

Rotary



District 6150



From the Governor



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

We start the new Rotary year in an unusual way. By this time normally, every President has had training from the PETS conference and ready to go, AGs are trained and prepared, visits have been scheduled, and the District Governor has done everything to prepare for the new Rotary year. I know that I have spent the last two years preparing for this moment. Nobody would have thought that things would turn out this way. But now is not the time to throw up our arms and say ♦ I give up ♦. It is time to make changes and adapt to the new way of doing things. And we as Rotarians are doing just that.

The theme for this year, Rotary Opens Opportunities, has to be one of the most appropriate themes that could have been chosen. Our new President for Rotary, Holger Knaack, faces the same challenges that each of us do in how we conduct Rotary going forward. When one door closes, others open. We have to face the challenges of in-person meetings, how and when do we meet, dues structures, fundraising activities, service projects, and much more. But I know as Rotarians we are up to the challenge. I want to quote Holger on some of his thoughts. ♦ All of us love this organization, and all of us should feel we ought to do something to make Rotary stronger. It ♦s not hard to do more: be more involved in your club, more interested in your friends, more involved in projects and programs. Ask yourself: Is our club involved in youth service? Can we come up with better ideas for fundraising? And the club also has a responsibility to make people feel good, feel welcome, and feel proud. It has to feel special to be a Rotarian. ♦ And it better be fun.

I believe this is going to be the best year for Rotary in a long time. We are up to the challenges we face. I also want you to know that we are here to help in any way we can. I look forward to working with each club this year as we figure this whole thing out together. And remember, **Rotary Opens Opportunities!**

Yours in Rotary Service,

Mike Bennage
District Governor 2020-2021

District News - July 2020

July 2020 Admin & Calendar Notes

Hey Club Presidents!

Your club goals need to be entered in to Rotary Club Central (RCC) as soon as possible. RCC is found by logging in to www.rotary.org. Click on [this link for the "how to"](#) instructions to navigate the RI website.

Rotary International & District Dues

RI dues - Your RI Dues were emailed to your club's President, Treasurer & Secretary. You can also find the invoice by logging in to [My Rotary](#). Then choose the Manage Tab and then Club Administration. These dues are to be sent in to Rotary International. The address and payment options are on your invoice.

District dues - Your District 6150 dues and PETS registration were emailed to your club's President, Treasurer & Secretary. Please write 2 checks: 1 for Dues & 1 for PETS. Please pay these by August 15.

Mail the checks to: Rotary District 6150, PO Box 242282, Little Rock, AR 72223

Summer Seminars in August

Registration - Coming Soon!

Attendance: Clubs are to have a minimum of four (4) members attend the Virtual Summer Seminar to cover all topics. Governor ♦s Banner consideration: Must attend Foundation and Membership breakout sessions.

Description: The seminars at each locone General Session plus four Breakout Sessions.

General Session: The Rotary Foundation and Grants Certification ♦ Learn about the various

Foundation Initiatives plus learn about District Grant Eligibility/Application Process and become certified to apply.

Breakouts:

Membership ♦ Learn ways to recruit and retain members.

Youth Service - The In♦s and Out♦s of Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotaract & RYLA.

Rotary 101 - Learn more about Rotary♦s role in the world, how the organization functions, and how members at the local level support Avenues of Service locally and world-wide.

DACdb Training - For Secretaries or those who want to learn more about our District database (DACdb) and Rotary Club Central.

2020 District 6150 Virtual Conference



Thank you to the many individuals who made the 2020 Rotary District 6150 Virtual Conference a huge success! From the list below you can see that this conference would not have happened without the support of our many clubs.

DG George Fray, Rotary Club of Lawrence County
DGE JoAnn Heppermann, District 6710
Pamela Smith, Friend of Rotary Club of Little Rock
Vince Guest, Rotary Club of Wynne

Felipe Piubelli, former inbound Youth Exchange student from Brazil

Autumn Holland, former outbound Youth Exchange student to Italy

Michelle Oglesby, Rotary Club of Sherwood

Charles Harris, Rotary Club of Little Rock Metro

HT Moore & members of the Rotary Club of Paragould

Mike Shelton, Rotary Club of Lawrence County

Debbie Davis, Rotary Club of Wynne

Hank Kelley, Rotary Club of Little Rock

RI Director Floyd Lancia, District 6540

Sam Hummelstein, Rotary Club of Jonesboro

Hatton Weeks, Rotary Club of Jonesboro

Ethan Lehman, current outbound Youth Exchange student to Thailand

Jose Souza Dias, former inbound Youth Exchange student from Brazil

Mathieu Kobielski, former inbound Youth Exchange student from France

Kevin Jumper, Rotary Club of Forrest City

Matt Buie, Rotary Club of Little Rock Afterhours

Members of Rotary Club Lawrence County

PDG John Carter, Rotary Club of Sherwood

Michelle Blasengame, Rotary Club of Stuttgart

Thank you to the members of District 6150 for participating our first Virtual District Conference!

Sydney Gilbert

District Conference Chair 2019-20

Rotary Club of Little Rock Afterhours

2020 District 6150 Awards

District Awards

presented by iPDG George Fray

Governor's Award for Membership

Little Rock Afterhours

Stuttgart

West Memphis

Sherwood

Little Rock Metro

Forrest City

Governor's Award for Leadership

Darren McCollum, West Memphis

Sally Cooke, Blytheville

Ashley Garringer, Jacksonville

Hank Kelley, Little Rock

Kristina Root, Marianna

Bryan Dunham, Osceola

Trey Steimel, Pocahontas

Chris Heigle, Forrest City

Adam Sartin, Jonesboro-University

Mike Shelton, Lawrence County

Stephanie Shine, Little Rock Afterhours

Charles Harris, Little Rock Metro

John Craft, Maumelle

Michelle Blasengame, Stuttgart



Jai Lambert, West Little Rock
Donna Cole, Batesville
Vicki Shelby, Paragould

Anthony Galloway, Heber Springs
Virginia Young, Sherwood

Outstanding Service to District 6150

Sydney Gilbert
Hatton Weeks

Dr. Jennifer Dilaha
Mark Morrow

Sam Hummelstein

Governor's Banner

Blytheville
Jonesboro - University
Little Rock Afterhours
Sherwood
Wynne

Jacksonville
Lawrence County
Little Rock Metro
Stuttgart

Jonesboro
Little Rock
Paragould
West Little Rock

Club of the Year

Small Club
Small / Medium Club
Medium Club
Large Club

Little Rock Metro
Sherwood
Wynne
Jonesboro

Rotarian of the Year: Vince Guest, Wynne

Embrace Virtual Events

Online club meetings

District 6150 has purchased a Zoom subscription for the District. Contact [Sydney Gilbert](#), District Admin, if your club would like to use it for your online club meetings.

