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DISTRICT GOVERNOR
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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

NOVEMBER

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
-Mahatma Gandhi

Rotary 

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DISTRICT EVENTS

- November 19th
[Virtual Happy Hour w DG Mike Step for Club Presidents](#)
- December 1st
[DEADLINE for clubs to enter goals in MyRotary](#)
- December 15th
[Last Day: Early Registration Discount for 2021 Rotary Convention](#)
- December 17th
[Virtual Happy Hour w DG Mike Step for Club Presidents](#)

DISTRICT LEADERS



Michael D. Step
DG
District Governor



Heather Stoa
DGE
District Governor Elect



Connie D. Walsh
DGN
District Governor Nominee



Kevin W. Yonce
PDG
Vice District Governor



Douglas Bock
Assistant Governor



Hank Campbell
Assistant Governor



Janet Ellis-Nelson
Assistant Governor



Joseph Fearday
Assistant Governor



Michael C. Hirschi
Assistant Governor



John Hoblit
Assistant Governor



Mary Fraser Hodson
Assistant Governor



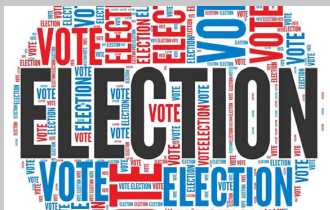
Jeremy LaKosh
Assistant Governor

John P. Mahaffey

Michael W. Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Time to Elect Officers!



It's time to kick off the election process for club officers and directors for the coming Rotary year (beginning July 1). Your club bylaws require that a least four officers plus directors for the coming year be elected no later than December 31. Those officers are **president**,

District Governor 2023-2024 Announced!

District 6490 is pleased to announce that the Rotary District 6490 met on November 14, 2020 and selected Janet Ellis-Nelson, a member from the Champaign 3256 to be District Governor for the 2023/2024 years.

Congratulations to Janet Ellis-Nelson!

Note: RI By-Laws states that any district club may challenge results of the Nominating Committee by sending comments or

Clubs Goals Due December 1

[Read report on club goals within District 6490.](#)

CLUB LEADERS:

It is a District 6490 goal for all clubs to have club goals entered into MyRotary. Additionally, for 2020-2021, the intention is for all clubs to have at least 13 goals in the system. This will allow for all clubs to be eligible for the Rotary Citation.

As a club leader, please log into MyRotary and assure that your club has entered its goals for 2020-2021 by November 30th.

president-elect (to follow the elected president), **secretary** and **treasurer**. Excerpts from the relevant section of the Standard Club Bylaws are at the end of this article.
[Read more](#)

feedback in writing to Past District Governor, Julie Dobski, before December 1st, 2020. Emails can be sent to littlejewels.julied@gmail.com or by mail to Julie Dobski, 14 Worthington, Bloomington, Illinois 61704. If there are no challenges made by 6 or more clubs within the 15 day period, the District Governor shall be declared the candidate recommended to the the District Governor Nominee Designate.

BEST BROWSERS FOR DACdb

When using the Internet to access DACdb, the following browsers work well: Chrome, Firefox and Safari.

Microsoft Edge and Internet Explorer seem to continually have issues.

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DISTRICT LEADERS:
Please reach out to the president of your home club to offer support.

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS:
Please check in with the clubs in your area.

THANKS EVERYONE!
Together, we can get this accomplished!

If any club needs assistance, please reach out to District Governor Mike Step. His email is michaelstep1953@gmail.com.

After December 1, the district will be supporting clubs by inputting goals for the clubs that have not yet entered goals.

TOOLS TO HELP YOUR CLUB

GLOBAL GRANT TRAINING

The Rotary Foundation requires that all clubs wanting to obtain a Global Grant be qualified on the Management of Grants and the Memorandum of Understanding between District 6490 and Rotary Club. This Memorandum must be signed by the Clubs before any grant is approved by District 6490.

For 2020, District 6490 this training will come from the Rotary Learning Center in MyRotary. This certification is required on an annual basis. Access links are shown below.

All Clubs applying for a Global Grant must complete this training before submitting the Grant Application to the District 6490 Global Grant Committee. Best practice is to have at least 2 members of a club be trained including the President and the Grant Writer.

To document the training, those taking the course must take the quiz that follows the training and print the Certification. The Certification is to be sent to Global Grants Committee Chair Kevin Yonce. The training and certification can be accessed by the following links:

FAQS: <https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/document/club-qualification-rotary-grants-frequently-asked-questions>

Link for Online [grant management seminar courses](#) in Rotary's Learning Center

Contact Larry Howell, District Foundation Chair if you have questions:
larryjh0902@yahoo.com.

GROW ROTARY!

Are you looking to grow your club membership by attracting new members? Or is your club trying to find ways to engage current members?

Did you know that your District has ways to help your club do both? We have a team of trained Membership Facilitators ready to help your club with Membership Attraction and Engagement. This is training that can be done at your club's convenience and totally on Zoom!

If you are interested in learning more about this program and what we can offer, please email Stacey Jolley, District Membership Development, at jolleysl@hotmail.com to be connected with one of our Facilitators.

It's a great time to Grow Rotary!

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING - Video available



Assistant Governor



Assistant Governor



[James D. Matthews](#)
Assistant Governor



[John B. Meek](#)
Assistant Governor



[Judith Story](#)
Assistant Governor



[Deborah West](#)
Assistant Governor Coordinator



[Julie L. Dobski](#)
PDG
Director of Public Relations



[Beverly A. Soltwedel](#)
District Trainer



[Stacey Jolley](#)
District Membership Chair



[Kevin D. Kuebler](#)
District Treasurer



[Thomas P. Redington](#)
Director of Youth Service



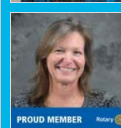
[Larry J. Howell](#)
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Director of Foundation & International Service



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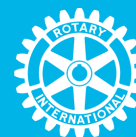


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PEOPLE OF ACTION



On Thursday, October 29th, at 5:30pm, Rotary District 6490 hosted a Zoom online training for Rotary Club Membership Chairs and other Club Leaders.



District Trainer Bev Soltwedel shared valuable information regarding the role leaders play with membership within clubs.

[Click here to watch the session](#)

OPERATION POLLINATION

Here's a great OUTDOOR community service project idea. Check out Operation Pollination, a new Rotary collaborative partner, for ideas on how to sustain local environments by planting pollinator-friendly tracks of flowers and other flora.



SHELTERBOX

SHELTERBOX URGENT APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

Right now, around 104 million people around the world have been displaced by natural disaster and conflict. ShelterBox is working to change this.



Natural disasters and conflicts never take days off, and neither do we. We're always on the ground, working to help the most vulnerable, no matter how remote. We're hammering pegs, tying knots and building shelter right now.

By providing [emergency shelter and tools](#) for displaced families, we're transforming despair into hope.

We are striving for a world where no family is left without shelter. Join the ShelterBox team. Make a difference.

Donations can be made through the website: www.shelterboxusa.org/donate

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FOUNDATION GIVING



As a leader in Rotary, you can help us raise funds on **Giving Tuesday**. On 1 December, this day of global giving asks Rotarians to make a big impact with a gift to Annual Fund-SHARE!

[Watch Video](#)



Did you know that Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice? Make sure to make The Rotary Foundation your charity of choice!

Paul Harris Society

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants.

The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honor and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary districts often honor new members of the Paul Harris Society by presenting them with a certificate and chevron at a district or club event.

What your giving supports

By giving from your heart each and every year, you'll support families and change lives. Paul Harris Society gifts have helped provide:

- Vocational training for teachers establishing an early childhood education center in South Africa
- Water filters, toilets, and hygiene training to prevent fluorosis, diarrhea, and other diseases in India

Rotary Opens Opportunities For:



Promoting Peace Fighting Disease Supporting Education



Saving Mothers & Children Providing Clean Water Growing Local Economies

- A scholarship for a medical professional in Italy to research treatments that minimize mortality rates among premature babies
- Peace-building seminars for 200 teachers and 1,300 students in Uganda
- Treated mosquito nets and medical services that prevent malaria in Mali

The Paul Harris Society is a way to make an ongoing commitment to the Rotary Foundation and by utilizing Rotary Direct Rotarians can use their preferred payment method to give on their schedule on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis. Please find below link to both the Paul Harris Society brochure and Rotary Direct form. If you have any questions about the Paul Harris Society or Rotary Direct contact Kevin Yonce, PDG at kevin.yonce@awning-tent.com.

<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/paul-harris-society-brochure>

Rotary Direct

<https://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct>

Virtual District Conference Recording Now Available

The Virtual Rotary District 6490 Conference on October 3rd was interesting, inspiring, and entertaining! If you attended the conference, we thought you might want to watch it again or share parts of it (John O'Leary's keynote, Nathan and Julie Gunn's performance, the District Awards) with your family and/or friends. *(If you are feeling down due to the craziness of life, watching John O'Leary is a sure way to raise your spirits!)* We were only able to attend one breakout session during the District Conference; you can now watch the three breakout sessions you missed! If you did not attend the Virtual District 6490 Conference, this is a great opportunity to hear District Governor Michael Step, Rotary International President Holger Knaack, and others at your leisure. We are providing the times for each segment of the District Conference so you can easily scroll to view the segments in which you have interest. Enjoy!

Recorded Times for District 6490 Conference: Rotary Makes Miracles Happen!

0-4:37 Welcome and Introduction by Master of Ceremonies Doug Nelson

4:38-11:19 Comments by District Governor Michael Step, Introduction of Guests, Memorial for Past District Governors, and Introduction of Rotary International President Holger Knaack

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