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## CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD

### NEW BREMEN/ NEW KNOXVILLE'S END POLIO CAMPAIGN



The New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary Club knocked it out of the park during the last week of October with their matching End Polio Now Fundraising Campaign. Club President Rob Kuenning encouraged all members to donate at least \$25 to RI's End Polio Now campaign and their donations would be matched by the Club. The combined amount was also matched with Paul Harris Points to equal 50 points. For every \$250 a member gave, it will equal a Paul Harris for them. The fundraiser generated unmatched member contributions of **\$4,785**, to equal a total of **\$9,570** to End Polio Now. With the Gates Foundation match, that will equal **\$19,140** to eradicate polio. President Rob said, "the members of our club really stepped up and did a fantastic job at supporting this fundraiser. I am extremely happy with this amount!" We are too, Rob! Great job New Bremen/New Knoxville Rotary Club!

### UPCOMING CLUB VISITS AND DISTRICT EVENTS IN 2024

**Lima** - Monday, November 27  
**Huron** - Tuesday, November 28  
**Flag City** - Wednesday, November 29  
**New Bremen/New Knoxville** -  
Tuesday AM, December 5  
**Grand Lake & Celina** - Tuesday noon,  
December 5  
**St. Marys** - Wednesday, December 6  
**Ottawa-Glandorf** - Wednesday, December 13  
**Antwerp** - Thursday, December 14

#### District Events in 2024

January 13 - Rotary Leadership Institute  
(location TBD)  
February 17 - Peace Conference (Lorain)  
April 19 & 20 - District Conference &  
District Assembly (Maumee Bay  
State Park, Oregon) Registration  
available by November 30  
June 26 - Installation Ceremony for Club  
Presidents and District Leadership,  
(Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion)

### DISTRICT 6600 & ALL-OHIO PRESIDENTS-ELECT TRAINING

Save the dates: **March 15 & 16** for in-person Presidents-Elect Training in Columbus at the Atheneum Columbus on Friday and the Marriott Renaissance (Downtown) Hotel on Friday night and Saturday. The five Ohio District Governors-Elect are planning two fun-filled and information-filled days. Registration will be open in early January. All PE's, new and returning, are encouraged to attend! Information and PE resources available at:  
<https://www.allohiopets.org/>

CLAY HIGH SCHOOL - 5665 SEAMAN RD OREGON, OHIO

DECEMBER 2 • 08-10AM

## Breakfast with Santa

EGGS • PANCAKES •  
SAUSAGE • COFFEE • JUICE

Join Santa for a pancake breakfast!  
Photo opportunities available, please  
bring your own camera! Crafts, Bike  
Raffle, Story Time and So much More.

PRESENTED BY THE  
OREGON-NORTHWOOD  
ROTARY

\$5.00 PER  
TICKET

*Oregon-Northwood  
Rotary is hosting a  
Breakfast with Santa  
on Saturday,  
December 2 at Clay  
High School on  
Seaman Road in  
Oregon from 8 to 10  
AM. Tickets are just  
\$6 and are available at  
<https://lqrco.delbe8guG>*

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### GLOBAL GRANTS UPDATE

District International Services Chair, Andy Bone, reports that the following grants were approved by the Foundation committee and will be funded in this 2023-2024 Rotary fiscal year:

- **Training teachers** in a new curriculum in Uganda, in conjunction with District 9214 in Maine.
- **Rainwater harvesting** in rural areas in Mexico, in conjunction with host District 4110 in Mexico and District 6780 of Eastern Tennessee.
- **Mobile Dental Clinic** in St. Lucia, Grenada in conjunction with host club in District 7030.
- **Jalisco Kidney Transplant Program** in Mexico, in conjunction with District 6790 (Tennessee) and Heart-to-Heart Network, District 4140.
- **Microscopes for 180 Malaria Labs** in Nigeria Rivers Area. We are partnering with Merck Biotech from Germany.
- **Treatment of Muscular Dystrophy in Children** in Tinnevely, India, in conjunction with host District 3212 in India, and District 6740 in Eastern Kentucky.
- **Sewing program** in South Africa for underserved girls and young women. In conjunction with Women of the World, and District 6540 in Indiana.

### VAN WERT ROTARY'S PERIOD POVERTY COLLABORATION PROJECT

Van Wert Rotary Club, the YWCA of Van Wert County and First United Methodist Church are happy to announce that nearly \$1,500 was raised to support women in the Van Wert Community. They would like to thank those who donated directly as well as The Well Nutrition of Van Wert who donated 10% of proceeds from featured drink sales to the campaign.

Recent data shows that 84% of teens have missed a class or know someone who has, because they didn't have access to menstrual products. Furthermore, two-thirds of the teens surveyed reported feeling stressed due to the lack of menstrual products in their school. The combined funds will be divided equally between the YWCA of Van Wert County and First United Methodist Church.

### NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH & GIVING TUESDAY IS NOVEMBER 28

The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund-Share is the basis for our ability to **create hope in the world** and in our communities through District Designated Funds and Global Grants. Money donated in this fiscal year 2023-2024 will be returned to our district in three years (2026-2027) to support additional district and global grants.

The Rotary Foundation is rated a 4-Star Charity by Charity Navigator. Ninety-one percent of funds are spent on program awards and operations. Read more about giving and grants at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>.

Consider a donation to  
The Rotary Foundation during November.



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### Attention all Clubs!

**GROW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND WIN!**

The District 6600 club with the highest net growth in membership between July 1, 2023 and April 15, 2024 will win a prize of 2 registrations and a 2-night hotel stay at the Rotary International Convention in Singapore from May 25-29, 2024.

**Rotary** | **SINGAPORE 2024**

To qualify, clubs must achieve a net gain of at least 4 new members and a minimum of 10% growth in membership, using the official membership numbers from Rotary Club Central. The winning club will be announced at the District Conference on April 19-20, 2024. Maximum payout is \$1500.

Growing our membership is a priority for our District this year as it has been in prior years. Throughout North America, our Rotary membership is declining at an alarming rate. Are you doing everything you can to be an attractive club, to look at new ideas and new initiatives? Are you looking to community leaders who aren't in your Rotary club as potential members? Invite them to a meeting or event, and show off your best side! For help and guidance, reach out to Chair Lisa Wilson at [lisarotary6600@gmail.com](mailto:lisarotary6600@gmail.com), or any regional committee member listed below:

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### BELLEVUE AND OBERLIN ROTARY CLUBS BOTH HOST "ROTARY AT THE RACES" EVENTS

DG Jim Duke had the privilege of attending two separate Rotary horse racing fundraising events in early November. Bellevue held their event at the Bellevue Eagles Hall and Oberlin's was held at the New Russia Township Lodge. Both events featured videos of real horse races. Attendees were encouraged to buy horses, name them, bet generously, and cheer loudly for their favorite horse during each of 10 or 11 races.



Derby attire was a hit at Oberlin's Rotary at the Races. PP Melanie Satterfield and Event Chair and Emcee Curt Paul pose for the camera during a break in the action.

*Photo courtesy of Maris Brenner, PDG.*



Kerry Wise Barth was the lucky recipient of the Art at 106: Bellevue Artist Guild's basket at Bellevue's Nite at the Races.

*Photo courtesy of Art at 106: Bellevue Artist Guild.*

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SAVE THE DATE

**BACK TO BASICS**  
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ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
April 19 & 20, 2024  
Maumee Bay State Park



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