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## FOUR-WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS!

Sandusky High School was the setting for Rotary District 6600's Four Way Test Speech Contest. Liz Schultz from Oberlin Rotary served as chair of the event again this year.



Sixteen high school students competed in the contest.



Pictured above are top three contestants: from left, Clayton Priest (Van Wert) third place, Lucy Rothgery (Elyria) first place and Brandon Polak (Mansfield) second place. On the right, District Governor Jim Duke poses with Lucy Rothgery.

Win a trip to Sunny Florida!  
Raffle to benefit The Rotary Foundation  
Winner announced at D&I Installation on June 26  
\$50 per ticket  
Rotary District 6600  
SUNSEEKER RESORT Charlotte Harbor

Raffle tickets now available for an exciting 4-night, 3-day stay at the new Sunseeker Resort in Florida. Proceeds benefit The Rotary Foundation. Some conditions apply.

<https://rotarydistrict6600.org/foundation-raffle/>

## DISTRICT GRANT DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2024

District 6600 Grant Committee is currently accepting grants for the 2024-2025 Rotary year. The President & President-Elect of a club submitting a grant request are required to complete the Grant training available on the district website at <https://rotarydistrict6600.org/grants>. Grants need to be in one of Rotary's seven areas of focus and submitted before June 30, 2024.

Rotary District 6600  
THE MAGIC OF ROTARY  
District 6600  
Installation Celebration  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Save the Date!  
Wednesday, June 26, 2024  
District Installation at the Toledo Museum of Art's Glass Pavilion  
Celebrate the Magic of Rotary in one of the most magical places in all of District 6600!  
Register now on DACdb or email [district6600@gmail.com](mailto:district6600@gmail.com).

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June 14-19, 2024



Current Itinerary:

**Friday night, June 14:**

Riders arrive in Tiffin

**Saturday, June 15:**

Tiffin-Upper Sandusky-Marion

**Sunday, June 16:**

Marion-Cardington-Mansfield

**Monday, June 17:**

Mansfield-Loudonville-Ashland

**Tuesday, June 18:**

Ashland-New London-Shelby-Bucyrus

**Wednesday, June 19:**

Bucyrus-Carey (non-hosted rest stop)-Tiffin

Having fun uniting the District to eal the world! Come Join Us!! Contact Tour Chair - Kurt Anderson (Elyria Sunrise)

[kanderson@cruglaw.com](mailto:kanderson@cruglaw.com)

More information on MESA and a new MESA video are available on their website at: <https://rotarymesa.org>.

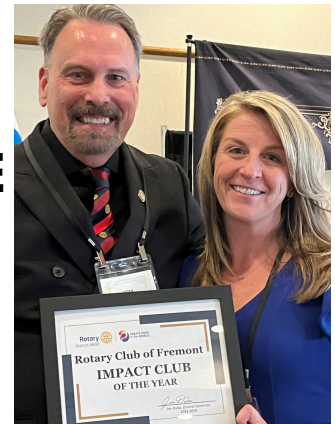
## PDG DEB CHENEY RECEIVES SERVICE-ABOVE-SELF AWARD



At the District Conference, DG Jim Duke said about Deb Cheney, "This award goes to an individual who embodies the true essence of Rotary and truly understands the meaning of Service Above Self." Deb's list of service to her home club of Waterville, District 6600 and Zone 30-31 is extensive. She currently serves as The Rotary Foundation chair for our District. We are fortunate to have her serving on our leadership team, and as advisor to the District Governor.

## FREMONT AND ELYRIA ROTARY CLUBS RECEIVE AWARDS AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Rotary Club of Fremont received the District 6600 Impact Club of the Year for its success in Membership, Foundation Giving and Public Image.



Fremont led the district in percentage net increase of members (18+ members added in 2023-2024) and also per capita Foundation Giving. Their expertise in social media and telling their Rotary story in the local newspaper is one of the best in the district. Congrats to President Angela Morelock and the entire club on their achievements!



The Rotary Club of Elyria received the District 6600 Foundation Excellence Award for highest per capita giving in the District from July 2023 to March 2024 to the Rotary (International) Foundation.

Giving to The Rotary Foundation sustains our District grant program. Elyria also boosts a very high percentage of its members monetarily supporting The Rotary Foundation. President Kathleen Runser accepted the Award on behalf of her club.

## OREGON-NORTHWOOD'S PURSE RAFFLE!

The Oregon-Northwood Rotary Club held a designer purse FUNdraiser on March 21st, raising over \$5,000!

The members are thankful for the continued community support from the citizens, businesses, and Cities of Oregon and Northwood.



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## GUARDIANS GAME ON AUGUST 2 TO BENEFIT END POLIO NOW

We're teaming up with Ohio Rotary Districts 6650 and 6630 to raise funds for the global fight against polio. By attending the game at Progressive Field, you'll not only enjoy an evening of baseball excitement but also contribute directly to completely eradicating this devastating disease. Gates open at 5 PM with the first pitch at 7:10 PM.

There are several ticket pricing options and can be purchased at:

<https://rotarydistrict6600.org/district-events/> until July 10. Please secure your spot and support this important cause. Let's come together as Rotarians to make a meaningful impact!



**Guardians**

**Rotary Districts 6630, 6650 and 6600**  
**End Polio Now Game @ Progressive Field**

Friday August 2, 2024  
Cleveland Guardians vs Baltimore Orioles  
Gates Open: 5 pm/ First Pitch: 7:10 pm  
Promotions: Free Shirt Friday, Dollar Dog Night, Fireworks, \$2 Pregame in the District

Rotary Districts 6630, 6650 & 6660

**Paul Davis Pennant District Event Includes**

- Brand new Paul Davis Pennant
- District group space access
- Dinner with Pepsi products
- Cash bar
- Exclusive raffles and auctions

**Ticket Pricing Options**

- Upper Box Outfield + Pennant District - \$55
- Lower Reserved + Pennant District - \$80
- Lower Box Ticket Only - \$40
- Upper Box Ticket Only - \$25

**ALL TICKETS INCLUDE A CONTRIBUTION TO END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN**

**Purchase Tickets at the link below or at [rotarydistrict6630.org](https://rotarydistrict6630.org)**  
**Must Purchase Before July 10th**

**Questions Contact:**  
Stew Buchanan (330) 607-1442 - [stewb1898@aol.com](mailto:stewb1898@aol.com)  
Al Tien (610) 810-8433 - [atien@me.com](mailto:atien@me.com)

For resources to plan your own club's Polio event, see <https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day-resources>

## MORE UPCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

*Additional information on DACdb*

- **North Coast Rotary Great Pizza Bake-Off**, May 16, 4:30 - 6:30 PM, Avon High School
- **Corvette Raffle**, Defiance Rotary, through June 7
- **Rotary Rocks**, June 29, 2 - 9 PM, Huron Boat Basin
- **Kids Coalition Against Hunger Meal Packing Event**, July 26, 8-2 PM, 801 N Mercer Rd, Bowling Green

## THANK YOU!

As my term as District Governor draws to a close, I wanted to express my sincerest gratitude for your unwavering dedication and support throughout this unforgettable year. Together, we accomplished so much, and it would not have been possible without each and every one of you.

Looking back, we can all be immensely proud of the milestones we achieved. The District Peace Conference in February was a resounding success, fostering important conversations and collaborations around building a more peaceful world. The Foundation Gala in November was another highlight, recognizing the important support The Rotary Foundation provides for ongoing service projects and community initiatives. And let's not forget the impactful Rotary Leadership Institute in January, which equipped our members with the skills and knowledge to become even stronger leaders within their clubs and communities.

These are just a few examples of the many successes we shared this year. Thank you to outgoing Assistant Governors Laura Dosch, Pam Brumbaugh, Renee Isaac and Duane Waite for your help and support to the clubs in your areas. Thank you, too, to the club leaders and members for your tireless efforts, your infectious enthusiasm, and your unwavering commitment to Rotary's ideals. It has been an honor serving you.

*Jim Duke*

**END POLIO NOW**  
**WORLD POLIO DAY**  
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