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### GRANT REVIEW PROCESS ALMOST COMPLETE!

The hard-working grants team led by Liz Muether and Amber Fisher are almost done with the grant review process. Our district will award approximately \$60K in grants to our clubs. Great job everyone!

### "AOP" ALL OHIO P.E.T.S

So what is AOP, All Ohio P.E.T.S??

AOP stands for All-Ohio Presidents-Elect Training Seminar. This event trains, inspires, motivates and engages presidents elect so they can be better prepared to lead their clubs!

It has been shown that presidents elect who attend AOP are more successful in leading their clubs. Even if you've served as a President before, each year's program is different and provides new Rotary information.

So, when is AOP? *I'm glad you asked!*

When: Friday and Saturday, March 15-16, 2024

Where: Marriott Renaissance (Downtown) Columbus, Ohio

Contact: Tim Ryan DGE for more information at [imtimryan@gmail.com](mailto:imtimryan@gmail.com) or watch

<https://www.allohiopets.org/pets/> for updated information.

### UPCOMING CLUB VISITS AND EVENTS

#### District Events

9/21-9/24, Zone Institute (Memphis)  
10/20, Foundation Gala (Perrysburg)  
1/6, One Rotary Summit (Tiffin)  
2/17, Peace Conference (Lorain)  
3/15-3/16, AOP (Columbus)  
4/19-4/20, District Conference (Oregon)

#### District Governor Visits

8/21, Defiance  
8/22, Van Wert  
8/25, Perrysburg  
8/29, Elyria morning and noon  
9/6, Wauseon  
9/7, Sandusky  
9/11, Fremont  
9/12, Bellevue  
9/19, Milan  
9/25, Norwalk  
9/26, Oak Harbor & Port Clinton

### PATHWAYS ROTARY CLUB

Our district has an online club called Pathways. Check it out. They have members from all over the world.

It's also a great alternative for someone who cannot attend regular club meetings.

<https://www.pathwaysrotary.org>

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### LIMA AMPITHEATER

The nearly four million dollar **Greater Lima Region Amphitheater and Park** was officially opened Monday, July 31 and was followed by a week-long party and celebration with musical acts and events through the first weekend in August. The Amphitheater is located at 128 E Spring St, Lima.

The project started as an idea in 2017 and grew into a future destination for arts and events in Lima's downtown area. The funding came from a variety of sources including the Lima Rotary Club, the State of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and the City of Lima.

Tracie Sanchez from Lima Rotary said it best: "If it wasn't for the State of Ohio and the City of Lima and all of our donors and sponsors that have put forth the effort, and especially the Rotary and all that Rotary has done to raise the money, something like this could never have happened..."

### ENVIROCLUB AWARDS COMES TO ROTARY DISTRICT 6600

When the Environment was added as an Area of Focus for Rotary in 2020, the Clubs of District 6600 rose to the challenge to show that we can be leaders in caring for the land and life around us. This year, we're rolling out the **EnviroClub Awards** program to recognize this great work and to facilitate a platform to highlight these projects for others to get inspired. To be eligible for a Level 1 award this year, we're asking Clubs to share a summary of their Environmental activities and projects, as well as to name an Environmental Officer or Chair at the Club level. Let's continue growing Environment as a focus for Rotary District 6600! Please complete the application by March 31, 2024. For more information on the EnviroClub Awards, as well as for inspiration and ideas from clubs in other Districts, check out the information packet on our website:

[:https://rotarydistrict6600.org/environmental-sustainability/](https://rotarydistrict6600.org/environmental-sustainability/)

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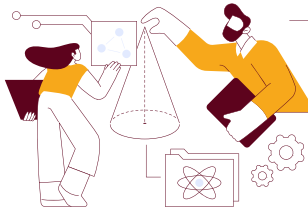
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### COLLABORATION WITH BGSU



In collaboration with northern Ohio Districts 6630 and 6650, we will be supporting BGSU's effort to attract STEM teachers. They have applied for a grant through the National Science Foundation and if approved, we will work closely with them to help promote the recruitment of new STEM educators.

### A Membership Minute

by Lisa Wilson, Rotary District 6600 Membership Chair

Membership is not a simple word or concept. It is more of a complex matrix, one that we all need to take seriously to keep Rotary vibrant in our communities and the world. Our club members are the key to the success of Rotary. We need our current members to feel satisfied with their club experience and engaged in service projects. We also need to grow our clubs and expand our reach with future members to keep our organization moving forward.

Growing your club in number and engagement cannot happen without a plan. And my friends, hope is not a plan! You must set goals, create a plan and get to work.

With a new Rotary year upon us, what's going on in your club regarding membership? What have you and your board discussed to not only bring in new members, but also increase your club experience and engagement?

I am looking forward to watching your clubs thrive and grow this Rotary year!

*Lisa Wilson*

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**Karim Baroudi** from the Findlay Rotary Club is our new District Polio Chair. Karim serves as the Public Health Commission for Hancock County. He has some great ideas for this upcoming year including the addition of the "**The Polio Plus Society**" which is a recognition to those who give \$100 to polio in a Rotary year.

We also encourage clubs to have a **polio fundraising event during October** to help bring awareness to our fight to eradicate polio.

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