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Rotary Tour for M.E.S.A. 2018

Each year Rotarians and friends of Rotary gather to ride bicycles for M.E.S.A. in Rotary District 6600. M.E.S.A.'s mission is to ship medical equipment and supplies to areas of need around the world. The funds raised from this bike tour are used for the operation of our warehouse at 1370 North Main St. Fostoria, Ohio and for the shipping of donated equipment. M.E.S.A. bikers solicit funds from friends and relatives to make this possible. Our goal this year is \$55,000. This amount represents over half of the M.E.S.A. operating budget.

The Toledo Rotary Club will sponsor a "Bonus Ride" on May 31, 2018 in downtown Toledo along the river, starting at the Middlegrounds-a new Metro-Park. This ride will be mostly on bike paths and will start with a breakfast at 8 AM with the ride beginning at 9 AM. The Toledo Rotarians are working to earn up to \$20,000. That would be a true bonus for M.E.S.A.

The M.E.S.A. Bike Tour will begin with a Kick-Off dinner at 6 PM May 31, 2018, hosted by the Sandusky Rotary Club. The Tour will then head South for the rest of the Tour. We will be riding in the Southeastern quadrant of our district. We will be hosted at overnight stops in Sandusky, Bucyrus, Marion, Mansfield, and Ashland. This year we will ride on a Rails-to-Trails bike path from Mansfield to Butler that we have not previously experienced. Total mileage for the week should be about 300 miles. The tour will end on June 5, 2018 in Lorain.

The M.E.S.A. Bike Tour is not just for a select few. You can join us for a day on the Tour. If you can't ride a full day, ride a portion of a day. This tour has allowed Rotarians to get in shape and find beauty along the scenic roads in our district. The bike tour has rest stops about every 10 miles. We average a 10-mph pace with breaks for rest, water, and snacks. Most days we travel 50 to 60 miles. The M.E.S.A. Bike Tour will allow Rotarians to visit Rotary Clubs all around our district. The Rotary Clubs on the Tour will get a chance to show the M.E.S.A. bikers projects in their communities. M.E.S.A. bikers will share their stories about how M.E.S.A improves the health of people wherever our shipments are received.

We would like to have each Rotary Club be represented this year. Please join us for this fun adventure!

Rotary Tour for M.E.S.A. Chairman

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