hour of much needed sleep as we prepare for Thanksgiving and the Holiday season.

And, we pause and thank our veterans and their families for their service to our country, and extend our gratitude to those currently serving. Their sacrifice ensures we can continue to freely do the work of Rotary.

We are thankful for each and every Rotarian and the commitments you make to your Rotary District 6600. Our District has had a long history of giving in November during Rotary Foundation Month. We are grateful for all contributions that are made to the Rotary International Foundation all year long. This gratefulness in giving equals happiness and compassion for others.

Because of the Rotary International Foundation, we are able to help many around the World that we will never have the pleasure of meeting. Your gift changes lives locally and globally.

The Rotary International Foundation contributions can change the course of one's life forever.

Make a difference, take action and help those in need, be a Changemaker, a Rotary International Foundation Gift Giver.

Remember we do not get through life without help, without love, and without guidance. How privileged we are that we have always had more than we really need.

We Thank You for your generosity in advance. Have a Happy, Healthy, and Safe Thanksgiving!

Mary

District Governor Mary L. and Gary AufdenKampe
District Governor 2021-2022

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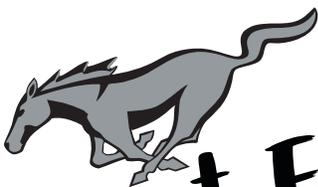
2022 FORD MUSTANG
MACH-E SUV AWD

PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS



Clubs in District 6600 will compete to sell tickets, however winning Club is determined by the per capita tickets sold, and will be reduced proportionately if final amount raised is less than \$100,000. Club contest is based on ONLY if we reach \$100,000 in sold tickets for the Rotary International Foundation as we support the Seven Areas of Focus and the Environment!

*Some restrictions apply. For contest and raffle rules, see www.rotarydistrict6600.org/raffle/



*Fast, Fun,
& Electric!*

Car Raffle



to Support the Environment and The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International



Rotary
District 6600



THE CAR

- 2022 Mustang Mach-E SUV AWD Electric Car
- Premium Package includes extended battery
- 5-Passenger, automatic
- Rapid Red Metallic Tinted Clearcoat.
- Light Space Grey Perforated Active X Interior
- Delivery of vehicle at Mike Bass Ford, Sheffield Lake, Ohio
- MSRP for 2022 model year is approximately \$60,000

THE RAFFLE

- **\$100 per ticket**
- **\$200 for three tickets**
- **\$500 for seven tickets**
- The same person must purchase the ticket packages – they cannot be split between people or organizations.
- Proceeds to benefit The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International
- Tickets available online or in paper format
- Drawing will be Saturday, May 14, 2022 at District Conference in Geneva on the Lake, Ohio
- No cash value; no cash paid out in lieu of vehicle
- Winner need not be present to win
- Winner to pay all applicable fees, taxes, registration, and transportation expenses if outside delivery area which is Sheffield Lake, Ohio.



Rotary District 6600 Hosts 2021 Peace Conference



The Peace Conference event on Saturday October 30, 2021 was a great Rotary gift to the Community. The Conference featured keynote speakers Xavier Ramey, founder and CEO, Justice Informed; Dr. Akarm Boutros, President and CEO MetroHealth; Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., Mount Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, Cleveland; and Billy Joe White, Tattoo Artist, Zanesville who erases hateful art to create something beautiful and positive.

“There is no question that we face enormous challenges in today’s world,” said Jeanine Donaldson, Rotary District 6600 Peace Conference Chair and Executive Director of the YWCA Elyria. “If we don’t act now to build the conditions for a sustainable peace, the problems will only increase.”

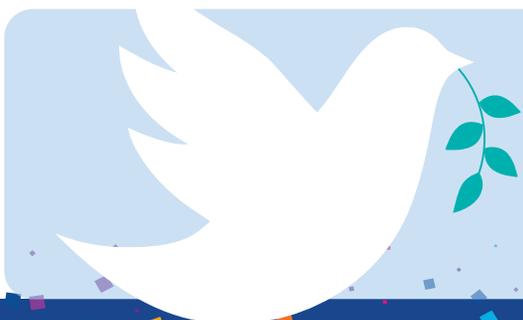
Conflict and unrest in the news can seem insurmountable,” said Rotary District Governor Mary L AufdenKampe. “But if Rotary, as a local and global organization, can get to work and become problem-solvers, change makers and opportunity creators, we can deliver a brighter and more peaceful future for generations to come. We’re your neighbors, business and community leaders who represent all generations and virtually every ethnicity and culture in the world.”



Xavier Ramey



(L to R) Jeanine Donaldson, Chair of Peace Conference, Rev. Dr. Otis Moss Jr, DG Mary, and Xavier Ramey



Become a Peace Builder Club!
See the resources at
<https://bit.ly/rotarypeacebuilder>



Committee News



This Month's Focus:

The Rotary Foundation

Despite the chaos created by the COVID virus, Rotary has continued to maintain a presence throughout the world. We in Rotary are very fortunate to have The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, rated once again by Charity Navigator as one of the top Foundations in the world.

Despite our lack of gatherings at meetings, workshops, and conventions, The Rotary Foundation has remained a constant bright spot. Through its grant process we have been able to maintain our system of worldwide aid.

The PolioPlus program is a prime example of how we are succeeding as only two cases of polio have been reported in the world this year. Think about that – ONLY 2 Cases. Both occurred in January so indeed we are “this close” to our goal to END POLIO NOW! We had several successful events in October to raise funds for the efforts and I thank all of those involved. I also am hoping that every Rotarian and every Rotary club can find it in their heart to contribute to the cause.

November is Foundation month: a time where we ask all clubs and Rotarians to consider supporting The Rotary Foundation. Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) program was created years ago to encourage giving by every Rotarian. We don't specify an amount for giving, we just ask that you give something. It's simple when you think about it. Almost half of every dollar donated is given back to the District to encourage clubs to create local grants to assist in their communities. Last year almost every club participated in the grant process and received funds for a community project. The remaining funds are used to support the Global grant program.

These are very challenging and changing times in our clubs, but we need to remember the purpose of Rotary is Service Above Self. One of the ways we serve is through The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Please remember The Rotary Foundation as you approach the year's' end. Your contribution can go a long way!



BY JOE LUDWIG,
FOUNDATION CHAIR



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Become a member of the 125 Club! Donate at least \$100 to The Rotary Foundation and \$25 Polio Plus campaign.



Mary @ ...

Here are just a few of the clubs District Governor Mary L. AufdenKampe visited during October and early November.

Amherst



Mary @ Amherst –
President Jennifer Bracken, President-Elect Christina Meier, Michigan Rotarian visitor, DG Mary, Assistant Governor Lisa Wilson

Cardington



Mary @ Cardington – Members pose with DG Mary

Sylvania



Mary @ Sylvania – Mel Honig (Resources Center Int'l program chair through MESA), Assistant Governor and Immediate Past President Laura Dosch, DG Mary, President Ben Malczewski, District Treasurer Doug Welch, and Assistant Governor David Dennis at Sylvania Rotary.



Elyria

Mary @ Elyria –
District Secretary Dianne Brehm, Peace Conference Chair Jeanine Donaldson, President Amanda Deery, DG Mary, District Technology Chair Mindy Nielson, District Interact Chair Sam Battle, Assistant Governor Lisa Wilson



Elyria Sunrise

Mary @ Elyria Sunrise –
Assistant Governor Lisa Wilson, DG Mary, President Kurt Anderson

To see DG Mary's calendar of Club Visits, go to:
<https://bit.ly/6600clubvisits>

World Polio Day Events

Local events on October 24th helped to build awareness and support Rotary International's global effort to eradicate polio, worldwide.



WORLD POLIO DAY IN VERMILION

Assistant Governor Lisa Wilson and Club President John Hill at the Pours for Polio event. Lisa holds an official proclamation from the City of Vermilion Mayor Jim Forthofer designating October 24 as World Polio Day in Vermilion.



ROTARY CLUB OF OBERLIN'S AXE OUT POLIO

Tony Ignani (L), and President-Elect Bruce Ente at President Melanie Satterfield's home



ROTARY CLUB OF OTTAWA-GLANDORF'S AXE OUT POLIO

\$1,501 was raised through paid admission and raffles. Supporters Jo Roth (low left center) and clockwise Tom Rosenbauer, Matt Burwell, Brad Leis, Mike Ruhe, Lori Sahloff and Kurt Sahloff show we are "this close" to eradicating polio.



DISTRICT 6600'S COOKING FOR POLIO

Suzanne Hagelberg (Maumee) watches on Zoom while she prepares the mushroom fajitas with inspiration from Chef Charine.



ROTARY CLUB OF ELYRIA'S AXE OUT POLIO

Gary McIntyre

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To donate, go to <https://endpolio.org>



ROTARY CLUBS OF PORT CLINTON AND SANDUSKY CONCERT FOR POLIO
Island Song Band performs at the Concert for Polio



Maris Brenner, PDG (right) along with Island Song band leader John "Crash" Davenport.



Kim Engle (left) along with DG Mary and husband Gary, and Rex Engle, PDG, enjoying a beverage at the Island Song.



Jennifer Link Lippus (Sandusky President, in the End Polio Now apron) at the Concert for Polio.





District 6600 Environmental Sustainability Report

Rotary International has added Environmental Sustainability (ES) as its seventh area of focus. This is a call to action and it makes global and district grants available for ES projects.

Perrysburg Rotarians are already answering the call. They will be hosting several community service projects focused on improving our environment and increasing awareness within our community!

Perrysburg Rotarians have already worked on a stream clean up. Additionally members and friends had a wonderful time collecting local, native seeds with the **Black Swamp Conservancy**. Hand collecting local native seeds is a vital contribution to the Conservancy's restoration efforts.

The MILAN Rotary club has been seeking ways to reduce the 3500 acres of land being converted to landfills every year in the USA. They started by asking the local landfill management to speak to their club.

The Maumee Rotary club is leading a district 6600 grant application to restore 61 acres of forest and wetlands along the Maumee River. If all goes well every club on or near the River from Defiance to Lake Erie will play a part in sending cleaner water to the lake.

I am in awe of what Rotary can accomplish!

In Rotary Service,

Tim Ryan, Environmental Sustainability Chair



Chris Vogel (Perrysburg), Tim Ryan (Toledo), and Justin Glover (Maumee President) near the Maumee River.



Rotarians with the Rotary Club of Milan.

Rotarians work in Perrysburg to collect local seeds.



Committee News

Membership

D6600 Clubs are adding members...

The first Quarter RI Membership Numbers are in and many of our District Clubs have been adding members. It is especially notable when the number of new covers those recently lost due to COVID, relocation, or loss. Kudos to McComb, Bowling Green, Ottawa-Glandorf, Sandusky, Celina, Toledo, Elyria Sunrise, Norwalk, Bellevue, Waterville, and Vermilion Clubs. And a special Thank You for those Clubs who have been inviting friends and family to join in working on service projects, at fundraisers, End Polio Now events, and Rotary-After-Five Socials. No doubt there are some potential members already in your midst.

Listening to your success in recruitment of new members, inspires the district membership committee! We invite you to send in your own club stories and challenges. Every two weeks we will share these with our District-wide Club Membership Chairs, Presidents, and PE's. Some of the best methods and ideas can come from our own Clubs. Send your Membership news AND pictures of New Members to mbrenner1229@icloud.com, district membership committee/engagement, and jkurfess@perrysburg.org, district membership chair.

See Maris' inspiring blog on Rotary.org about adding Spousal Membership as an option to your club:

<https://blog.rotary.org/2021/09/28/spouse-membership-is-low-hanging-fruit/>



Convention Details

2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston

Houston, America's Fourth largest city, is playing host to The RI Convention from June 5-8, 2022. It's been two years since we had an "in-person" gathering and Houston promises to be an exciting time for Rotarians, friends, and family. Preconvention activities, including tours of many famous venues, start in the days ahead of June 5th and continue right on thru the convention itself. There will local gatherings also included with the convention and opportunities to connect with old friends and meet new ones as well. The convention itself features general sessions loaded with inspiring speakers and breakout sessions every afternoon allowing you to explore just about any area of Rotary where you might have an interest. And let's not forget the House of Friendship where everyone gathers to socialize and visit the exhibitor booths containing various Rotary projects and vendors hawking Rotary apparel.

Registration is ongoing and you can save yourself \$100 if you register prior to December 15 when the price increases. District Governor Mary L. AufdenKampe and Convention Chair Joe Ludwig are looking forward to greeting you in Houston.

If you are planning on attending, please let Joe Ludwig know if you previously have not done so. Joe can also answer any questions you might have. Contact him at jludwig67@gmail.com

Visit www.houstonri2022.org for registration and additional details on the convention and activities in Houston.



Club Spotlight

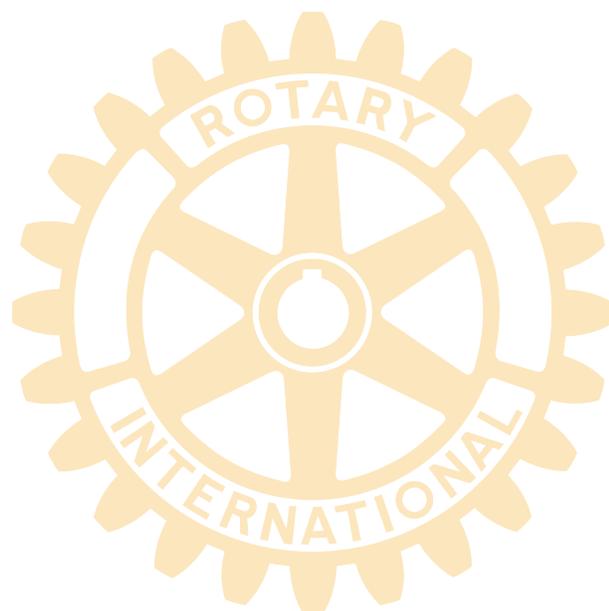
Perrysburg

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“This is the largest contribution in the history of our club to a 501(c)(3) organization,” said Jack Sculfort, Perrysburg Rotary Service Foundation Chair. “Our club’s foundation board received the grant request from Mercy Health and did our due diligence to determine if it was something we should act on. Based on the information that was provided to us in the grant request, along with Mercy Health’s excellent long-standing reputation for health care, our foundation’s board voted to proceed.”

This fund will financially assist patients with things like transportation to/from the hospital, certain procedures, prescription drugs, and some medical equipment. This is not just for patients who are non-insured or underinsured. Sandy Synder, a Perrysburg Rotarian, and Director of the Mercy Health – Toledo Foundation said, “Our [Mercy] team does an amazing job working with insurance companies and other providers to exhaust every option before using the patient assistance fund.” She added that similar funds exist at Mercy Health’s other hospital locations. “This endowment will help patients when they are at their most vulnerable.”





Wauseon

The Wauseon Rotary Club held its 59th Annual Auction on Saturday October 23rd at the Fulton County Fairgrounds at Spangler Arena, Wauseon.

This large show arena was transformed into a traditional-style auction featuring vehicles, household furniture, new and used appliances, furniture, toys, houseware items, tools, a full concession stand and more. Over 300 bidders and an estimated 600 total people attended throughout the day until the last items were sold raising nearly \$50,000. Nearly all items were donated by the local business and community members.



“This auction is a true community event with a long-standing history,” notes Toni Schindler, Club President. “Our Club was able to overcome the issues which caused the cancellation of last year’s auction – COVID, increased prices, supply chain issues, fewer volunteers, and fewer donated items. I couldn’t be more impressed with our Rotarians and our community for pulling this off once again.”

An event this size takes Rotarians give their personal time to plan the auction, solicit donations from the community, stage the auction and finally appear and assist on the day of the auction. It requires the community be invested enough in the work of the club to attend and purchase the items at the auction. In return, the Rotarians have made significant contributions to the community such as our investment of \$5 Million in Dorothy Biddle Park Sports Complex and more recently the creation of Indian Hill Trails. This collaborative effort is what makes the Wauseon Community such a great place to work, live and play, and why the Wauseon Rotary Auction has continued to be such a success for 59 years.

Rotary After Hours

Forty-six Rotarians from six different clubs in the Toledo area joined in for a Rotary After Hours at the HOOVES Farm on October 14.

Founder Amanda Held shared more about Equine Therapy to help Veterans deal with PTSD, and a Veteran demonstrated how to craft a pen out of wood.





DG Nominations Open

District 6600 is seeking nominations for the office of District Governor Designate (DGND).

An exciting opportunity is available for club past presidents to step into a Rotary District 6600 Leadership Role. The District 6600 Nominations Committee is seeking nominations for the office of District Governor Designate (DGND). The individual selected will serve as District Governor in the 2024-2025 Rotary year.

The experience is fantastic and life changing for members who met the qualifications. For more information, contact Rex Engle, PDG, Nominating Committee Chair at rxdg1415@gmail.com. Applications are due back by November 28, 2021.

In addition to DGND, the District has four other open positions:

- **District Treasurer** (beginning July 2022) – Responsible for all the District’s financial obligations, ideally a CPA, approximately 20 hours per month
- **Four-Way Essay Contest Chair** – Lead a committee during April to read, evaluate and rate the club’s winning essays written by 7th and 8th graders
- **Vocational Training Team & New Generations Service Exchange Chair** – Lead these customizable programs for young professionals once travel is permitted
- **Friendship Exchange Chair** – Lead a team of participants who want to experience a different country and culture, in person or virtually.

For consideration, please contact District Governor Mary L. AufdenKampe at mary_aufdenkampe@hotmail.com

Thank You!

Thank you to our generous donor for the **COVID Vaccine Incentive Program**. Payments to clubs are on their way. Over the next few months, please share your plans for the funds with District Governor Mary L. AufdenKampe.

Public Image Chair

New Resources for Club Public Image and Public Relations Chairs!

Rotary International is constantly working to provide the latest materials and resources to club leaders.

Rotary’s newest self-paced learning module, **Public Relations and Your Club**, is now available. Take this 15-minute online course and learn strategies for using media and public relations to gain visibility, increase awareness of club initiatives, and promote your impact in the community.

Liz Courtney, an assistant Rotary public image coordinator, explains why it’s important to consistently use logos and messaging when promoting your club. In her **post**, find a list of steps you can take to give your club a unified image, which will build trust in and awareness of your club.

Visit the Brand Center to download Rotary’s latest videos. **Videos** can give viewers insight into a project and provide a visualization of its impact. You can post them on your club website and social media channels or share them with friends. In one of our newest videos, “Voices of Members,” be inspired by Rotary members from around the world talking about how they’ve been responding to COVID-19. It helps spread the word that we are people of action, even in the most challenging of times.

Club leaders – be sure to add the names of your club’s public image chairs when you update your club leader information in My Rotary. Starting this Rotary year, leaders are able add their public image committee chair to My Rotary. By providing this information, you help to ensure that your club’s public image committee chair receives communication from Rotary about the latest materials and resources available on the Brand Center to promote and strengthen our brand.

Need help or have questions? Please reach out to Sharon Trabbic, District 6600 Public Image Chair at sharon@trabbic.com.



Wine ♦ Dine ♦ Play



District 6600 Conference

May 13-15, 2022



The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake

Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio

www.thelodgeatgeneva.com

Registration opens January 2022

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Ready for Lift Off?! We are...



Rotary International President
Shekhar Mehta

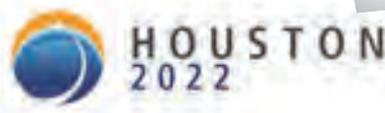


**Each One
Bring One**

www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8_Q9CrlocY&t=13s

by Shekhar Mehta

(Rotary International President 2021-22)



HOUSTON ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

HOUSTON, TEXAS • **JUNE 4-8, 2022**

<https://www.houstonri2022.org/>

Discovery Green Welcome Event

Sat Jun 4, 2022 6:00 PM • 10:00 PM CDT • Discovery Green

Join us for an evening of fun, food and entertainment as we kick-off the beginning of the 2022 Rotary International Convention. This event will take place in Houston's premier green space at Discovery Green conveniently located directly across the street from the George R. Brown Convention Center. This ticketed event will be filled with tastes, sights and sounds reflecting the cultural diversity of the City of Houston and the welcoming flair of the big heart of Texas. There are two stages that will provide a wide range of musical entertainment as well as roaming performers and photographers to keep our guest engaged. The Beer and Wine Garden will showcase Texas Craft beers and Texas Wines. Please purchase your "Beer/Wine Tickets" prior to this event if you wish to sample our Texas spirits. Plan to stay past dark so you do not miss the Grande Finally. A night of Texas hospitality with an international flair awaits you. The attire for this event is outdoor casual. You will need your hotel/housing information available when purchasing a Host Event Tickets.



Club and District Upcoming Events Calendar

from the District Calendar on DACdb (more information and registration at DACdb)

 <p>Rotary District 6600</p> <p>Every Other Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30 EST</p> <p>Training for DACdb</p> <p>Check DACdb Calendar for days and topics</p>	 <p>Rotary District 6600</p> <p>Saturday and Sunday, November 20</p> <p>Intl Fed of Scouting Rotarians Medici Museum Tour & Service Projects</p> <p>Warren, Ohio Lee.peters.apo@gmail.com</p>	 <p>Rotary District 6600</p> <p>Wednesday, December 8</p> <p>Oregon-Northwood Rotary Wheel of Purses</p> <p>Online event Register on eventbrite</p> <p>7 PM</p>	 <p>Rotary District 6600</p> <p>Saturday, December 11</p> <p>District 6600 District Advisory Committee Meeting</p> <p>8:30 AM via Zoom</p>
 <p>Rotary District 6600</p> <p>Saturday, January 8</p> <p>One Rotary Summit</p> <p>Terra Community College Fremont</p> <p>9 AM – 1 PM</p>	 <p>Rotary District 6600</p> <p>Saturday, February 12</p> <p>Toledo area Rotary Clubs Food Build</p> <p>Sew Hope, Kids Coalition Against Hunger and Seagate Food Bank</p>	 <p>Rotary District 6600</p> <p>Saturday, February 12</p> <p>District 6600 Foundation Celebration</p> <p>Emerald Event Center Avon</p> <p>6 PM</p>	 <p>Rotary District 6600</p> <p>Wednesday, February 23</p> <p>Ohio Multi-District Presidents Elect Training</p> <p>Via Zoom - Sign up on DACdb</p> <p>6:30 – 7:30 PM</p>
 <p>Rotary District 6600</p> <p>Friday, Saturday March 11-12</p> <p>All Ohio Presidents Elect Training</p> <p>Renaissance Columbus 50 North 3rd Street Columbus</p>	 <p>Rotary District 6600</p> <p>Friday-Sunday, May 13 - 15</p> <p>District 6600 Conference</p> <p>The Lodge and Conference Center at Geneva-on-the-Lake Geneva, Ohio</p>	 <p>Rotary District 6600</p> <p>Saturday-Wednesday, June 4 - 8</p> <p>Rotary International Convention</p> <p>Houston, TX www.houstonri2022.org</p>	 <p>Rotary District 6600</p> <p>Sunday – Friday, June 19 – 24, 2022</p> <p>Rotary Tour for MESA</p> <p>Start and end at the MESA Warehouse. include an overnight in the Cannaly Treehouse Village</p>