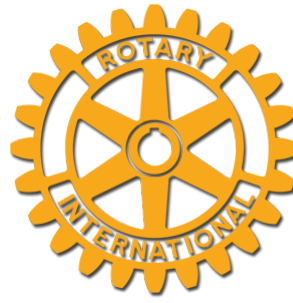


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From the Governor

By James Arbuckle Jr



Happy New Year! You might think I've lost my calendar (and mind), but I haven't. July represents the start of the new Rotary year and, just like a new calendar year, it's a chance to start afresh, get a do-over on 2020, and make resolutions. It also represents an opportunity to put the not-so-pleasant memories of a year impacted by COVID-19 behind us.

The 2020-2021 Rotary year was a tough one. We spent a large part of it in isolation and didn't get to do what we all love to meet in person and do Rotary together.

The bad, the ugly, and the uglier of 2020:

- Mask burns (all masks are not created equal)
- Toilet paper shortages (leading to toilet paper hoarding)
- Zoom fatigue (on the plus side, getting to wear shorts during business meetings)
- Isolation, sometimes leading to increased mental health struggles

In some ways, 2021 did not start out as much of an improvement. Snow-mageddon, anyone? Still, it's always nice to get a do-over, and I'm hopeful that this Rotary year will provide many exciting opportunities for service.

Have you ever noticed how an act of kindness or service to others has a way of coming back on you as a blessing? It might not happen immediately, maybe years later, but it always comes back.

I recently read this story online:

A man was driving his car when he saw an old lady stranded on the side of the road. He saw that she needed help, so he stopped his Pontiac near her Mercedes and got out.

He smiled while he was approaching her; still she was worried, as nobody had stopped for hours. Moreover, he did not look safe, as his appearance was so poor and shabby. He could see how frightened she was, so he tried to calm her: "I'm here to help you, don't worry. My name is Bryan Anderson."

The tire was flat, so he had to crawl under the car. While changing the tire, he got dirty and his hands were hurt. When the job was done, she asked how much she owed him for his help. Bryan smiled. He said: "If you really want to pay me back, the next time you see someone who needs help, give that person the needed assistance and think of me."

That same evening, the lady stopped by a small, dingy cafe. Then she saw a waitress, nearly eight months pregnant, wiping her wet hair with a towel. The waitress had a sweet friendly smile, although she had spent the whole day on her feet.

The lady wondered how someone who has so little can be so kind and giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan. The lady had finished her meal and paid with a hundred-dollar bill. The waitress went to get change and when she came back, the lady was gone. She left a note on the napkin: "You don't owe me anything. Somebody once helped me, just like I'm helping you now. If you really want to pay me back, do not let this chain of love end with you." The waitress found four more hundred-dollar bills under the napkin.

That night, the waitress came home earlier. She was thinking about the lady and the money she left. She wondered how the lady could know how much she and her husband needed it, especially now, with a baby soon to arrive. She knew that her husband worried about that, so she excitedly told him good news, then she kissed him and whispered, "Now, everything will be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson."

The smallest act of kindness can spread in ways you might never imagine. Rotary is all about



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helping others, and our themes this year reflect that:

- RI Theme ♦ Serve to Change Lives
- Each One Bring One - Think of one person to invite
- Empowering Girls - STEM opportunities
- Rotary Day of Service ♦ Do More to Grow More
- Mental Health - Honesty is the best approach to healing

I hope that you will take these themes to heart and do your best to spread kindness through service. After 2020, we should all be eager to get back out there and do more to grow more. I am excited about the opportunities we will have to meet in person this year and I look forward to meeting each of you.

♦ *Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.* ♦ Howard Zinn

Welcome New Members!

Our District welcomed 19 new members in June. Congrats to the following clubs and new members.

Pam Murray (Fairfield Bay) Bill Mockabee (Little Rock)
Nate Thomas (Forrest City) Marisha DiCarlo (Little Rock)
David Martin (Jonesboro) DeAnna Korte (Little Rock)
Hannah Stroupe (Jonesboro) Shannon Heard (Little Rock)
Paul Cossey (Jonesboro) George Hanna (Marshall)
Robby Gardner (Jonesboro-University) Ridge Roberts (Searcy)
AJ Reynolds (Little Rock) Bud Kilgore (West Memphis)
Billy Roehrenbeck (Little Rock) Emily Watts (Wynne)
Nick Hefley (Little Rock) David West (Wynne)
Teri Cox-Meadows (Little Rock)



July Administration Announcements

By Sydney O'Quin Gilbert

Annual & Semi-Annual Dues

- **RI dues** - Your RI Dues will be emailed to your club's President, Treasurer & Secretary if they have been reported to RI. 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** - I will email invoices for dues for District 6150 and President-Elect Training shortly after 7/1. Dues for the District are \$42 per member as of 7/1. The cost for PETs is \$250. Please send 2 checks to Rotary District 6150 at PO Box 242282, Little Rock, AR 72223.

DG Visits

Please check the District Calendar to find the assigned date for your club's Official DG Visit. Please coordinate the logistics with [Mike Marlar](#), DG Arbuckle's Chief of Staff. DG James Arbuckle is looking forward to meeting with your club!

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.

District Governor Induction

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DG James Arbuckle
June 24, 2021

Thank you to the Rotary Club of West Little Rock for hosting James Arbuckle's DG Induction Ceremony at Camp Aldersgate in Little Rock, AR.

[Check out photos here](#)



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