



# Rotary District 6690 News



December, 2013

## District Governor's Message

From high atop Downtown Granville in my Rotary Room:

(The truth is I am in Camden, South Carolina). Kathleen and I are visiting my sister, Paddy and her husband, Rick. It is Christmas morning and I can't imagine a better time to share my thoughts with members in District 6690 as this month we focus on the Family of Rotary.



There are so many wonderful things going on with the clubs throughout the District this time of year. I do want to mention a couple of noteworthy events. You have heard me mention many times the partnering of clubs, and Olentangy, Delaware, and Lewis Center joined forces to assist People In Need. Club members escorted hundreds of families through the Holiday Clearing House Distribution Day. Many will have a Merry Christmas because of the efforts of these clubs and their members. Each of the clubs support PIN throughout the year in various ways, but come together for this event every year

Licking County Clubs returned the favor to support WCLT and Wild Walley in a food drive for Licking County Food Pantry. WCLT radio has supported our Pilsners For Polio and Newark, Newark-Heath, Granville, and Pataskala returned the favor to help others.

These are just a couple events that show clubs coming together for the benefit of others. We were challenged to ring the bell for the Salvation Army and we received an overwhelming response to the ask from Debbie Lutz.

Speaking of Pilsners For Polio, we welcome Gallipolis and what they call Pints For Polio. Rotary at its best, have a beer and help rid the world of Polio.



### Points of interest:

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Barnesville is promoting membership by their "bring a guest to a meeting." Their first meeting saw 16 guests in attendance. I think that was the number.

Kathleen and I attended the Night At the Races in Bridgeport and witnessed the club president, Anne Gallagher win all the money. Ann's motto is "Self Above Service."

Welcome our new Assistant Governor, Mark Ferreira, from the Rotary Club of Portsmouth. Mark is the Commanding Officer, Portsmouth Ohio Salvation Army. Mark replaces Sean Boldman and I want to thank Sean for his years of service as Assistant Governor. Mark will be working with Portsmouth, Ironton, and Pike County.

While we are welcoming new leaders in the District, I congratulate the nominating committee for the selection of Steve Sandbo to be District Governor 2016-2017. Steve is a member of the Rotary Club of Upper Arlington. All Clubs received an official announcement from me and hope you have shared this good news with your members. Please welcome Steve and I know you will support him as he progresses through the DG leadership roles. Steve is a great addition and I know he will be a great District Governor. He is already having sleepless nights.

A future Rotarian is born: District Governor Nominee, Tara and husband, Scott celebrate the birth of Cheryl Elaine on Nov 18, 2013. Vital statistics 6 pounds 14 ounces and 19.5" long. Should be District Governor 2053-2054. I might miss that Installation. Wishing all in the Craaybeek family

Kathleen and I recently joined the Upper Arlington and Tri-Village Clubs on their trip to Guatemala and our lives have been changed forever. The trip will be featured in a separate article. Mayan Families will be here with us to share their story in January. Several Clubs have asked them to present at their meetings and become a part of their very worthwhile International projects. If you are interested in becoming a partner with Mayan Families, NGO, please let me know and we will do our best to arrange a meeting with your Club during their visit.

Many clubs provided support to the Philippines in various ways and as is the spirit of Rotary extending a helping hand to those in times of need.



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The yard signs have been received and if you missed out on the first order you can still display "I am a proud Rotarian" by contacting Craig Maxey at 614-866-4065.

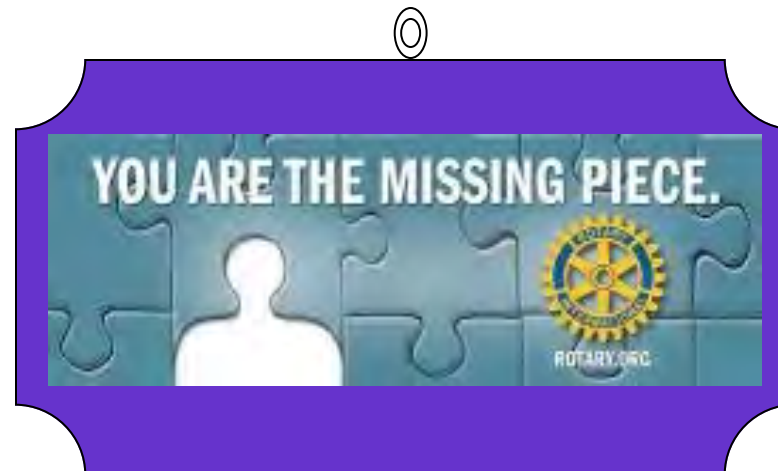
Don't forget the District Conference, The Family Reunion on May 16-17 at Cherry Valley Lodge. Room reservations can be made at 740-788-1306 and ask for Bernadette. Rooms are first come first served and I suggest to call early.

Thanks to many of the Clubs for inviting Kathleen and me to your Christmas parties. It is appreciated that you want us to be a part of your celebrations. As club events continue to be scheduled we are honored when asked and will do our best to be a part of your club events.

As I close this December Newsletter, Kathleen and I want to wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thanks for giving me the special gift to be your District Governor.

ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES.

Have Fun and Thanks People,  
Bart Mahoney



## The Final Three Endemic Countries

**Pakistan** - 59 Polio cases recorded in 2013 compared to 58 on this date in 2012, with the most recent case reported on Oct. 21, 2013 in Punjab. This week, Pakistan's 2013 Polio count surpassed the total 2012 count. Accessibility is still critical in the North where local leaders have suspended immunization activities.

**Afghanistan** - 9 Polio cases recorded in 2013 compared to 27 on this date in 2012, with the recent cases reported on Sept. 27, 2013 from the Kunar province. So far, Afghanistan has reported only one third of the total number of Polio cases reported in 2012.

**Nigeria** - 51 Polio cases recorded in 2013 compared to 101 on this date in 2012, with the most recent cases (from Kano) reported on Sept. 10, 2013. Nigeria has reported about 1/2 of the total number of Polio cases reported in 2012.

## Importation Countries

**Syria** - 13 Type 1 Polio cases have been confirmed. A large-scale immunization drive targeting 1.6 million children with vaccinations for Polio, Measles, Mumps, & Rubella started on Oct. 24. Multiple, large-scale SIA's targeting 22 million children in countries including Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, Iraq, and Palestine will continue over the next 6-8 months.

**Somalia** - 180 Polio cases recorded in 2013 compared to 0 in 2012, with the most recent reported on Sept. 30. More than 500,000 children are inaccessible due to a lack of security.

**Kenya** - 14 Polio cases reported in 2013 compared to 0 in 2012, with the most recent case reported on August 14.

**Ethiopia** - 6 Polio Cases reported in 2013 compared to 0 in 2012, with the most recent case reported on October 20.

**Cameroon** - 3 Polio Cases reported in 2013 compared to 0 in 2012 with the most recent on Oct. 19.

**Israel** - Although no paralytic Polio cases have been reported, environmental samples indicate the presence of Type 1 Polio virus.

Total paralysis cases	Year-to-date 2013	Y to D 2012	Total 2012	Total 2011
Globally	334	187	223	642
- in endemic countries:	119	182	217	335
- in non-endemic countries:	215	5	6	307



## District 6690 RYLA

“Building the next generation of Service Above Self”

It is time for the clubs in District 6690 to register for sponsorship of RYLA 2014 participants. Please visit the link below to submit your sponsorship agreement. Participant’s names are not required at this time. Rotary Clubs may sponsor up to TWO High School students (current juniors) for this award.

RYLA 2014 will be limited to a maximum of 96 student participants.

Submissions received with payment will be handled on a first come first served basis. Once we have reached maximum capacity we will be unable to accept additional forms and/or payments.

Rotary Clubs are therefore encouraged to complete the agreement online and mail payment as soon as possible to guarantee and hold the space.

**Deadline for sponsorship is Friday January 31, 2014.**

<http://fs23.formsite.com/ryla6690/2014SponsorshipAgreement/index.html>

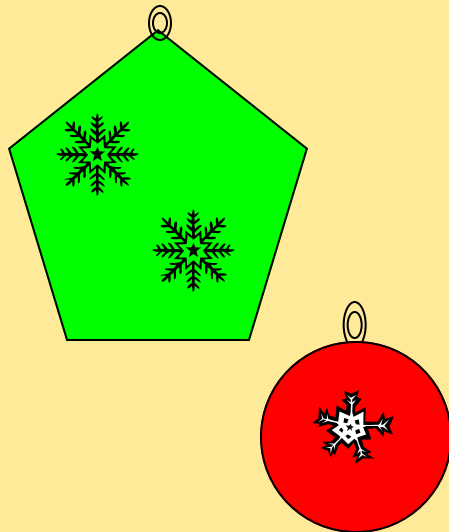
For more information contact:

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Received this picture from PDG Lusty. He is enjoying life in Florida, but we miss him.

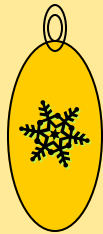
WCLT and Rotarians Dave Johnson and Kathleen (Pataskala Rotary), Tom Bunyard (Granville) and DG at a food drive.







Car and Rt. 66



Bob and parka



## Upper Arlington Rotary:

On Sunday October 13, 2013, two Upper Arlington Rotary Club members hit the road to help promote Rotary's work and to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation. Steve Sandbo and Bob Long undertook a marathon voyage of 2,213 miles along the famous Route 66 in a recently restored 1970 Pontiac GTO. The six-day trip, dubbed "Steve and Bob's Excellent Adventure" took the dynamic duo from Columbus, Ohio to Williams, Arizona.

Adorned with Rotary insignia, Sandbo and Long should have been very conspicuous in Sandbo's recently restored fire-engine red 1970 Pontiac GTO convertible. With no air conditioning, satellite radio or GPS system, and with a leaky soft top, the trip was grueling, especially since Route 66 does not exist anymore on any modern map and required careful navigational attention.

Unless it was raining, the pair drove with their convertible top down. One morning in New Mexico, Sandbo and Long had to don their ski pants and parkas, as the temperature outside had dropped to 19 degrees overnight. Sandbo and Long made numerous stops along the way at other Rotary clubs to share their story. They were even able to turn a few good deeds, including paying for someone's gas at a filling station who was short on cash.

"Classic cars and Rotary are two of my passions so this was a great marriage of the two," said Sandbo.

"We were looking for a fun way to support the Rotary International Fund and to colorfully promote Rotary's mission," said Price Finley, president of the Upper Arlington Rotary Club. "Steve and Bob are always up for a challenge, and this is a great way for us to get our members engaged and entertained as well as let the public know about what Rotary does."

Sandbo and Long surprised club members at their September 17th club lunch when the duo burst into the middle of the meeting dressed in full driving uniforms, including driving suits, helmets, and goggles. President Price Finley's goal for the campaign was to increase the number of Club members participating in the Rotary Foundation to truly get to the idea of "Every Rotarian, Every Year." "The campaign was not about getting to a particular dollar amount that any member

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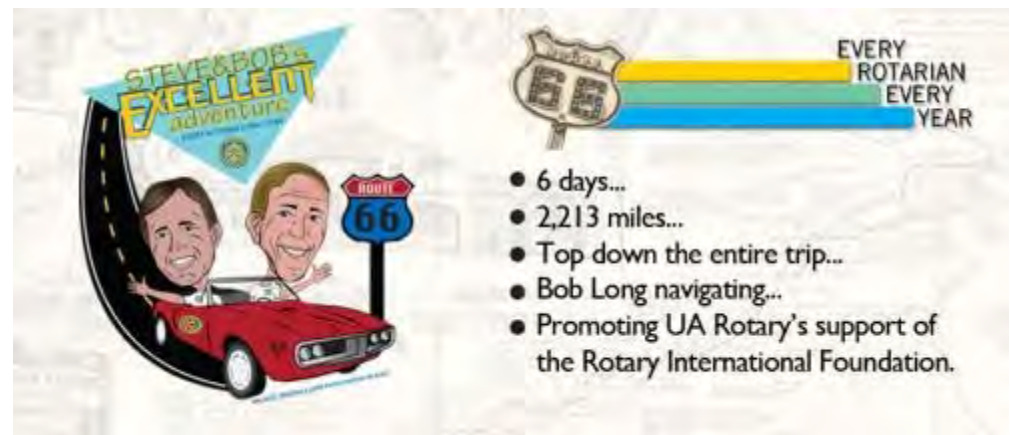


Steve, Bob, Price



Steve and Bob

Steve/Bob logo





## Canal Winchester Rotary:

### 280 Thanksgiving Boxes Completed by CW Rotarians for the Byron Saunders Foundation

On the evening of November 14th, several Rotarians came out to help sort, stuff, and count items going out to families in need this holiday season. Thanks to the participation of everyone involved, our Rotary Club was able to stuff 280 boxes in 2 hours.

An extra special thanks to: Rhonda's sons, Michael and Christian, for their help stuffing boxes; Chris Hudson and Winchester Place for providing delicious boxed dinners for the volunteers to enjoy; Ron Murdock and Lucas Haire for helping to **Volunteers:**

### 2013 Rotary Dictionaries to Third Graders Project

On Thursday, October 24th, dictionaries were delivered to third graders at six schools in the Groveport Madison School District; and on Friday, November 15th, dictionaries were delivered to third graders at Winchester Trail Elementary School in Canal Winchester. Students were delighted with their new books and even expressed thanks with individual handwritten notes to the Club. One note read: "Dear Rotary Club, thank you for helping citizens by giving everyone a dictionary. You all are very kind." At a recent meeting, Larry Grey shared a story about one of the third graders recognizing him at the Groveport Recreation Center as the man who delivered dictionaries to his class!

**Dictionary Deliveries Team:** Tina Dillman, Brent Foley, Jim Franklin, Mathew Greene, Cathy Grey, Larry Grey, Linda Lanning, Amanda Lemke, Cindi Lynch, Ron Murdock, Theresa Reade, Catherine Roebuck, Carl Wargo, Amy York

**Labeling Team:** Cathy Grey, Larry Grey, Eve Hush, Amanda Lemke, Theresa Reade, Catherine Roebuck, Marc Romano, Rhonda Romano.

**Special Thanks to:** The Rotary Foundation District 6690, Craig Maxey (Reynoldsburg-Pickerington Rotary Club), Dan Reinke, Pat and Theresa Reade, Robin Barber (Canal Winchester Schools), Lisa Santo (Groveport-Madison Schools), Rotary Club of Canal Winchester, and... *all the Third Graders and Teachers in Groveport and Canal Winchester for making this project a rewarding experience!*

Food  
Basket  
Volunteers

Tina Dillman  
Brent Foley  
Mat Greene  
Cathy Grey  
Larry Grey

Lucas Haire  
Eve Hush  
John Kershner  
Linda Lanning  
Ron Murdock

Pat Reade  
Dan Reinke  
Catherine Roebuck  
Marc Romano  
Rhonda Romano





## Dublin AM Rotary:

Many hands made short work as we put Rotary bookplates in the dictionaries we are going to give (again) to every Dublin City Schools' Third Graders. There were a total of 1,200 dictionaries donated this year! I would like to thank Claudia Trusty, Dave Holliday, Marilee Chinnici-Zuercher, Bonnie Coley-Malir and Jim Warburton for helping, and for the Administration of Dublin City Schools for joining in.

All of the third graders in the Dublin City School District received their own copies of "A Student's Dictionary" from the Dublin AM Rotary on Monday, November 18th. The picture is of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Thomas Elementary School who had just received their dictionaries from our Literacy Chair Claudia Trusty and Superintendent Dr. Todd Hoadley. It was pajama and reading day at the school so everyone was perfectly attired and psyched for the event! I think that Claudia and Dr. Hoadley were in their street clothes, but there are no pictures to prove it. The students thanked the Rotary for their dictionaries in the 19 different languages currently used at the school! Over 1,200 3<sup>rd</sup> graders received dictionaries this year across the District!

Claudia explained that an English as Second Language (ESL) teacher stopped her and wanted her to tell the Club that the dictionaries have been a very helpful tool with their ESL students. This effort is especially significant given the State of Ohio's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Guarantee, which focuses on reading skills and reading improvement

The dictionaries are funded through the Club's Community Services budget and a grant that we received from District 6690 and is an annual literacy initiative facilitated by the Club's Literacy Committee.

Submitted by: Julie Rinaldi





## Capitol Square Rotary:

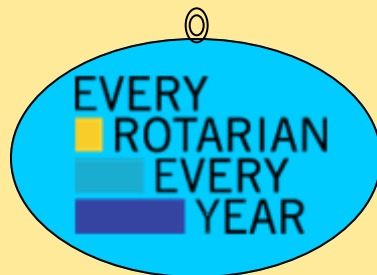
### Capitol Square Rotary Club December News

Capitol Square Rotary Club members braved the cold to ring bells for the Salvation Army at the Graceland Krogers. 12 members, 3 friends, and a record 9 of our Club's kids helped out. Pictured are members Scott Wheeler, Rachel Mazur (with daughters Seeley and Amelia), friend Rachel Uselman (with son Blake), and member Betsy McCloskey

We celebrated the holidays with a party at Cambridge Tea House. For our last meeting of the year, we held a "Box of Chocolates" meeting. (In the words of Forest Gump: "Life is like a box of chocolates - you never know what you're gonna get, but it'll always be good!"). Mrs. Claus visited with a naughty/nice list - all nice, of course. Pictured below—Cap Square members with gifts from Mrs. Claus.



Two members were recognized as Paul Harris Fellows: Gary Vaughan became a PHF for the fifth time and Tori Norris for the first, as honored by her parents. At age 13, Tori began volunteering with her Rotarian father at the Indianapolis 500. Though he introduced her to RYLA, her adventures with OSU Rotaract and Cap Square (soon after graduating) are all of her own doing. Cap Square is proud of both! Pictured Tori Norris and President Amy Kasper.







## Granville Rotary:

Pres. Mike Whitehead welcomed the club's newest member, Ben Justice, accompanied by his sponsor, Chuck Peterson.

Pres. Mike Whitehead, Rotarians Amy Huddleston and Ruth Garrett assisted by Ruth's granddaughter Kayley Garrett ringing the Salvation Army Bell.

Granville Rotarian Tony Skufca entertained at the club's Annual Holiday Party held at the Robbins Hunter Museum. Over 70 members and guests attended.

Granville Rotary November Students of the Month: (L-R): Nathan Chaykowski, Rotarian and School Principal Lisa Sealover-Ormo, Melissa Kerr, Sarah Gravitt, Rotarian and School Principal Ryan Bernath, and Granville Rotary Pres. Mike Whitehead.



Granville Rotarians and their families put up holiday lights at Granville's Bryn Du mansion. This has been a joint community project of Granville Rotary and Kiwanis since 2002. Left to right: Steve Schneider, Tom Bunyard, Dick Van Meter, Jeff Brown, Mike Whitehead, Chuck Peterson, and Andy Smutlyo.



Andy Smutlyo modeling the club's new t-shirt.





## Byesville Rotary:

### Byesville Rotarians celebrate the season distributing Christmas food baskets

Club members assembled 175 food baskets for distribution to Rolling Hills families in need. The club has provided food baskets for over 20 years. This is the club's biggest service project of the year. Members work all year to raise funds to support the project.

Assembly and distribution of the baskets took 2 days. The club partnered with Rolling Hills Schools and Mid East CTC Buffalo Campus to collect canned goods and worked with local businesses to purchase frozen turkeys, milk, eggs, butter, potatoes, apples, oranges, and onions.

Byesville Rotary stepped in at the last minute to take responsibility to provide Christmas gifts for Rolling Hills children. The Meadowbrook Interact club took on much of the responsibility to raise funds, purchase and wrap the gifts. Students chose kids names and purchased gifts or donated money. Dental students from Mid East donated a bicycle and other items for the toys for kids project. Byesville Rotary members donated some of the gifts needed.

As a result of these efforts, the Interact Club was able to provide gifts for 60 Rolling Hills children with wish lists. Byesville Rotary President, Dennis Harding, stated "The Rotary club is very thankful for the outpouring of support this Christmas project had from the members of the local community."

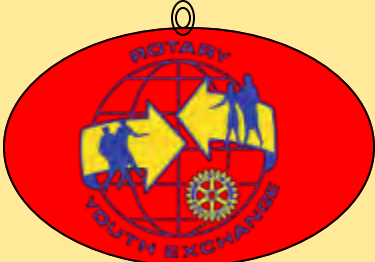
On December 13, club members, Meadowbrook Interact members, plus friends and families of the Byesville Rotarians met to assemble the baskets. Canned goods were collected from the Rolling Hills schools. Hundreds of donated canned goods were sorted and placed in boxes.

On December 14, club members assembled a second basket filled with perishables. Families signed up for the Rotary program began arriving at 7:30 to pick up baskets and toys. Rotarians, joined by students from Meadowbrook, family members, and friends from the VFW helped carry baskets to waiting cars.

Gifts for over 80 kids were distributed to families who provided Christmas wish lists for their children.



# Correction



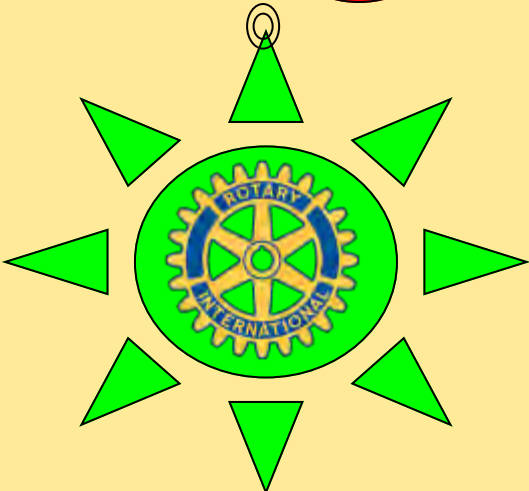
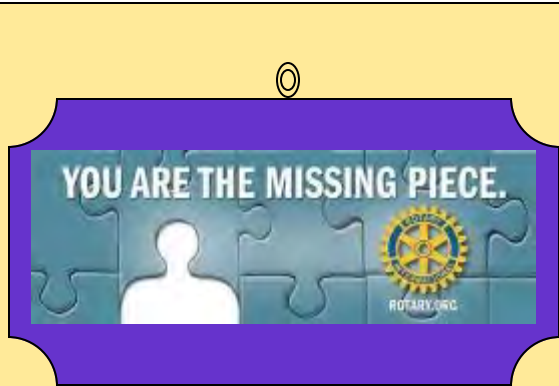
### Dublin /Worthington Rotary:

The Dublin/Worthington Rotary worked on the All Children’s Playground. In the November news-letter Dublin AM was credited with the project. My apologies.



New Albany Rotary:

Some pictures from New Albany Christmas Party.  
The last picture in this group is a picture of me with 4 new members. This Club now has 30 members





## Mount Vernon Rotary:

Mount Vernon Rotary participated in a Battle of the Bells against the Kiwanis Club. While Kiwanis was able to collect more money, the real winner was our local Salvation Army! Over \$2,000 raised!



## Pataskala Rotary:

Caught up with Santa at Pataskala Christmas Rotary.

Submitted by: DG Bart



## Circleville Sunrise Rotary:

The Pickaway Brass will perform their traditional holiday concert and sing-a-long concert at today's meeting. Formed in 1991, its members include: The members include: Jeff Mathew (Trumpet), Laura Bethel (Trumpet), Jarrad Mathew (Trombone), Eric Dieterich (Tuba), and Becky Ohlinger (French Horn).



## Soup Kitchen serves 57

We served 57 customers at Soup Kitchen on Dec. 4. Helpers included: Glenda Mullet, Gerry Hannahs, Lesley Fetter, Jack and Carol Mader, Julie Boldoser, Bowen Boldoser, Carolyn Corder, Kimberly Dum, Mason Dum, Carson Dum, Lilyann Dum, Branson Dum, Stan Summers, and Michele Echard.







## **Olentangy Rotary:**

**Olentangy Rotary made Ornaments and gave gifts to Liberty Child Care Center in Delaware.**

Thursday Dec. 19, our members and their families will carol at the Abbington Care Center in the evening. We will take gifts for the residents with money that we would have used for our breakfast meeting. It was quite a success last year.

We are currently planning for our first Wizard's Basketball Event with the Olentangy Elementary Schools. Everyone is excited about this event which will take place in the spring. Our Foundation Board has sent a check for \$1000 to Shelterbox to the Philippines.

Submitted by: President Sue



## **Whitehall Bexley:**

The Whitehall/Bexley Rotary Club recently presented a check for \$4,250.00 to Kids 'N Kamp. The check represents the proceeds from the club's annual Klayman Open Charity Golf Tournament. The donation benefits the Kids 'N Kamp program providing camping experiences for children with cancer. Rotarian John Goetz has chaired the charity event for 16 years on behalf of the club.

Pictured left to right are: Rotarian John Goetz; Beverley Ciccone and Kelly Cutter representing Kids 'N Kamp.



Submitted by: Linda Turner, Public Relations Chair



**Rotary**



**Vote every day until  
December 31**



**10 Million Charity Miles:**

Rotary International is currently in 2ed place behind the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Voting began at midnight, December 6, 2013. Voting will end at 11:59pm on December 31. Each one of us and our friends and family can vote once a day.

Bookmark the site and put a reminder in your daily “to do list.”

During the voting period, site visitors can vote once daily for one of the listed participating non-profit partners. Anyone who tries to vote more than once per day will have their votes forfeited.

Each participating nonprofit partner is guaranteed to receive a minimum of 25,000 miles. The remaining portion of the 10 million total miles will be distributed to all participating nonprofit partners based on the percentage of total votes that each partner received during the voting period. The mileage donation will be distributed to all participating nonprofit partners by January 31, 2014.

**VOTE**

**[www.10millioncharitymiles.com](http://www.10millioncharitymiles.com)**



## District and Club Events

# January 2014

### District meetings and events

Today thru Dec. 31—Vote now “10 Million Miles to Give.”

Dec. 31—2013 calendar year ends; deadline for The Rotary Foundation contributions.

### Club events

Dec. 19—Newark 3rd Thursday Social.

Dec. 21—Byesville Breakfast with Santa.

### **2014**

Jan. 8—Columbus, Euchre Event.

Jan. 16—Newark, 3rd Thursday Social.

Jan. 18—Furniture Bank Project.

Feb. 1—Dublin AM Polar Bear Golf Open.

Feb. 1—Westerville Sunrise Chilli Open.

Feb. 8—Worthington AM “Thaw Your Heart Out.”

Feb. 13—Columbus Euchre Event.

Feb. 14—Athens AM 4th Annual Murder Mystery “The Lust Boat.”

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8 Columbus	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Newark	17	18 Furniture Bank
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

# January—Rotary Awareness Month

January is the month Rotarians focus on how to share with the people in our local communities about what Rotary does.

Share some facts like:

- Rotary is the world's largest private provider of international scholarships (helping more than 1,000 students each year to study abroad and serve as cultural ambassadors to help build goodwill and promote peace).
- Rotary has been instrumental in the worldwide effort to eradicate polio, an idea formed right here in East Tennessee by Bill Sergeant of f Oak Ridge.
- Rotary has 1.2 million members in 32,000 clubs in 200 countries worldwide.
- All over the world Rotarians conduct projects to battle illiteracy, disease, hunger and lack of clean water.

Get inspired

- Stick a rotary logo on a '70 Pontiac GTO convertible and take a 2000 mile trip.
- Attend the District Assemble and go to the PR breakout sessions.
- If you don't have a PR chair—recruit one.
- Make sure your community knows what your club contributes.

And don't forget the District 6690 Public image Committee is here to help you. Key contacts:

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District Public Image Chair

Deadline for January newsletter—  
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