



From the Governor

By George Fray



We are facing challenging times and we are given a new normal that we would have never expected when we began this Rotary year. As Rotarians we have a long history of standing together shoulder to shoulder and working through challenges, because after all we are recognized as leaders in our communities and around the world. The challenge of Covid-19 calls for leadership. In many ways this is our time.

We have proven abilities to reach out and collaborate with others and be a part of the solutions to these challenges before us. I've attached a list of ideas from Rotary that will serve as our guide in these coming weeks. Governor Asa Hutchinson and his team which includes Rotarian Dr. Jennifer Dillaha are working diligently for the health and safety of Arkansans. The order has been issued for no meetings larger than ten. Please consider virtual meetings through technology and this can be inexpensive. Virtual meetings with technology will be important in maintaining the focus of our clubs and the development of solutions for the challenges in our community.

There are many clubs that are very active in seeking solutions to these challenges. The photos in this newsletter reflect the example of our Stuttgart club being a part of the screening process at their local hospital by directing traffic. They are also active in delivering groceries to families that are limited by medical issues and a lack of transportation to secure basic necessities.

This is the time to be a part of Yeoman's work in our communities. That is who we are and we are always focused on making our communities better. This is an unprecedented challenge for us but it is also an opportunity for Rotarians to provide leadership to our communities in meaningful ways. Please stay healthy and safe in your endeavours.

April Admin Items

By Sydney O'Quin Gilbert

INFO TO KNOW:

- **Weekly DACdb University Free Training** - The trainings will be held every Tuesday and repeated on Thursday. Each session will be 20 minutes long with 10 minutes of Q and A after. See the

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District Governor's
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Events

April 16th
[District Spring Golf
Tournament -
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April 17th
[2020 District
Conference - -
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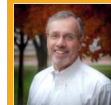
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District Calendar to register.

- Please join us on **Tuesday, March 31** for a DACdb session "**Hold a Virtual Meeting**" and will be **repeated on April 2**. We will briefly cover selecting a virtual meeting vendor, setting up a Zoom meeting, creating an invitation in pmail to alert your members to join.
- **Mid-America PETS** - This required weekend of training for Presidents Elect has been rescheduled for **July 9-11, 2020** at The DoubleTree by Hilton in Fort Smith, AR
 - Registration
 - Your registration is carried over from the original date.
 - If you were not able to attend the March meeting, but now can attend the July meeting, you **WILL NEED TO REGISTER**.
 - Hotel Reservation
 - All original hotel reservations were cancelled. Please make your reservation by visiting [the Mid-America PETS website](#).
- **District Conference** - We are working with the Red Apple Inn to secure an alternative date for our event. We will communicate the arrangements as soon as they are made.
- **Secretary Training** - DACdb has scheduled a **Special University, Secretary Training for April 17th**.
 - The training will last most of the day (Starting 7:00 AM PDT) and include 10 training sessions. At the end of each session there will be a 10 minutes Q & A period. All the training sessions will be focused on what a Club Secretary will need during their year.
 - Because it is virtual, space is unlimited and there is **no cost to attend**.
 - Once the training has been completed, DACdb will have a help section just for Secretary Training - allowing you to go back and review the sessions **even if you didn't attend the live training**. We will be adding additional training videos for areas that were covered in previous DACdb U classes.



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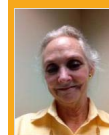
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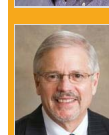
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Rotary Connects the World - Even during Social Distancing Mandates

ALTERNATIVE MEETING/CONNECTING IDEAS FOR CLUBS

These are ideas from our Zone Director Floyd Lancia and some additional items from District Admin Sydney Gilbert.



- Host a Virtual Meeting
 - GoToMeeting (<http://GoToMeeting.com>) - \$12/mo up to 150 participants
 - CISCO Webex (<http://www.webex.com>) - \$free/mo up 100 participants
 - Zoom Meetings (<http://zoom.us>) -- \$free for 40 minute or less meetings
 - Rotary Global Rewards is currently offering [20% off of Zoom memberships](#).
 - [Click here for tutorials](#) on using Zoom for web meetings.
- Join the [Zone 30/31 Facebook group](#) - Regular postings of current information or things to do to "Engage" members. Feel free to post items from this page on your Club's Facebook page.
- Share videos with members from the [Rotary.org Learning Center](#)
- Visit Rotary.org and sign up for a [Rotary Group](#). You will connect with Rotarians around the world about a specific topic.
- Join a [Rotary Fellowship](#) or start your own.
- Post a [TED Talk video](#) each week from a member of your club.
- Record local leaders and speakers in your area & email the video out once a week.
- Invite members to address cards to residents and send them to local senior care facilities with a personal note.
- Encourage children to color pictures &/or write messages to folks in nursing homes, and mail these to those who are isolated from their families due to Coronavirus. Visit this [site](#) for Rotary puzzles & coloring pages. (I found this by googling Rotary coloring pages. I have no knowledge about the site & content. - Sydney)
- Donate books you are finished reading to a "little library" in your community.

Help by donating items to your local community. One resource is United Way. Visit the [United Ways in Arkansas](#) to find your local chapter. Many have a list of things needed by local groups under their Covid-19 Response section. If it isn't online, reach out to see how you can help.

More on Maintaining Member Engagement

Maintaining Member Engagement



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- Virtual Rotary Meeting? Social media Happy Bucks? These are just two of the fresh ideas on staying connected compiled by Assistant Governor Jenny Stotts for Rotarians in District 6690. [Click here for the full list of tips.](#)

Club News - Stuttgart



The Stuttgart Rotary Club has long known the meaning of service above self. Two weeks ago Rotarian Kevin Storey, Administrator of Baptist Stuttgart and Heber Springs, made a call to the Stuttgart Rotary Club asking for HELP! Kevin was in Heber Springs in a crisis because of a major outbreak of the COVID-19 Virus that had affected his staff. Kevin was in Heber and could not leave. His fear was that the COVID-19 Virus would soon be in Stuttgart.

In Stuttgart all medical doctors are all in one clinic. If the Virus gets in the clinic, we might have to close the clinic and quarantine all the doctors which would leave Stuttgart with NO health care providers, a major problem!!! At 10:00pm Kevin made a call to activate the Stuttgart Rotary Club.

The goal was to set up a drive thru outdoor clinic and lab to test and treat patients in an environment that would keep the sick and the well separated. The first thing that was done was to call Shelby Joiner, President of the Bryant Rotary Club, to print signs for the drive thru, Shelby printed the signs and had them in Stuttgart early the next morning. Next the Mayor of Stuttgart, Rotarian David Earney, was called and ask for stop signs to control the traffic, they were on site by 10:00am. By noon the traffic flow was drawn up and 2 structures were on site, one for the screeners and one for the lab. The doctors and staff of the medical clinic had their plans to staff the outdoor clinic by 12:00 noon (2 screeners, 5 nurses and staff, and a doctor). By 8:00am Monday morning the outdoor drive thru was open. All traffic was stopped and directed by Rotarians that controlled the flow and made sure that all were following the directions. This has been and continues to be done for a week and a half by the Stuttgart Rotary Club.

In other related projects the club has taken care of shut-ins with shopping, pharmacy and delivering short supply toilet paper to some older residents. The large shortage of masks across the state was another challenge. Stuttgart Rotarians were on the phone using their connections to find over 30,000 masks that were used in Stuttgart and also shared with Baptist in Little Rock.



According to Michelle Blassengame the

club always has supported the local community with money and projects but never have we had a project that was done as quickly and did as much to help our community as this project has and is continuing to do. Service above self, when there are gun shots fired police are taught to run toward the shots not away from them, in Rotary we are taught to not run from a problem but confront it HEAD ON. Service above self, in Stuttgart we do more than just say it we do it!!

