

Michael Step
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
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WORLD POLIO DAY IS OCTOBER 24

To enhance your World Polio Day efforts, your PolioPlus Committee has sent you 10 or more Buddy Buttons to use to solicit contributions to End Polio Now. These can provide you a club project, if you do not have one, or they can add to your current endeavors.

DG Mike Step has challenged each club to raise funds for World Polio Day. Here are some suggestions how to utilize the Buddy Buttons.



- Use them as an incentive to ask for donations. We suggest a donation of \$20 or more. Do not limit your request to Rotarians. Friends and colleagues are also fair game. Checks should be made out to The Rotary Foundation.
- Use them to recognize your own members for their contributions. Their donations qualify for Foundation credit.
- As we hope each club will make its own separate contribution, consider donating enough to receive a Buddy Button for each of your members.

Please note we are not asking your club or members to carry the full weight of this challenge. Immunization of a child only takes **two drops** of vaccine. We are not asking for you to fill the whole bucket, but please, give your two drops.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT EVENTS

- October 16th
[Rotary Club of Normal: Social](#)
- October 19th
[WORLD POLIO DAY - Week-long, club celebrations](#)
- October 20th
[IN PERSON Casey Rotary DG Visit & Program](#)
- October 21st
[Mattoon Rotary Club: World Polio Day Fundraiser](#)
- October 22nd
[VIRTUAL - Champaign County Rotaract - DG Mike Step Visit/Program](#)
- October 29th
[District 6490 Membership Training for Club Leaders \(Virtual\)](#)
- November 2nd
[IN PERSON Decatur Rotary Club - DG Visit/Program](#)
- November 9th
[District Committee Chair Meeting With DG Mike Step](#)
- November 14th
[District 6490 Nominating Committee Meeting](#)
- November 17th
[TENTATIVE IN PERSON - Atlanta Rotary Club - DG Visit/Program](#)
- November 17th
[\(TENTATIVE\) IN PERSON Atlanta Rotary - DG Visit/Program](#)
- November 18th
[District Global Grants Meeting](#)
- November 19th
[Virtual Happy Hour w DG Mike Step for Club Presidents](#)

DISTRICT LEADERS



Michael D. Step
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



WANTED

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**DISTRICT GOVERNOR
2023-2024**

WILL IT BE YOU?

DO YOU KNOW WHO IT SHOULD BE?

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FOR REWARD DETAILS CONTACT:

PDG Julie Dobski
littlejewels.julied@gmail.com

Contact PDG Julie Dobski for application and details
Apply by October 16, 2020

Rotary District 6490

is going...

VIRAL? NO!
VISUAL? NO!!!
VIRTUAL? YES!!!!

RLI Coordinators and Facilitators are in the process of converting content from in- person delivery to virtual delivery. Look for information in the next few weeks on dates and times. RLI-V will cost \$20 per segment, to cover printing and delivery of materials.

We're excited to connect with Rotarians and keep the Rotary Leadership Institute going!

Service Above Self Award

The Service Above Self Award - one of Rotary International's highest distinctions - honors Rotarians and now also Rotaractors who help others by volunteering their time and talents. Only district governors can nominate candidates for this award, and no more than 150 outstanding members receive the award each year. If you know someone who has demonstrated exemplary service, encourage their district governor to nominate them for the Service Above Self award by completing the [online nomination form](#) by 31 October.

Proposing An Enactment

If your club is interested in proposing an enactment to Rotary International, [the attached information](#) will explain the procedure to follow to do so. The next Council on Legislation is in 2022, however, proposals are due at the end of this calendar year (12/31/2020). If you are interested in making a proposal please contact Kevin Yonce, PDG at Kevin.yonce@awning-tent.com and he will be happy to work with you.

**Save The Date!
Membership Chair Training**

The District will be providing training for club Membership Chairs, via Zoom, on October 29th at 5:30pm. Bev Soltwedel, our District Trainer, will be providing some great information which will help you in your club role. It doesn't matter if you are new to this position or have held it for a while, we hope you will join us on this call. This will be an opportunity to have all your membership questions answered and connect with some District Leaders along



Janet Ellis-Nelson
Assistant Governor



Joseph Fearday
Assistant Governor



Michael C. Hirschi
Assistant Governor



John Hoblit
Assistant Governor



Mary Fraser Hodson
Assistant Governor



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Assistant Governor



John P. Mahaffey
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Assistant Governor



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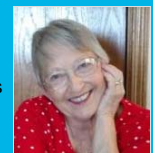
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District Trainer



Stacey Jolley
District Membership Chair



Kevin D. Kuebler
District Treasurer



Thomas P. Redington
Director of Youth Service



Larry J. Howell
PDG
Director of Foundation & International Service

with other Membership Chairs.

Please save the date and look for a Zoom invite and more information coming soon!

TOOLS TO HELP YOUR CLUB

Handbook for Membership Survival Guide During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Rotary District 6200 created this and shared with our District hoping it would help us out too. There is a lot of useful information inside and hopefully you can find something that will help your club during our current environment.

[Handbook for Membership Survival Guide During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

If the District can ever be of help to your clubs, please reach out to me, we are here to help you!

Stacey Jolley

jolleysl@hotmail.com

District 6490 Membership Chair

Guidance for Maintaining Member Engagement during the COVID-19 Pandemic

This guide has been prepared to assist Clubs in their efforts to maintain Membership engagement at this difficult operational time.

[Guidance for Maintaining Member Engagement during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

PEOPLE OF ACTION



Champaign West - ALS Walk



Courtesy of Craig Pessman

CU Sunrise - Press Release, The News-Gazette

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"A WORD WITH"

Rotarian Michael A Harris

In the Shadows of the Pandemic

Rotarians find themselves exhausted by the daily barrages on the cable news channel echo chambers. We all suffer from some level of TMI (Too Much Information), especially with the issues surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic. Yet lurking in the background, is a sinister development that Rotarians all over the world should be concerned about-one that has the potential to linger for a generation after Covid-19. Sadly, it is not covered in the major media at this time.

[Read more](#)



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