



From the Governor

By George Fray



Taking Action and Solving Problems in Difficult Times

These are trying times, Rotarians are people of action and problem solvers. It is true that our ♦shelter in place♦ roles make taking action and solving problems difficult, but to do so is not impossible. The clubs in District 6150 are seeking opportunities and solving problems in their communities that make the lives of others better. We give our best to our projects, and it brings out the best in our communities. Our challenge is to lead the way in our communities and remember ♦we are people in action and problem solvers.♦

We would like to encourage clubs that meet in restaurant settings to strictly adhere to the Arkansas Department of Health directive on resuming restaurant dine-in operations. Dine in operations are effective May 11.

https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/Resume_Restaurant_Dine_In_May_11_directive_FINAL.pdf.

On Friday, May 8, at 11:00 AM, Dr. Jennifer Dillaha, state epidemiologist, will discuss the directive on Facebook and Youtube. You will be able to ask questions and we look forward to this important discussion. Dr. Dillaha, a fellow Rotarian, has also agreed to provide Covid-19 updates on Thursday, May 28, and Thursday, June 25.

The district conference has been a difficult event to schedule and conduct this year under the current circumstances. We are planning a virtual conference this year to be conducted on Saturday, June 27. The agenda will be forthcoming and we will be forwarding this to all Rotarians in 6150. We are excited about the opportunity for more Rotarians to participate and look forward to this celebration by all.

Please have empathy and look forward to opportunities to share simple kindness in the days to come. I am grateful for each one of you and for your service above self to make lasting change in our communities and the world.

May Admin Announcements

By Sydney O'Quin Gilbert

ROTARY may look different, but together we can get through this.

- * Rotary International Board recommends NO in person meetings through the end of summer.
- * Rotary International Board recommends NO in person District meetings in 2020.

What does this mean for your club?

- * Presidents Elect - you will receive training virtually in the coming month.
- * Secretaries Elect - Secretary Training is available NOW in DACdb. Make your way to the Help Tab. Then click DACdb Training in the blue section on the left. Click Secretary Training.
- * We will have a virtual District Conference on June 27. It will be a celebration of your clubs' hard work and community service during this Rotary Year.
- * DGE Mike Bennage will have his Installation Banquet in June in his home club, the Rotary Club of Hughes. We are planning to broadcast this event virtually. Stay tuned.

Make plans for 2021-2020

- * All DG Visits will be virtual.
- * Summer Seminars will be virtual.



May, 2020
District Governor's
Newsletter

Events

All face-to-face events have been postponed due to the coronavirus.

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Edit 2020-21 Club Positions NOW!

Go ahead and update your 2020-21 Club Positions in DACdb before May 31.

Think of the photos where two and three highways converge with cars creeping along as they take turns merging into one freeway. If you wait until June to update your members and 2020-21 leadership, you will be among the thousands of clubs around the world attempting to accomplish the same task at the same time. And, in turn, may find yourself bogged down in the merging stream of data trying to be updated at Rotary International.

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Embrace Virtual Events

Online club meetings



Best Practices for Conducting Online Meetings

As the organizer:

- Choose the technology that's right for your needs.** Some free services limit the number of participants or the length of your meeting.
- Use video but provide an audio dial-in option.** The ability to see and interact with fellow participants via technology like Zoom, GoToMeeting, and Google Hangouts helps keep everyone connected and engaged. However, not everyone will be able to join your meeting via video. Provide an audio option and consider recording the meeting and sharing it later.
- Stick to meeting basics.** Use an agenda, set meeting ground rules, and clearly outline next steps at the end of the meeting. If background information is required, be sure to share it with all participants beforehand.
- Rethink your meeting for an online format.** Some parts of an in-person meeting don't work well online. Develop your meeting content to eliminate or reformat activities that are best done face-to-face.
- Keep it engaging.** Keep things interesting by minimizing presentation length and maximizing discussion. Include polls, open Q&A, best practice sharing anything that focuses their attention on the content and each other.
- Ask for support:** Building a team allows people to contribute to the success of your meeting. Ask others to monitor chat boxes, answer questions during the call, and troubleshoot technical issues.
- Be prepared.** Do a dry run with any presenters to be sure they know how to request control and share their screens. Log on early to test your audio and make sure all presenters are present.

Successful online meetings also consider the needs of their participants. Encourage your participants to:

- Download and test the technology ahead of time.** All participants should ensure that they have downloaded the online meeting platform and are comfortable with its features. Some good questions they should ask:
 - Is my audio working? Will I be able to hear the other participants and will they be able to hear me?
 - Is my camera working? Is my face visible?
 - Have I eliminated background distractions to the best of my ability?
 - Is my lighting appropriate?
- Optimize the audio.** All participants should mute themselves when they are not speaking. For best sound quality, use a headset or headphones. This will also help minimize background noise.
- Participate!** The key to a successful online meeting is engaged, active members.

(Adapted in part from "[What it Takes to Run a Great Virtual Meeting.](#)" Bob Frisch and Cary Greene.)



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District 6150 has a subscription for Go To Meeting. If you would like to schedule your club's meeting using this tool for FREE, contact [Sydney Gilbert](#), District Admin.

Youth Service Month



[4 ways to celebrate Youth Service Month virtually](#)

Don't miss these online offerings



May 12, 2020 at 12 pm

Join Rotarians around Zones 30 & 31 for a conversation with Past RI Vice-President

Dean Rohrs

Use this [Zoom Link](#)

or call in 253-215-8782

Join the first Rotary Youth Interactive Quarantine Conference!

[Check our website!!](#)

Join Interact and Rotary Youth Exchange from all over the world in this #OnlineConference!

May 16 - 17, 2020 at 8 am

Confirmed speakers:

Rotary International President
Mark Maloney

Rotary International President
Elect Holger Knaack



Dr. Todd ♦ Bowtie ♦ Jenkins

Registration links:

[Day 1 - Saturday 16](#)

[Day 2 - Sunday 17](#)

Did you miss it?

Check out these recordings with senior leadership and useful webinars.

Use one of these videos as the program at your next Rotary Club meeting.

May 6 Conversation with Past RI President John Germ [video replay](#)

April 28 Webinar: Connect with the (Online) Rotary World [video replay](#)

April 28 Conversation with Past RI President Barry Rassin [video replay](#)