

M.E.S.A. Bike Tour 2019

15TH Annual Tour

This year will be the 15th year bicyclists from District 6600 have gathered together to raise money for our international project M.E.S.A. In 2005 Rotarians from the two Elyria Rotary Clubs had an idea to ride to the 100th Anniversary Rotary Convention in Chicago. They decided that the ride needed to be more than just a ride. It should have a goal, a purpose, to raise money for our District 6600 International project M.E.S.A. This year we will again ride to raise funds for M.E.S.A., but also to celebrate 15 years of M.E.S.A. Bike Tours.

Our Tour will begin this year on June 13, 2019 in Avon Lake, hosted by the North Coast Rotary Club. They will host a Kick-Off dinner on Wednesday June 12, 2019 and host over-night bikers before the Tour begins. The Tour will cover the North Eastern quadrant of our Rotary district and we hope to visit clubs in North Coast, Elyria, Elyria Sunrise, Oberlin, Milan, Norwalk, Willard, Fremont, Fostoria, Oak Harbor, Port Clinton, Amherst, and end at North Coast.

This year we will also celebrate the retirement of the debt on our M.E.S.A. warehouse at 1370 North Main Street in Fostoria, Ohio. A celebration will be held at the warehouse at Noon on Saturday, June 15, 2019. After enjoying a Noon lunch, all Rotarians will be invited to ride for a victory lap on their bicycles to celebrate this event. Loop rides of various lengths will be available for all participants.

Now you know WHAT the M.E.S.A. Bike Tour is, and HOW it operates, please invite a M.E.S.A. biker to your Rotary Club to give a presentation to learn the reason WHY each M.E.S.A. biker shares their time to ride on a bicycle around District 6600 to support M.E.S.A.

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

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