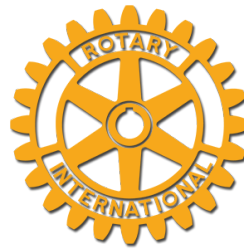


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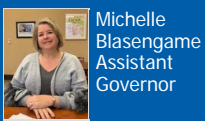
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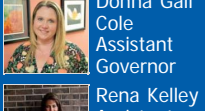
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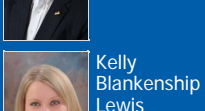
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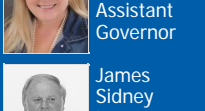
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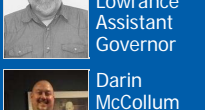
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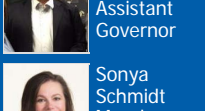
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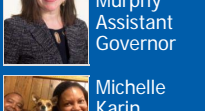
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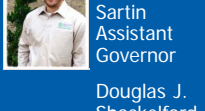
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From the Governor

By James Arbuckle Jr



The focus for September is Basic Education and Literacy. This is one of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults. This is especially true in Arkansas.

This past week I had the opportunity to meet with the Searcy and Clinton, Arkansas clubs marking the 15th and 16th clubs I've visited. I'm not far away from reaching the halfway point of club visits and it's been a blast so far. I've gained such an appreciation for Rotary Clubs in the more rural areas. I've been impressed with the impact these smaller clubs have on their local communities and the deep relationships they have with each other. These clubs may not be large in numbers, but they're large in heart. One of the consistent activities these clubs have in common is their desire to provide educational opportunities for students through the offering of scholarships to high school students based on need.

This past fall I had the opportunity to read the book, *I Like Me*, to a kindergarten class at McDermott elementary in Little Rock, AR, as our local club (West Little Rock) partnered with this school and others to provide these books to children in order to promote reading and build self-esteem. If you're not familiar with these books they include the name of the student and friends. I wish you could see these children's eyes light up when they hear their name and the name of their friends in a book. What a way to increase the appetite among our children to want to read.



I'm excited about what our clubs are doing and ask that you keep a focus on education and literacy. Please see the following article that PDG Nancy Leonhardt penned. It has valuable tips that we can employ.

Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself. John Dewey

Empowering People Through Education

By Nancy Leonhardt



Education can open so many doors of opportunity. It is essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace. In 1985, Rotary declared basic literacy to be a pre-condition to the development of peace.

In 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the world, most schools closed, affecting more than 1.6 billion children. The pandemic reversed years of progress in education. [Read More](#)



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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:

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77557612&NoCaptcha>

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.

There is an opportunity for clubs to gain points towards the Governor ♦s Banner. Tickets will be allocated to clubs based on club size and points awarded according to the criteria in the table below..

CLUB OF THE YEAR CRITERIA - FUNDRAISING POINTS				
Yes / No	Date completed:	Criteria	PTS available	Points Awarded
		Sponsored a team in the District Golf Tournament or other District Fundraiser (8 pts)	8	
		Sponsorship in the District Golf Tournament or other District Fundraiser (10 points)	10	
		District Raffle (2021) - Most total \$'s raised in 2021 (12 points) (Determined at AG's meeting)	12	
		District Raffle (2021) - Most \$'s raised per capita per member (10 points) (Determined at AG's meeting)	10	
		District Raffle (2021) - Small Clubs (<20) - sold minimum of 5 tickets - Mid-Size Clubs (21-50) - sold minimum of 15 tickets - Large Clubs (>50) sold minimum of 20 tickets (Points not given if club is recognized in categories above)	8	
		Fundraising Points:	48	0



Haiti Water Filters/ Tarps Update

By James Arbuckle



As most of you know, Haiti holds a special place in my heart from having traveled there over a 10-year period. As we all know from recent headlines, the people in Haiti, especially those in Les Cayes and Jeremie, are in a tragic situation with the earthquake; the ongoing political struggles; COVID; and the recent tropical storms.

I recently reached out to club presidents asking for assistance in providing Sawyer Membrane filters to these impacted areas at a cost of approximately \$16 each. These 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. Tarps are also needed at a cost of between of \$40 and \$50 each. Special arrangements have been made to fly these items to Haiti at no additional cost. [Read More](#)

September Admin Corner

By Sydney O'Quin Gilbert



New Member Form

Did you know that you can customize the New Member Form in DACdb? How about sending the link or email to a prospective member. This option lets you ditch your paper applications. For a great tutorial, watch [THIS VIDEO!](#)

RI Compare

I've been contacted by multiple club officers who don't have access to areas on Rotary.org that they should. This is probably because RI doesn't have a complete list of Club Officers. Here's how to fix this:



RI Compare

1. Make sure your Club Officers are listed in DACdb. (I've noticed a number of clubs without Presidents or Secretaries.) [HOW TO GUIDE & VIDEO](#)
2. Run RI Compare of Club Officers in DACdb. This compares what DACdb has on record to what RI has. [HOW TO GUIDE & VIDEO](#)



Hey Presidents...

We are in the 3rd Month of the Rotary Year. Presidents, this is a great time to look at the requirements for [Club Recognition](#) & [The Presidential Citation](#). Make plans now on how you will achieve these best practices and goals. You might want to give a portion of the Citation to club members for them to monitor and report back to the Board on progress. This Rotarian could be a Club Committee Chair or a New Member. The more involved in making your Rotary Club's year successful, the better!

Welcome New Members!



Maggie Beshears (Batesville)
Chanda Walker (Blytheville)
Robin Angel (Blytheville)
Lisa Wade (Cabot)
Kali Goff (Cabot)
Reinhart Graf (Hughes)

Jeremy Owoh (Jacksonville)
Laza Razafimanjato (Little Rock)
Alex Talley (Little Rock)
Kaitlin Zakrzewski (Little Rock Afterhours)
Austin Evans (Little Rock Afterhours)
Anna Davison (Marianna)

Brian Welton (Marion)
Denise Carter (Osceola)
Bryan Dunham (Osceola)
Jack Dunlap (Searcy)
James Griffin (Sherwood)
Elizabeth Meyer (West Little Rock)

Rotarians are PEOPLE of ACTION

Rotarians - Taking action against COVID-19

Building on decades of experience in bringing polio to the brink of eradication, Rotary members worldwide are helping health authorities communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19 and vaccinations, combating misinformation, supporting fair and equal access to vaccines, and curbing the spread of the virus by donating protective gear and other supplies to clinics and hospitals that are under strain. Learn what your club can do to help by visiting our [COVID-19 information page](#) on My Rotary. There you can learn more about why vaccinations matter, find tips on how to talk to someone who is vaccine-hesitant, and discover how to take action to support India as it has fought a surge in cases.



ShelterBox - Part of your disaster response

Rotary and ShelterBox have worked together for more than 20 years,



offering support to millions of families worldwide that have been devastated by disaster and conflict. Since becoming project partners in 2012,

ShelterBox has been instrumental to Rotary's disaster response strategy. Now more than ever, the partnership is fundamental to helping save lives and provide homes and hope after disasters. As your partner, ShelterBox can help you support communities in their most difficult moments while inspiring others in your own community through our shared impact around the world. Want more information? Visit the [ShelterBox Action Toolkit](#).

World Polio Day is October 24

One day. One focus: Ending Polio. How will your club celebrate? Visit the [World Polio Day website](#) to view more info & download the WPD Toolkit. In the Toolkit you'll find graphics, invites, sample social media posts, and even a sample proclamation. Please send [Sydney](#) pics and info about your event or how your club celebrated World Polio Day.



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