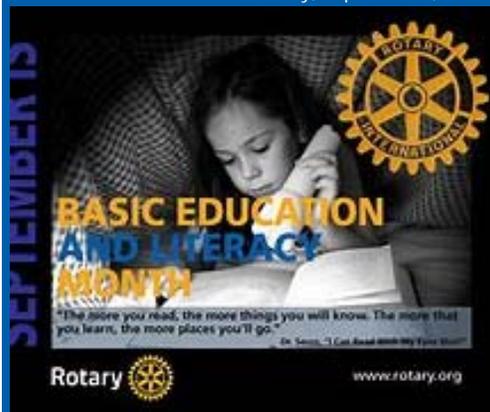




HIGHLIGHTER

September Is Rotary Basic Education and Literacy Month

Saturday, September 5, 2020



Basic Education and Literacy is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus. We know that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population!

Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. Rotary supports education for all children and literacy for children and adults. Rotary takes action to empower educators to inspire learning at all ages.

The Rotary Foundation supports education through scholarships, donations, and service projects around the world. Many clubs in District 5300 have programs to support basic education and promote literacy here in our own communities. These programs include teacher mini-grants, scholarships, providing books and dictionaries to students, and more.

Is your club taking action to promote education and literacy? Send your stories to: office@district5300.org and we will share them with the District!

September Dates to Remember

Saturday, September 5, 2020



Monday, September 14 @ 7:00 p.m. -- Final Grants Management Seminar. Any club without members attending a previous session must have two members attend this final session. This is your last chance to qualify for District and Global Grants.

Tuesday, September 15 @ 5:00 p.m. -- Summerlin Rotary Child Sex Trafficking Awareness Committee. All are welcome to attend. This committee may become District-wide during this year. Contact Michael Turner of Summerlin Club for Details.

Tuesday, September 15 @ 6:00 p.m. -- Connecting for Global Grants. PDG Chehab ElAwar hosts a monthly forum for people from around the world to connect and put together global grant proposals. If you are interested in sponsoring a global grant for your club or contributing to an ongoing grant, you will find this session worthwhile.

Wednesday, September 17 @ 1:00 p.m. -- Rotary International Webinar - Design an Inclusive Plan. This is the first of Rotary International's Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) webinar series. See the article in the September District 5300 newsletter for more information.

Monday, September 21 @ 4:00 p.m. -- Tarnished Brass. For the current District Governor line and all Past District Governors. By invitation only.

Monday, September 21 @ 5:30 p.m. -- Club Presidents Meeting. For current club Presidents to learn about district developments. By invitation only.

Thursday, September 24 @ 5:00 p.m. -- Club Foundation Chair Meeting - Information about District and Global Grants, Annual Fund, and Polio Plus for your clubs. All are welcome.

Monday, September 28 @ 6:00 p.m. -- Make Membership Memorable - Jason Browne is an engaging speaker who will give you pointers for making your club membership experience memorable. A multi-district webinar for everyone.

Saturday, October 3 @ 9:00 a.m. -- Zone 26/27 Conference for Club and District Youth Leadership. For Club Interact Liaisons, and District RYLA/TLC Committee members and those interested in Youth Exchange. See the DACdb calendar for more information.

Tuesday, October 6 @ 6:00 p.m. -- Board of Directors Training series. This month: Rules of Engagement.

Saturday, October 24 @ 9:00 a.m. -- District 5300 Peace Conference, featuring Past Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney and other engaging speakers.

Make Membership Memorable!

Saturday, September 5, 2020

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Join us on Monday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. to learn how you can Make Membership Memorable in your club.

Jason Browne engaged the audience of District Governors Elect at this year's Rotary International Assembly. Districts 5300, 5330, and 5320 are joining together to share Jason's story with all of our clubs.

The key to a successful club is having engaged members. In a virtual world we have to work even harder to keep everyone engaged. This presentation will give you valuable insights that will make your club experience even better.

Everyone is encouraged to join us for this special event!

Diversity Equity and Inclusion

Sunday, September 6, 2020

The Board of Directors of Rotary International recently passed a statement on diversity, equity and inclusion: "As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

Rotary will cultivate a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture in which people from underrepresented groups have greater opportunities to participate as members and leaders."

What can your club do?

Talk about diversity with your club members and create a member diversity and inclusion action plan using the Diversifying Your Club assessment.

- Invite local diversity, equity, and inclusion experts to speak at your club's next gathering.
- Connect with local organizations that are supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and work with them on projects or events.
- Encourage and support people from underrepresented groups to take on leadership positions in your club and district.
- Encourage club members to take the Building a Diverse Club course in the Learning Center to learn more about diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Create a community advisory board and invite diverse members from the community and from your club to take part. You'll learn what's important to the community and discover ways to work together to take action.

Throughout the 2020-21 year Rotary will be offering a webinar series on diversity, equity, and inclusion. The first webinar will be offered on Thursday, September 17 at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time. The topic is "Design a Plan to Diversify Your Organization."

The link to register is: [DEI Webinar September 17](#)

Summerlin Sex Trafficking Awareness Committee

Saturday, September 5, 2020

Summerlin Rotary is Developing a Child Sex Trafficking Awareness Campaign in Clark County, NV

The FBI has identified Las Vegas as one of 13 High Intensity Child Prostitution Areas. In their 2017 annual report, the Nevada Coalition to Prevent Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children gives an estimate of 5,668 victims of child sex trafficking in Nevada. In 2018, the Impact NV advisory boards voted to prioritize the fight against human trafficking.

To bring this problem to the forefront in Clark County, NV, the Rotary Club of Summerlin Las Vegas has established a committee to develop a Child Sex Trafficking Awareness Campaign to be launched in July, 2021.

In February 2019, Summerlin Area Command Captain Sasha Larkin addressed the Building Bridges to End Sex Trafficking in Southern Nevada conference:

The law enforcement community will continue to send a strong message that harsh penalties await those who choose to engage in this criminal activity. We pledge to you that we are committed to this. We will see these victims and give them the assistance they need in a collaborative effort. Your collaboration is really what building bridges is all about. What if we could increase punishment for these people and change the supply and demand cycle? We say boldly that our humans are people in this community and they are not for sale.

The Child Sex Trafficking Awareness Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. via Zoom. If you have an interest in joining the committee or providing resources, contact [President-elect Michael Turner](#).

This committee is a pilot program; if there is enough interest we will expand the reach of the committee to include the entire District. Other local Districts including 5280 and 5340 have already implemented similar programs.

Literacy Project Contest

Saturday, September 5, 2020

BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH SEPTEMBER 2020

Win \$400 USD for your club

Three awards of \$400 each will be made to clubs whose projects demonstrate how Rotary strengthens the capacity of their community to support and provide education for all.

To enter:

- Describe your project (500-800 words).
- Explain what your club did and the result.
- Who benefited from the project?
- How were Rotarians involved? (How many were involved?)
- How was the project promoted?
- Include 2-3 photos (with captions).
- The project does not have to be implemented during Literacy Month; it may be an ongoing project.

Applications must be received by September 30, 2020

Include primary contact information:

- Rotarian's name & email
- Club President
- Club & District
- City & Country

Send your application to: rotary.tas@gmail.com

The Rotarian submitting the application must be a current member of LITRAG: www.LITRAG.org

Rotary International Council on Legislation

Sunday, September 6, 2020

Every three years, Rotarians meet at the Council on Legislation to review and vote on proposed changes to the legislation that governs Rotary. They consider enactments, which change Rotary's governing documents, and position statements from the Rotary International Board of Directors.

New proposed enactments are due to RI by December 31, 2020. Enactments change or amend the constitutional documents of RI. See *Manual of Procedure and RI Bylaws*, Articles 7 and 8. Districts may also propose district-endorsed resolutions for the Counsel On Resolutions. Recently attendance requirements were changed to include time spent on Rotary projects. Resolutions do not change constitutional documents.

You can find more information about the Council on Legislation on the District 5300 website under Resources.

If you have any questions or any suggested enactments please contact DG Greg Jones.

2020 District 5300 Peace Conference

Sunday, September 6, 2020



Past District Governor Garbis Der-Yeghian has announced the 2020 District 5300 Peace Conference. The conference will be held via Zoom on Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 am - 12:15 pm.

The conference theme is "Peace Out of Chaos - A Pandemic" and will focus on how we can cope with and move past the Covid-19 pandemic.

Speakers include:

- Mark Daniel Maloney, Immediate Past Rotary International President
- Dr. Quentin Woden, Lead Economist of the World Bank
- Dr. Siobhan Nash-Marshall, Chair of Christian Philosophy and Philosophy Depts., Manhattanville College
- Eugene Whitlock, JD, Chief People and Culture Officer, UC Berkeley
- Michael Brosowski, Founder-CEO Blue Dragon Children's Foundation
- Sheila Gutierrez, Marriage and Family Therapist

Have you joined Rotary Direct?

Sunday, September 6, 2020



A message from District 5300 District Rotary Foundation Chair, Susan Johnson

District 5300 reminds its members it will donate 250 of its Foundation Recognition Points to those who enroll in Rotary's recurring giving program, "Rotary Direct," which makes contributing to "The Rotary Foundation" fast, easy and secure.

Under this program, District 5300 Rotarians can schedule monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions made in any increments, i.e. \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more, empowering them to change lives in their local community or throughout the world. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation to either its featured causes (Annual Fund, Polio Plus, World Fund or Disaster Relief) or the seven areas of focus (Peace Building and Conflict Prevention, Disease Prevention and Disease, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Community Economic Development, and Supporting the Environment) are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition, however, only those donations to the featured causes generate District Designated Funds (DDF). Enrolling in "Rotary Direct" can be accomplished through Rotary International's website or by contacting your District 5300 Rotary Foundation Chair, Susan Johnson.

In addition, District 5300 will match up to 500 of its Foundation Recognition Points to contributions made by or on behalf of Rotarians who have not yet reached their First Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Such contributions can be made by monetary donations or transfer of recognition points by member or club. For example, a member contributing \$500 will receive a match of 500 District matching points, resulting in him or her reaching their first Paul Harris Fellow recognition. A member contributing \$250 and receiving a 250-point match of recognition points by his or her club, will also receive 500 District matching points, again resulting in him or her reaching such distinction.

What is the Deadline? When all District Recognition Points are depleted!
Contact your District 5300 Rotary Foundation Chair, Susan Johnson, if interested!

Zone 26/27 Virtual Library

Sunday, September 6, 2020



The Zone 26/27 website now includes a Virtual Library. This is a new feature that will include information about virtual fundraising, speaker recommendations, virtual meeting suggestions and more. You can also find valuable information and resources for membership, brand, and foundation topics.

The website address is www.zone2627.org.

