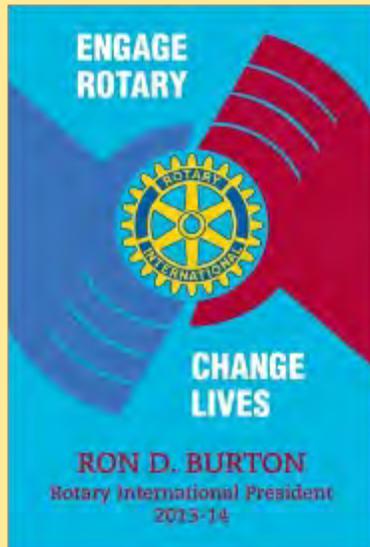




Rotary District 6690 News



January, 2014



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District Governor's Message

From high atop Downtown Granville in my Rotary Room

Once again as I look out over the Granville community, the streets are snow covered. Last month we were in South Carolina when I wrote this newsletter and the sun was shining and I think temperatures around 50 degrees, and now my bride reminds me, "Why do we live here?" It is only a short time and warm weather and sun will return.



Speaking of short time I am reminded that I am half way through the year as District Governor and like the weather things will change and new leaders will assume the roles throughout Rotary from RI President to each leader of the Clubs in our District. From the District vantage point, Randy Davies will be serving as District Governor and he and his wife Kristi have spent the last week in San Diego finishing up his training at the International Assembly. Governor Nominee, Tara Craaybeek, has returned to her Club, Lancaster Sherman after a brief time to acclimate her self as a new mom. I did learn a secret about diamonds in the Craaybeek family and the gift that accompanies each new member of the family. Please Scott no more diamonds. When you see Tara ask her about the tradition of the diamond. District Governor Nominee Designate, Steve Sandbo and his wife Jill are hosting our friends from Guatemala, Dwight and Sharon. They will be visiting several Clubs in the District and sharing the Mayan Families story. Each Club has been given their schedule and hope you can arrange your schedules to hear their story. We are fortunate to have our leaders in line at the District and I can assure each is hard at work preparing for their various roles and responsibilities.

Also I am proud to announce that most of the Clubs in the District have also named their leaders to coincide with the District named offices. This will really help the Clubs with consistency and continuity. During my official visits and business meetings I was a little concerned that the Club Presidents had not been identified, but you responded and they are named. Now they can meet the District Governor for their year and life is a lot easier. THANKS FOR IDENTIFYING YOUR

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LEADERS AND I KNOW RANDY, TARA, AND STEVE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING EACH CLUB PRESIDENT FOR THEIR YEAR. They will continue to visit the Clubs periodically in anticipation of their year as District Governor. We have worked really hard to make sure the District Governors begin NOW and not wait till that one year when they visit each Club as Governor. "To make a friend you have to be one." I know you will make each of them welcome when they stop by to say "hi." Just a REMINDER TO ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES: Please make sure all of your Club information is correct on the District web-site to include your Club leaders for the next 3 years.

The Family of Rotary has been a huge part of my year as District Governor with a major emphasis. Rotary International President Burton also sees the Family of Rotary as a vital cog in the Rotary Wheel when he refers to Rotary as part of our "extended family." Our youth programs are one small example of how we see that this younger generation is the future of Rotary. We have made a concerted effort in the District the past couple of years to attract young professionals, now it is our obligation to make sure they stay. The very essence of Rotary and the Family can be one reason we may lose them as members. No matter their love for Rotary they will not place Service over their family members. It's important to make sure we provide the balance and Family and Rotary are never in competition. Plan your Rotary events, social, service, etc with the Family and make the Family of Rotary real. Children who see their parents involved in service will grow up in service themselves.

Recently I received an update on our membership in District 6690, and I am pleased to share that we are plus 41 for the year. It seems like on any visit to a Club, we are inducting a new member. I know that New Albany continues to strive for a magical number of 40 members by 7-1-14. Shout out to President Joe Evans for establishing this goal. I think he is close to making it happen. Also congratulations to the Barnesville Club and President Clay Bethel for the "Bring A Guest to Rotary" this meeting had 14 guests. President Bethel believes the "free lunch" was the hook. New Albany and Barnesville have covered step # 1, attracting members.

However, attracting is only the beginning, we need to retain them. To spend energy to attract new members is an exercise in futility if we don't keep them. Make sure they are ENGAGED. Our District Membership Team has worked extremely hard to make sure we continue to make membership important and we are seeing the rewards of their efforts. Thanks Frank Dilenschneider, Steve

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Sandbo, and PDG Brent Rosenthal for your efforts to grow our membership in this District. You are making it happen. We really have no choice since Brent is a leader in the Zone on the membership team. We can't let him down and I ask that each Club continue place an emphasis on attracting and RETAINING new members. This is the life blood of Rotary and whatever we do can be accomplished with members. All aspects of Rotary can be more successful with numbers and growth in our ranks. So as not to feel on an island, I received letters from my Church, American Legion, and the Moose for a plea to invite new members to join these organizations as well, all since my last newsletter. I do belong to many other organizations, but for me Rotary is the complete package and we should be able to share the gift we have been given when asked to join Rotary.

The District Conference Committee has been working very hard to plan this year's gathering. The committee is chaired by George Soller from the Rotary Club of Whitehall Bexley, but joined by many members from Clubs throughout the District. We have labeled the Conference the "Family Reunion" and this year we will celebrate at Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark. The dates are May 16-17, 2014. I am asking each Club President to provide the following: 1) A picture of your Club members that will be used at the parade of presidents. This can be as creative as you so choose, but I hope you can provide us with the entire membership. I know this will take some planning, but I know you can make it happen. 2) We will have a silent auction the entire weekend and I am asking each Club to provide something that may be used to generate some money. Again this can be as creative as you want, but a special award will go to the Club raising the most money. It is my hope to donate these funds to the restoration of the Paul Harris home in Chicago. I would ask that you read the article in the December Rotarian RI President Burton shares this vision. Each District has been encouraged to provide some funding for this restoration and I can't imagine a better way than to let the monies be raised from the Family Reunion in District 6690. I believe in honoring the past and this really is part of our Rotary roots. 3) We will have a display area for you to share with others the various fund raisers that you use to raise money for the service projects you fund. When I visited the Clubs, projects were easy to find, but funding these were almost always an issue. I heard several good fund raisers and I hope you will share these with others.

Now I have made the ask of the Club Presidents, but what I hope to see is each of your members in attendance at this celebration. It really is a family reunion and I hope you will make an effort to spend these two days with your Family of Rotary. ROOM RESERVATIONS MY BE MADE

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NOW BY CALLING 740-788-1306, ASK FOR BERNADETTE. These rooms are on a first come first served basis so I suggest you call now.

I received a card from President Anthony Neff, Rotary Club Circleville Sunrise and I want to share with you his thoughts and the thoughts of their members as we enter the year 2014: "Sometimes people forget how much 365 days actually brings to their lives and the lives they touch. This is the right moment to reflect and to hope for 365 more wonderful days of service above self. Thanks for being part of the Club"

I want to extend to each of you the same as we reflect on the years of Rotary and this gift that we have received and shared with others.

Kathleen and I wish each of you, a Blessed, Prosperous, and Happy New Year with continued Service to Others.

ENGAGE ROTARY CHANGE LIVES.

Have Fun and Thanks People,
Bart Mahoney



DG Bart Mahoney
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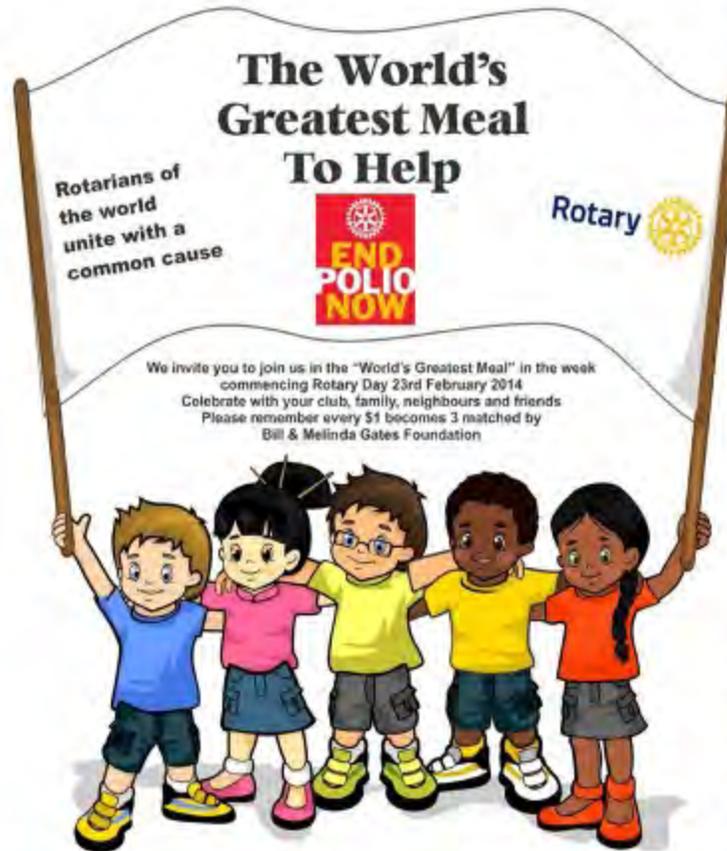
MAY 16-17, 2014
CHERRY VALLEY
NEWARK



Have supper and help support polio eradication



Greatest Meal to support Polio Eradication



"The World's Greatest Meal to help End Polio"

Cooked up by two Rotarians on opposite sides of the globe, PDG Mukesh Malhotra in D1140 London UK and Susanne Rea in D9550 Cairns Australia, the meal is a way to unite Rotarians in a common cause while making a difference by raising funds to End Polio.

Rotarians, friends of Rotary, Rotaractors, neighbors, co-workers, anyone, are being asked to hold a meal and at the same time raise funds for End Polio Now. It may be a frugal meal, it could be a

Club meal where donations are made, in fact just a meal where people meet and give money for End Polio Now. Mostly we want everyone across the world to take part, have fun and enjoy themselves and at the same time help eradicate polio.

Please encourage your Clubs and individuals to sign up for the World's Greatest Meal to help End Polio during the week commencing 23rd February 2014.

See the "Rotary Worlds Meal to Help End Polio" facebook pages for more information: [Greatest Meal—Facebook](#)

How do we count and keep a tally of participation in the 2014 World's Greatest Meal?

1) Once you have decided to hold an event, please email the details including individual or Club name, district number, and date of proposed event details to

Susanne Rea: susanneatbeach@hotmail.com

2) When the Meal has been completed and the money sent into The Rotary Foundation, please email the total amount contributed and the number of participants to: Susanne Rea

3) For those wanting to contribute directly to TRF, the link is:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/give>



Rafiki Update for District 6690:

This August 2, 2014, outside of Nairobi, Kenya, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the involvement of our District with Rafiki AIDS Ministry. What a long way we have come!

In 2004, Rafiki was a small project helping AIDS orphans which worked out of a rented house in the town of Kikuyu, and owned 1 ½ acres of land outside of town with nothing on it. Thanks to the energy and perseverance of the founder and CEO, the Rev. Dr. John Nganga, we now own 10 acres of land, on which we have established a campus, which includes a working farm, two dormitories, a kitchen and dining room (which runs on biogas), shops (including a mill, a bakery, and barbershop, and a credit union), a fish farm, a clinic serving the community, and now it is home to Rafiki Academy. District 6690 has been an important part of the development of each and every stage of this great project. Twenty six clubs from our District have participated in one way or another.

At this moment, in early 2014, the biggest transformation is occurring in education. Launched in the fall of 2010, Rafiki Academy has been progressively bringing education in-house for our kids. The primary school education available to the public leaves much to be desired. Crowded classrooms, underfunded and under-supplied, have been replaced with our own school, on our own campus with class sizes not to exceed 25 students. Rafiki Academy includes 3 pre-school grades and grades 1-8 (the end of “elementary school” in Kenya. Demand was so great for our classes that an extension had to be built out back to add four additional classrooms. The final classrooms are being built out and equipped.

Rafiki Academy stands out from other schools in the area in important ways that are developing as we speak. A computer laboratory has 15 computers with internet connection and the ability for our students to explore the entire cyber-world right from our campus.

As if that’s not enough, a School of Muziki (that’s Swahili for, you guessed it – MUSIC!) has been constructed adjacent to the Academy with individual and group studios. Dean Jesse Henry (Capital Square Rotary) is helping to guide the development of the school and has provided both leadership and hundreds of pounds of instruments to the school. Erin Corrigan and Kirk Horn (also from Capital Square Rotary) are getting ready for another “Music-In-The-Round” fundraiser to provide ongo-

[Read more about the School of Muziki on p. 8.](#)



ing support for the School of Music – scheduled for February 22nd at Via Vecchia in Columbus, which will feature performances from Rafiki Kids! And another private donor is providing the funding to open up an Art School later this year, for the visual and performing arts. Construction is scheduled to start this month.

Slots are still available to join our Rotary delegation to Rafiki this August to witness what is happening there, join in the celebration, see the local area through non-tourist eyes. We will top it off with a mini-Safari to see the Wildebeest migration in the Masai Mara Game Park. If interested, contact Steve Heiser or Terry Davis through the Columbus Rotary Club for details.

Submitted by: Dr. Terry Davis

Cambridge Rotary:

The Cambridge Rotary Club had a fast and furious December.

Our annual Twelve Days of Christmas fundraiser kicked off the Christmas season, with ticket sales ending at our meeting on the 5th, and drawings beginning the 9th and running to the grand prize finale on Christmas Eve. Some of us found ourselves selling tickets on our way to the meeting and, as always, the community got into the fun watching for the announcements of the daily winner. The Twelve Days brought in \$12,000 in ticket sales, which was the goal set by Twelve Days chairman Carla Hutchens.

At the same time, our annual poinsettia sales grossed \$3880, an increase over 2012, vindicating the determination of chairman/head salesman Clyde Mayne, and making it a good month for fundraising.

On the outlay side, a major new piece of equipment has been received for Cambridge Rotary's handicap playground at the Cambridge City Park,—"magic cave" that children will be able to crawl around in, with various places to discover inside

All day Saturday, December 14th, Rotarians rang the bell for the Salvation Army outside the Cambridge Wal Mart. It was cold but people weren't. Some of them even promoting their children to put money in the bucket. Captain (and Rotarian) Gary Thornton reported that the Army's Christmas season fund-raiser passed expectations, raising \$75,000 with the help of Rotarians along with many other groups and volunteers. In the meantime, the Cambridge Rotary Foundation funded the purchase of a new institutional-size refrigerator, to enable the Army to replace a failing one without having to dip into its reserves.

The hard work Rotarians put in building our fund balance in the Christmas season fund raisers enables us to help meet challenges and needs in our communities and has done so again this year. However, faced with the catastrophe in the Philippines; we simply passed the hat, and although the Board had planned to make up the difference between the money put in the hat and the \$1000 cost of a shelter box for people made homeless by the typhoon, Rotarians put the entire \$1000 in the hat, including a \$600 check from one member.



We will all face new challenges in the new year, along with all to familiar old ones. We look forward to continuing to work with Rotarians in Guernsey County, and around the world, to confront them.

Submitted by: Joe Farrell



Olentangy Rotary:

Olentangy members caroled at Abbington Nursing Home Dec. 19 which was a big success. ADG Fran Veverka and Husband Joe attended. The residents were so delighted with the caroling and gifts which was a win win for all.

Handmade ornaments and stocking stuffers were delivered to the Liberty Child Care Center. Olentangy is planning on participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Liberty HS on May 9 and 10 and the Muscular Dystrophy Walk which will be held at OSU Stadium in early spring.

We are also planning our first "Wizards" fundraiser in April with Olentangy Elementary Schools. More on that later.

Saturday January 18, we will meet at the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio to paint, assemble furniture and whatever work they have for us to do. They supply furniture to people through various social agencies who have fallen on hard times.

Submitted by: Susan Jones,
Olentangy Rotary Club of So. Delaware County.





Capitol Square Rotary: Music in the Round

Cap Square Rotarians are busy planning the 9th Annual Music in the Round, aka MITR, which will be held on Saturday, February 22, 6 pm at Via Vecchia Winery. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Marafiki Global AIDS Ministry (School of Music) and the Capitol Square Rotary Foundation.

MITR is a unique concert format that originated in Nashville's Bluebird Cafe and grew organically from the traditional jam session. The only rule: the artists must play songs they've written themselves, on the instruments on which they were written. MITR audiences get to hear the artists talk about their songwriting, particularly the stories and emotions surrounding the song's creation. It's a treat for music lovers featuring some of the most talented musicians Columbus has to offer.

This year, one of our featured artists will be the children from the Rafiki Children's Center (www.RafikiChildrenCenter.org) in Kikuyu Town, Kenya. New club member Jesse Henry will be traveling to Rafiki this month to work with the children and tape their performances which will be shown during the event.

Jesse has been a MITR performer and involved with the Rafiki orphanage since 2012. In January of 2013 he was named the Dean of the Rafiki School of Music and has been working diligently to get the music program up and running along with overseeing the construction of the music school building. In addition, Jesse has raised his own funds to support the project through various concerts he arranged locally in Columbus area.

Tickets will be available at all club meetings and online. Sponsorships are also available. Visit our event website for more information: www.musicintheround.com

Pictured: (top to bottom)
Class 3 and 4 choir
Naomi and Daden
Dean Jesse and kids
Eliud and Lewis on guitar
Dean Jesse Henry (right)



Submitted by: Connie Hieatt, PR Chair, Capitol Square Rotary

Dublin AM Rotary: Salvation Army Bell-Ringing Update



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing this year. It was a smashing success! This year, our club alone raised more than \$19,000. If you add to that the amount we contributed to the Adopt A Family program, it was well over \$21,000 cash money that we contributed to those causes. This money is not a line item in our budget because of how it is raised, and so we might forget it later in the year; however, as you think of all the other great fundraising we'll do this year, keep it in mind and be very proud of how much you've done, and are doing, to help those in need.

Incidentally, we don't yet know if we rang the bell more hours than Kiwanis in our friendly competition with them. Details on that as soon as I know them!

The Dublin AM Rotary's Literacy Committee is at it again! 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. It was pajama and reading day at the school so everyone was perfectly attired and psyched for the event! The students thanked the Rotary for their dictionaries in the 19 different languages currently used at the school! Over 1,200 3rd 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 3rd 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. Happy reading!

Posted by Bruce Andrews





Logan Rotary:

At our recent Christmas gathering, we recognized some individuals with membership awards. Thanks for many years of service!

Pictured (from left to right)
Larry Kienzle, 35 years.
Joe Murtha, 30 years.
Van Cardaras, 30 years.
Bob Lilley, 40 years.

John Smith, 40 years.
Marion Riggs, 45 years
Not pictured:
Larry Menchofer, 25 years.
Richard Brandt, 35 years.



Byesville Rotary:

Byesville Rotarians ended the Christmas season with their annual Breakfast with Santa. This has become a Rotary family affair. Spouses and children of Rotary members show up to help cook and serve the breakfast.

Jim Vaughan, Byesville Rotary member showed up as Santa. His wife worked in the kitchen cooking sausage. Don Valentine and his wife, Myrna, helped keep tables clean and supplied with butter and syrup. Darlene Mill and her two daughters served eggs and pancakes.

Sharon Miller served as Santa's elf; Nellie Bichard handled tickets; and Larry Miller served as chief pancake maker.



Granville Rotary:



Granville January November Students of the Month Margo MacDonald, Christian Sams and Mason Knight, shown with Rotarians and school Principals Lisa Sealover-Ormond and Ryan Bernath, plus Granville Rotary President Mike Whitehead.



President Mike Whitehead welcomes the club's newest members, Kevin Black and Danielle Cooperider, their sponsors, Tom Bunyard and Charlie Hansen.

Westerville Sunrise Rotary:



The Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club will present its 18th annual Chilly Open fundraising event on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium from noon to 5:00 p.m. This family-oriented event features food from over 30 local restaurants, live music provided by The Debits and a special appearance by country western singer/songwriter Keith Anderson, silent auctions, live auctions, raffles, The Children's Open with supervised entertainment in the Activity Pavilion of the Zoo and other zoo-wide entertainment, with all proceeds going to area children's charities. The event is sponsored by Kroger and Papa John's and hosted by local celebrities Dom Tiberi of WBNS 10TV and Woody Johnson of WCOL 92.3.



In its previous 17 years, this fundraising event has raised over \$2 million with 100% of the proceeds donated to area children's charities such as The Children's Hunger Alliance, The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, Flying Horse Farms, Mount Carmel St. Ann's, The Ohio Troopers Coalition, W.A.R.M. (Westerville Area Resource Ministry), Nationwide Children's Hospital, Buckeye Ranch, The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, the Ubumwe Community Center in Rwanda, Africa, and the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Foundation.

Tickets are \$45 and may be purchased in advance on the event web site www.chillyopen.org and at the Zoo on the day of the event. \$5 discount coupons will be available in The Columbus Dispatch. Parking at the Zoo will be \$5 per vehicle. Children 12 and under may attend free when accompanying an event ticketholder. The purchase of an event ticket includes free admittance to the Zoo and all its exhibits for the entire day, free food from 30 restaurants, drink coupons, free carousel rides for children, live music and a coupon for a free large Papa John's pizza of their choice for every paid adult ticket.

Please visit the Chilly Open event web site at www.chillyopen.org or the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium web site at www.columbuszoo.org for additional information.

Pictured: Country Western Singer/Songwriter Keith Anderson.



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



Register here:

[http://fs23.formsite.com/
ryla6690/2014SponsorshipAgreement/index.html](http://fs23.formsite.com/ryla6690/2014SponsorshipAgreement/index.html)



District 6690 RYLA

“Building the next generation of
Service Above Self”

Time for the clubs in District 6690 to register for sponsorship of RYLA 2014 participants.

- 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) .
- 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 maximum capacity is reached, no additional forms and/or payments. Will be accepted.
- Register as soon as possible. to guarantee and hold the space.

For more information contact:

Craig Maxey

craig@targetbusinessservices.com

OR

Larry Jenkins

ljenkins@hrserve.net

District meetings and events

- Feb. 15—All Ohio PETS
- Feb. 22—Assistant Governor training
- Feb. 23-Mar 1—World’s Greatest Meal to End Polio
- Feb. 23—Happy 109th Birthday Rotary
- Feb. 26—Ohio-Erie Youth Exchange Spring Meeting

Club events

- Jan. 16—Newark, 3rd Thursday Social.
- Jan. 18—Furniture Bank Project.
- Jan. 22—Columbus Rotary Downtown Business Expo
- Feb. 1—Dublin AM Polar Bear Golf Open.
- Feb. 1—Westerville Sunrise Chilli Open.
- Feb. 8—Worthington AM ***Thaw Your Heart Out.***
- Feb. 8—Gahana Rotary Auction.
- Feb. 12—Columbus Euchre Event.
- Feb. 14—Athens AM 4th Annual Murder Mystery ***The Lust Boat.***
- Feb. 22—Capitol Square ***Music in the Round.***

February 2014

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February—World Understanding Month

The goal of Family Week is for Rotary clubs to connect with families in their communities, particularly those that need extra attention.

Suggestions for activities:

- Share information on Family Week with club chairs.
- Recognize successful projects in your district.
 - Domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, drug and alcohol abuse, and gang activity are just a few of the formidable challenges facing today's family.
- Clubs are urged to use this opportunity to promote family projects that are already underway or think about starting new ones.

Additional dates to celebrate in February:

- 23 February - Rotary's Anniversary.
- Family Week - Second week of February.

(Information from <http://www.rotacal.org/ri/months.htm>).

Deadline for February newsletter—
February 15.
Send to: ri.district.6690@gmail.com