

Rotary

District 6150



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From the Governor

By James Arbuckle Jr

Economic and Community Development

In my club visits, you've heard me say "Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day; show him how to catch fish, and you feed him for a lifetime."

Ever wonder where that phrase came from? This phrase is sometimes attributed to a Chinese proverb, as was noted in the June 1964 edition of the Rotarian magazine. However, there is some speculation that it originated in Britain in the mid 19th century.

Anne Isabella Ritchie, the daughter of William Makepeace Thackeray, wrote a story titled "Mrs. Dymond" sometime in the 1880s, and it includes this line:

"He certainly doesn't practice his precepts, but I suppose the patron meant that if you give a man a fish, he is hungry again in an hour; if you teach him to catch a fish, you do him a good turn." It later evolved into the phrase that is currently used.

Speaking of fishing, I recently had the opportunity to go fishing on the White River. I'm not a fisherman by nature. In fact, I don't even own a fishing rod (shame on me). That being said, I thought it would be a good adventure, plus my boss was going to be there. It was an amazing trip. I caught fish as fast as the line hit the water. It was easy (because I had a guide.) And what do guides do? They provide you with the right equipment, know where the fish are, and know when the right time is to catch them.

As I look back on that trip and think about this month's focus on Economic and Community Development, it makes me think about those who don't have the equipment or the guide to show them where the fish are. They are in poverty.

Poverty is defined as "the pronounced deprivation in wellbeing." According to the World Bank, 43.5 percent of the world's population lives on less than \$5.50 per day. While overall numbers were improving, they have experienced a setback due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Folks, this is not just locations in other countries "it's in our own backyard."

One of our charges as Rotarians is to act within our communities and **be the guides** to address the root causes of poverty, which are unemployment, underemployment, lack of economic opportunity, lack of appropriate training, and the absence of social safety nets. I've been so impressed as I've heard about the things the clubs in District 6150 are doing in this area. Here's a sample of the projects:

- Breaking Bread Project ♦ Cleburne County Club
- Support of the Kappa League ♦ LR Metro
- Delivering boxes of food for Hope's Closet ♦ Cabot Club
- Backpacks with food ♦ Quad Cities
- Food Drive for Hunger ♦ Blytheville
- Scholarships for students with needs ♦ nearly all our clubs

Let's continue to look for opportunities to advance our communities and address these issues.



Welcome New Members in September



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Jeff Spann (Cabot)
Jeff Tuttle (Cleburne County)
Tim Barley (Cleburne County)
Magi McIntyre (Cleburne County)
Augie Bernstein (Clinton)
Dale James (Fairfield Bay)
Vanessa Brayboy (Forrest City)
Bill Howe (Helena)

David Mitchell (Helena)
Lauren Fowler (Jacksonville)
Elizabeth Harward (Jacksonville)
Stephanie Wade (Little Rock)
Ollie Collins (Osceola)
Brian Weatherford (Pocahontas)
Abigail Cooper (Searcy)
Bob Scott (West Little Rock)

Haiti Water Filters/ Tarps Update

By James Arbuckle



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International Services Chair



Vincent E. Guest
Youth Exchange Chair



Thank you to the clubs who have helped District 6150 raise \$10,700 so far to send water filters to Haiti. There is still time for your club to contribute to these efforts.

Through your clubs' generous donations we have already sent a shipment of Sawyer Membrane filters and metal roofing materials. These filtration units weigh approximately 8 ounces each and can be connected to a five-gallon bucket to purify water. The filtration rate is slow at approximately one gallon per 5 min. of high-quality water. Special arrangements have been made to fly these items to Haiti at no additional cost.

Let [Sydney Gilbert](#) know if your club plans to participate in this project. Please mail your contributions to Rotary District 6150, PO Box 242282, Little Rock, AR 72223.

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.

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 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

World Polio Day is October 24

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One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio

Donate Your Time

Ending a disease is a massive effort and Rotary and our partners can't do it alone. Learn how you can join us in our efforts to end polio.

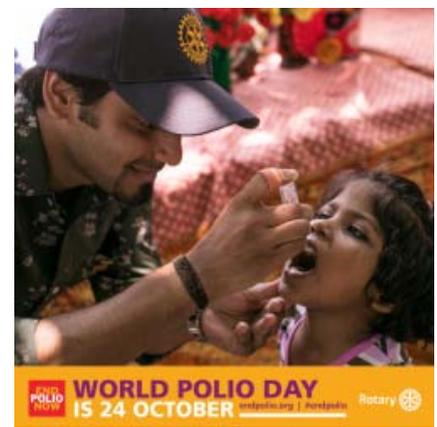
Donate Your Funds

We're closer than ever to eradicating polio but we're not done yet. We still need funds to continue immunizations and surveillance efforts. Your gift will get us closer to the finish line.

Donate Your Voice

We need your voice to help us end polio now. Get involved and spread the message so that we can end the second human disease in history.

Download your World Polio Day [Toolkit](#) & visit the [website](#) for more resources. Don't forget to [send the District](#) pictures & info about how your club celebrates World Polio Day!



Virtual exchanges provide great experiences



Rotary members have demonstrated their adaptability in a wide variety of ways during the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, the virtual exchanges they hosted allowed certified districts to continue to offer young people a unique opportunity to engage and collaborate with people from other cultures online. To support this program, we've created a video that you can use to promote your Rotary Youth Exchange program to eligible students and excite and invigorate volunteers. [Watch the video](#) to learn more about virtual exchanges, and [download this customizable version](#) to share, inserting your program's information at the end.

Anywhere in the World Fundraiser

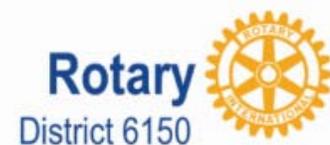
By James Arbuckle Jr

HOW IT WORKS: The District will sell a limited number of tickets (not to exceed 500) at \$25.00 per ticket. A winner will be selected on October 15, 2021, by a random drawing from all tickets sold. The winner is entitled to

- two (2) roundtrip airline tickets ♦ economy fare ♦ to anywhere in the world they want to go
- dinner for two (2) at the destination chosen by the winner

PURCHASE TICKETS

RULES: The maximum value to be awarded is \$5,000.00 and may be used for only airfare and the dinner. Any upgrades in airline seating, lodging at the chosen destination, ground transportation or other related expenses are solely at the expense of the winner. The trip will be arranged by a travel agent chosen by the District and must be taken within 9 months from the time the winner is announced. Failure of the winner to take the trip within the 9 months following the selection of the winner will result in the winner being awarded a cash prize of not more than 50% of the maximum value of the award, said amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. Any tax liability resulting from the award of the prize will be the sole responsibility of the winner.



The RI Convention is in Houston, TX

You have an amazing opportunity to join Rotarians from around the world at the **2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston, TX, USA**. The convention will be June 4 - 8, 2022. Registration is NOW OPEN. Register now to receive a discounted price (the registration fee increases as we get closer to the convention).

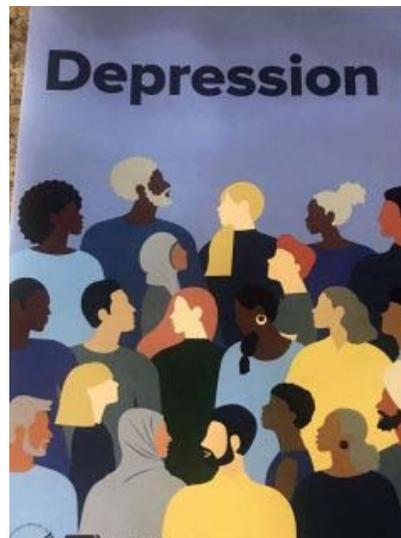
Register, check out all the events & see the promo video at <https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston>.

Helena Rotary

By Mary Ann Hargraves

A Busy Month in Helena

September 15 - We had a speaker today speak on Mental Illness/Depression that was very interesting especially with the rise in mental illness statistics since the beginning of the Covid epidemic. The speaker was 3 years old when her father committed suicide so her program was from the heart.



September 30 - We recognized Ryan Haggins who is our 2021/2022 Tom Kinnebrew Nursing Scholarship recipient. Ryan received a \$1000-scholarship to Phillips County Community College of the University of Arkansas here in Helena. This scholarship is offered each year to a student pursuing a nursing degree in honor of our late Rotarian Tom Kinnebrew who was Administrator of Helena Regional Medical Center and President Elect of Rotary when he tragically lost his life in a biking accident. We also recognized Rotarian Ben Pittman as the September Rotarian of the Month. Ben organized the Walk of Love for Alzheimer's Arkansas held last weekend and sponsored by Rotary!



Sherwood Rotary

By Michelle Karin Oglesby

Acts of Service in Sherwood

October 1 - Sherwood Rotary club took over the Sylvan Hills High School concession stand Friday 10/1. During band night the middle school and high school bands both play at the game. The concession stand usually is run by the band parents. Rotarians volunteered to work in their place so they could watch their students perform.

October 6 - In recognition of World Polio Day later this month, the Sherwood Rotary Club

INJECTION	VACCINE HISTORY	VACCINE	SERVICES POLIO-ERADICATOR	FIELD WORK	YEAR TOWN
\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000

played Polio Jeopardy.

In lieu of the typical presentation of Polio facts, Sherwood played a game of Jeopardy with Polio-themed categories. Polio eradication is a serious subject, but Rotarian Jay Powell tried to make his presentation fun, and in turn, more impactful. Although no prize money was given out, members competed to answer the questions... well, actually, they had to provide the questions to the answers on screen. Just like Jeopardy, Powell used the format to talk about the disease itself, the eradication efforts of Rotary, and the ways that Rotarians can help by raising money and awareness for Rotary's End Polio Now project.



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