

# ROTARY DISTRICT 6600

# NEWS<sup>2023</sup> LETTER

May



## DISTRICT 7030 PROJECT FAIR

Grenada was the destination for this year's Project Fair for District 7030. The team, which included Rotarians from District 6600, 6690 and XXX heard 24 presentations from over 13 different countries. Projects were focused on the environment, childhood obesity, empowering girls, (con't on p. 2)

## DISASTER RELIEF GRANT

District 6600 was awarded a Disaster Relief Grant to support our work in Ukraine and Poland. \$25,000 is being sent to the Rotary Club of Poland to purchase clothing and food for refugees. We are so proud of the contributions that have been made by our clubs and members.



## WATER IS LIFE PROJECT

At this year's District Conference, we are honored to present a team of Rotarians from District 7030, St. Vincent, who will provide an update on the Water is Life project. To date, we have raised close to \$50,000 for this project. The installations have begun in eight farming areas.

## TIME FOR AN UPDATE?

When was the last time the leadership of your club read their club bylaws? (Have they EVER read them?) Are their club's practices consistent with those bylaws? Not doing so can have very real and disastrous practical and legal consequences. Now is a great time to have your incoming leaders complete this task. Learn more at The Learning Center's 30-minute "Managing Club Business" course: <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/course/1726/managing>



## DISTRICT 7030 PROJECT FAIR

(con't) - economic development, inclusion, recycling, access to water and disease prevention. The team will be presenting the projects to the District Governor Elect and leadership team. We look forward to the positive impact that we can make in the region.

## DISASTER RELIEF

Rotarians and Rotary clubs are encouraged to continue to offer support to all areas impacted in our both our ZONE and worldwide: East Palenstine, OH (train derailment), Rolling Fork, MS (tornadoes), Turkey and Pakistan (earthquakes), Ukraine (war and refugees). Contact a District Leadership member for more information.



## LAST CHANCE!

This year's District Conference will give you the opportunity to be educated and entertained. Last call for registrations - ends April 30!  
Cleveland, OH - Rock and Roll Hall of Fame  
Cleveland Downtown Marriott Hotel  
Register here: <https://rotarydistrict6600.org/district-events/>

# Bequest Society

**Are you looking for a way to make a lasting impact that will benefit future generations for years to come?**

**Consider becoming a Rotary bequest society member!**

By making a bequest designation, you can ensure that your values and priorities are carried on well beyond your lifetime. You can leave a lasting legacy that will benefit society and make a real difference in people's lives. Bequest donations can take many forms, such as bequests in your will, charitable trusts, or gifts of real estate or other assets. These donations will support Rotary International and its areas of focus for years to come. Not only does a bequest donation provide a way to give back, it can also offer significant tax benefits.

Here are the levels and the recognition awards from RI:

- \$10,000: Bequest Society pin and an exclusive art piece suitable for framing
- \$25,000: Rotary's Promise crystal and named endowed fund, plus all of the above
- \$50,000: Separate named endowed funds directed to two areas of focus or districts, plus all of the above
- \$100,000: Customized Rotary's Promise crystal, plus all of the above
- \$250,000: Posthumous induction into the Arch Klumph Society, plus all of the above
- \$500,000: Special seating and registration benefits at the Rotary International Convention, plus all of the above

So why wait? By becoming a Bequest Society member, you can leave a meaningful and lasting impact that will make a difference for generations to come.

**Those Rotarians in our District who make this commitment before the end of the Rotary year will receive 5000 Foundation Points.**

**By making the minimum designation of \$10,000, you will also become a major donor!**



# OPERATION POLLINATION IN ROTARY D6600

## THREE EASY STEPS

to Join the Operation Pollination Project in District 6600

### STEP ONE

Have your Club sign a pollinator pledge form

### STEP TWO

Start a club pollinator project - ie. start a rotary pollinator garden or prairie with signage; share education resources with your community; or host a native plant speaker at your club's meeting

### STEP THREE

Share your project so others can get inspired!

## D6600 Resources

Pollinator Habitat 101 - a 5 series educational webinar  
<https://u.osu.edu/pollinators101/>

A grassroots call-to-action to regenerate biodiversity and ecosystem function  
<https://homegrownnationalpark.org>

School pollinator garden with STEM and multicultural components  
<https://monarchsisterschools.org>

Create a sustainable garden that helps wildlife: Enter zip code  
<https://nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife>

Resource for native plant sale, & landscape design and installation service  
<http://https://wildtoledo.org/>



## BEE THE CHANGE FOR POLLINATORS

to Join Operation Pollination  
<https://operationpollination.net>

### ROTARIANS:

**Operation Pollination** is an emerging global effort that engages you and your partners in pollinator habitat restoration. By joining, you and your partners will make a difference in support of the environment.

### BEE PART OF A GLOBAL CONSERVATION PRIORITY PROJECT

*"One touch of nature makes the whole world kin."  
-- William Shakespeare (Troilus and Cressida, act 3, sc.3, 1. 171)*

Considering a pollinator project with your club? Please reach out to let us know your plans! If you are seeking guidance, we have resources that can help.

### PLEASE CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION

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*"Nature is always hinting at us. It hints over and over again. And suddenly we take the hint."*

**-Robert Frost**

### NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK JUNE 19-25, 2023

The United States Senate unanimously approved the designation of a week in June as National Pollinator Week *"to celebrate pollinators and spread the word about what "you can do to protect them."*

Rotarians and partners are encouraged to participate in publicizing pollinator efforts during pollinator week - see website for more details!

**For more information** on National Pollinator Week:  
<https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week>

"Working together, all ships will rise"

### Pollinator Garden Tips

**Plant Native**  
these plants have evolved in the region and pollinators have specialized in them

**Diversify Blooms**  
choose a mix of early, middle and late blooms to support pollinators all season

**Avoid Insecticides**  
ask the grower if the plants have been treated with anything that may still be active.

### Recommended Plants for a 3x3 Perennial Garden in NW Ohio:

**Early Season Blooms**  
Dotted Horsemint  
Foxglove  
Beardtongue  
Wild Columbine

**Middle Season Blooms**  
Obedient Plant  
Dense Blazing Star  
Butterfly Milkweed

**Late Season Blooms**  
New England Aster  
Showy Goldenrod  
Black-eyed Susan