

Rotary



District 6150



From the Governor

By Michael E. Bennage



2020 is finally in our rear view mirror. From a health standpoint, 2020 is one to forget. But for Rotary, I think it will be one to remember. Each Rotarian has stepped up to the plate and found new ways to meet, serve, and participate. I am very proud of our district for the commitment and willingness to keep things going during a pandemic. Way to go!

I am very hopeful that 2021 will be a great year. Things are looking up for everyone. Although some of the clubs are still not meeting in person, and others have had to make changes in the ways we meet and participate, we still have the business of Rotary to attend to. Election of Officers for 2021-2022 should have taken place in December. If your club has not done so, please get this done as soon as possible and report it to Dacdb. Also remember that RI dues will be due again shortly.

We are now half-way to the end of my year as your District Governor. I will admit that it has not gone like I expected, but who could have predicted how this year would go. I am very grateful for the many Rotarians that have helped me along the way so far. We have many things left to accomplish before my year ends, and I look forward to seeing a lot of great results.

I hope that every club has either made a plan, or set up a date and time to do their visioning session. If anyone needs help with that, please let me know, and I will be happy to assist. The visioning meeting should help your club see where it wants to grow, and what changes can be made to make your club more successful. The main thing is that it does not take long to organize, conduct, or see the results.

I am very happy to announce that we have selected a new District Governor Nominee Designate (the next person in the District Governor line). The committee has selected Sydney O. Quin Gilbert to serve as District Governor for the year 2023-2024. I think that almost everyone in the district knows Sydney. She is a member of the Little Rock Afterhours club and also our District Administrator. Please join me in congratulating Sydney for her nomination. She will do a fantastic job. Her impressive bio will be included in this newsletter.

Finally, please stay safe and healthy as we begin this new year. The Coronavirus is still a danger to all of the people of the world, and we need to be mindful of that. Thanks, and have a great year!

Welcome New Members

ROTARY 6150 IS GROWING!

2020 is over. The Pandemic is still with us, but Rotary is still going. Congratulations to these clubs who have added members this Rotary Year.

Welcome New Members! We are so happy you have joined us to make a difference in the community. YOU are the difference maker your club needed.
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District Governor Selected for 2023-24

By Michael E. Bennage



The District Nominating committee chaired by Immediate Past District Governor George Fray has selected Sydney O'Quin Gilbert as District Governor for 2021-2022.

Sydney Gilbert joined the Rotary Club of NLR Riverside in 2005. She served this club as Secretary, Treasurer, President (2008-09 and 2014-15), Service Projects Chair and Interact Chair. In 2019 she became a charter member of the Rotary Club of Little Rock Afterhours where she serves as a Club Director. In District 6150 she has served as an Assistant Governor (2009-12), District Registrar, District Foundation Banquet Committee member and since 2017, District Administrator. She is currently the Registrar for Mid-America PETS and attended Zone 30/31's Emerging Leaders Training in 2019. She is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

In 2005, Sydney joined her father, Roger O'Quin, to form The O'Quin Group, a financial planning and advisory practice. Since 2009, they have served their clients at Wells Fargo Advisors. Sydney has attained her CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER designation and is also an Accredited Domestic Partnership Advisor. She is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas.

Sydney has a heart for service. She supports her husband, Luke Gilbert, in his ministry as the Family Ministries Coordinator at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Little Rock. She also serves the church as a small group leader, handbell player and a member of the Finance Committee. Sydney is also the Room Parent for her son, Andrew's, 5th grade class.

In accordance with the By-Laws of Rotary International, Sydney will be officially voted into this position by District Rotarians at the District Conference to be held in April, 2021. We'd like to congratulate Sydney on her selection and we look forward to her leadership in 2021-22.

Upcoming Training

By Sydney O'Quin Gilbert

District 6150 will start offering Trainings for District & Club leaders in February. Please watch for emails from District Governor Elect James Arbuckle and I on how to register. Also, you'll be able to register on the District Calendar. Of course, these offerings will be virtual, but packed full of info.

February

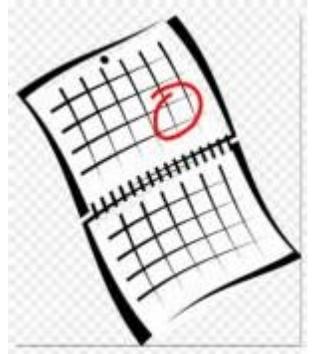
- District Team Training Seminar - 2021-22 Assistant Governors, District Chairs and District Governor Line
- Pre-PETS for Presidents-Elect - a session with DGE James Arbuckle after he returns from International Assembly

March

- District Presidents- Elect Training
- Mid-America PETS - March 27

April/May

- Secretary Training - incoming Secretaries should attend this to prepare for your role in the 2021-22 year



From the Sherwood Rotary

By Michelle K Oglesby

Rotary Club of Sherwood December 2020

Despite the challenges of the global pandemic, Sherwood Rotary is very proud to support the Foundation for Children in Need (FCN) in Hyderabad, India. Our club members donated to purchase physiotherapy equipment for the FCN home.

