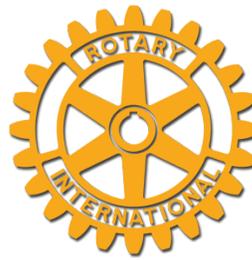


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District 6150



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DG-Elect



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From the Governor

By James Arbuckle Jr

The month of November provides the opportunity for us, as Rotarians, to celebrate the Rotary Foundation and to take pride in all that is accomplished through the donations we make. When you make a donation to the Rotary Foundation, you are helping Rotary members make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world by promoting peace, preventing disease, supporting education, bolstering economic development, and providing clean water and sanitation.

On one of my trips to Haiti, we traveled 26 miles in 2 hours, crossing several streams in our four-wheel drive SUVs (scary at times) until we reached an area flush with sugar cane plantations (and the locals had the teeth to show for it). As we drew near to our remote destination, about 5 miles from nowhere, we came across the site pictured in the image to the right: a water well made possible by gifts to the Rotary Foundation. I was shocked and happy at the same time.

Our RI Theme, **◆Serve to Change Lives◆**, is supported by the generosity of those who give to the Rotary Foundation. Every dollar you give makes a difference. You **◆ve** probably heard the story of the starfish on the beach, but I believe it **◆s** worth sharing again, because it reminds us that it just takes one person, one dollar, to make a difference in someone else's life.



Early one morning, a man walked along the beach in front of his home. All morning, from his living room window that faced the ocean, he had watched wave after wave dumping starfish on the shore, leaving them to die in the baking sun. Disturbed about this situation, he walked the beach and stared down and thought: *What a waste! Thousands of beautiful starfish are just going to dry up and die.* Stepping over starfish upon starfish, he looked ahead and noticed a woman bending down, picking up starfish one by one, and tossing them back into the sea. Finally, the man was close enough to talk to her and said, *"You can't do it, there are too many, you will never get them all. It won't help. The waves will just keep dumping more. You can't make a difference."* The determined woman picked up another starfish, threw it as far as she could back into the water, and said, *"I made a difference for that one."*



The point is this: every dollar makes a difference **◆** you have to believe it can. Sometimes we get overwhelmed at the enormity of the needs in our communities, much more so the world, and believe that we can **◆t** make it better, so we do nothing, just like the man in this story. The difference with the woman was that she believed she could help and she did **◆** one starfish at a time. I can **◆t** help but believe that my contributions to the Rotary Foundation as small as they may have been at times, have helped provide a well to Haitians who were in dire need of water.

Here are just a few ways your generosity, in whatever amount, is changing lives.

1. Eradicating polio

Thanks to you, we are closer than ever to ending polio. Since 1988, we've seen a worldwide reduction in polio cases of 99.9%. For more than three years, we've seen wild polio cases in only two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Eradicating polio is an achievable goal that will be known as one of the greatest achievements in history. And thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which is matching every dollar two to one, your donation works even harder.

1. Promoting peace and conflict resolution

Rotary **◆s** most significant effort to promote peace is the Rotary Peace Centers Program, established in 2002. Each year, the program trains some of the world **◆s** most dedicated and brightest professionals, preparing them to promote national and international cooperation and to resolve conflict.

1. Supporting education

We do a great job of this in our District. Rotary projects like the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, the *I Like Me Books*, scholarships, an many other activities help promote this and your contributions make this possible.

1. Preventing disease

Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That **◆s** why treating and preventing disease is so important to us. We lead efforts both large and small, setting up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access.

1. Growing Local Economies

We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

When every one of us donates to the Rotary Foundation at any level every year, it truly connects us to our Foundation **◆s** mission: **◆To Do Good in the World.◆**

Anywhere in the World Fundraiser



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Tim Brewer is going places!



Congratulations to Cleburne County Club President Tim Brewer for winning the Anywhere in the World Raffle. Tim won 2 round trip tickets & dinner for 2 anywhere in the world (up to \$5000). District members sold all 500 tickets to raise a net \$7500. Thank you to all the clubs that participated in this new fundraiser.



Tax Filing Deadline - Nov 15



Every Rotary club in the U.S. and its territories must file annually with the IRS, regardless of gross receipts, or they risk losing their tax-exempt status.
For most clubs, the deadline is 15 November, if their tax year follows the Rotary year.

Whether a club is under Rotary International's 501(c)(4) group exemption or is independently tax-exempt, the IRS requires that all Rotary clubs in the U.S. and its territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands) file an annual information return. The only thing that is dependent upon gross receipts for the year is the *version* of the Form 990 a club must file. For more information, please see [Frequently asked questions about annual reporting requirements for exempt organizations](http://www.irs.gov) at www.irs.gov.

It is *important* that clubs comply with IRS requirements. Please note, [Section 6033\(j\)](http://www.irs.gov) of the Internal Revenue Code *automatically* revokes the tax exemption of any organization that fails to file for *three consecutive years*. Please see www.irs.gov/charities-and-nonprofits.

Check out RI's new [IRS Guidelines for U.S. Rotary Clubs](http://www.irs.gov) document, which will answer many of the general questions you have about Rotary clubs and the IRS. Please direct any specific questions regarding your club's tax-exempt status or reporting requirements to local counsel, your tax adviser, or the IRS at www.irs.gov or +1-877-829-5500.

November Announcements

By Sydney O'Quin Gilbert

November Announcements

- **Rotary Foundation Month, Giving Tuesday & More!**
 - November is Rotary Foundation Month, which brings many opportunities to show your support for the Foundation. Last year, the Foundation helped fund 2,066 global grants and 467 district grants. To keep up with demand, it's more important than ever to celebrate our Foundation.

One way to do this is to be active on Giving Tuesday, which is 30 November. Giving Tuesday has grown into a global movement of generosity. It's a day that empowers us to give to our communities through service, kindness, and financial support — all acts that Rotary values deeply. One easy way to celebrate Giving Tuesday is to [make a gift](http://www.rotary.org) to the Foundation's [Annual Fund-SHARE](http://www.rotary.org).

Another giving opportunity that begins during Foundation Month is Give the Gift of Rotary. In November and December, you'll notice materials for this initiative being shared with members around the world. This key fundraising campaign highlights the impact a gift can have and is vital to raising funds for the grants that make Doing Good in the World



possible.

- **Let your voice be heard**
 - Rotary International is sending out an all-member survey this week. It helps RI learn about our members and their experiences in Rotary and Rotaract so we can continue to build a stronger Rotary. Please take a minute to complete the survey
- **ENGAGING MEMBERS + DELIVERING VALUE: A WEBINAR SERIES**
 - Throughout 2021-22, Rotary is hosting webinars that explore creative ways to increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, and increase our ability to adapt. Registration will open four to eight weeks before each webinar, and the recordings will be posted for later viewing. The topics and dates may change. Click [HERE](#) to learn more & register

Save the Date(s)

By Sydney O'Quin Gilbert

November 15, 2021	Tax Filing Deadline
December 28, 2021	Report President Elect & Club Leadership to Rotary International Make sure membership rolls are correct prior to Semi-Annual RI Dues (billed in January)
January 31, 2022	RI Semi-Annual Dues invoice will be sent to Club Treasurers & Club Presidents. Payment is due upon receipt. If you do not receive an email, you can view your invoice by logging in to rotary.org. My Rotary> Manage> Club Administration> View Invoice
Saturday TBD in February 2022	District Team Training Seminar
March 24 - 26, 2022	Mid-America Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in Springdale, AR
April 22, 2022	Rotary Day of Service
April 29 - 30, 2022	District Conference in Little Rock, AR

District Administrator Position - Now Hiring

Now Hiring!

We are looking to hire a part-time District Administrator. This position will begin working with our current District Admin on January 1, 2022.

What does this position do?

- DACdb (District & Club Database)
 - Maintain club & district leadership committees
 - Maintain district calendar including DG Visits, district events & trainings
 - Create & maintain online registrations & events
 - Assist in composing & sending out pMails on behalf of the District Leadership Team
 - Provide club leaders with DACdb access & training/ support
 - DACdb troubleshooting
- Be the Registrar for all District events & Mid-America PETS
- Maintain the District website
- Assist DG & Public Image Chair with social media presence and monthly e-newsletter
- Lead the annual Secretary-Elect Training Seminar

The position comes with a modest monthly stipend and reimbursement of travel & expenses.

If you are interested, please send a letter of interest and resume to DGN Sydney Gilbert at districtadmin@rotary6150.org by **November 30**.

We appreciate your consideration.

James Arbuckle, Jr., District Governor 2021-22
David Menz, District Governor 2022-23
Sydney Gilbert, District Governor 2023-24



Nominations wanted for DG 2024-25

By Michael E. Bennage

As chairman of the district's nominating committee, it is my duty to inform you that the nominating committee is accepting nominations for **District Governor-nominee designate**, who will serve as the district governor in **2024-25**. Each club can suggest



NOMINATIONS

one person if there is a candidate from your club that would be willing to serve in that Rotary year.

Instructions have been emailed to each club President and Assistant Governor on how to submit your club's nomination. All forms are to mailed to me by **December 1, 2021**. It is anticipated that personal interviews with the nominating committee will be held on the second or third weekend of December, at a location to be determined.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to [contact me](#).

Yours in Rotary Service,

Michael E. Bennage
6150 District Governor, 2020-21
Rotary Club of Hughes



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