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DISTRICT GOVERNOR
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DISTRICT EVENTS

- 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
IN PERSON - Atlanta Rotary Club - DG Visit/Program
- November 18th **District Global Grants Meeting**
- November 19th
Virtual Happy Hour w DG Mike Step for Club Presidents
- December 15th
Last Day: Early Registration Discount for 2021 Rotary Convention
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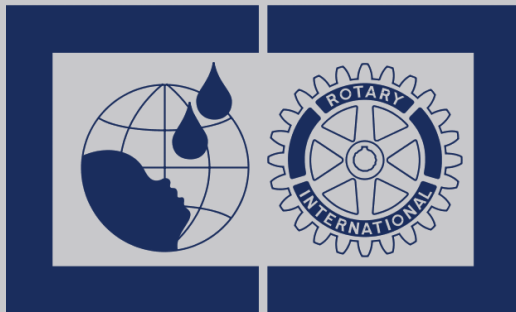
ANNOUNCEMENTS

District 6490 Basket Auction

The tradition continued this year with the annual basket auction during the District Conference and what a success!

Virtually, we were able to raise more than \$5,000 to the PolioPlus Fund. Thank you for your support!

PolioPlus



Rotary International

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.

 DOUGLAS NELSON Master of Ceremonies	 HOLGER KNAACK Rotary International President	 DISTRICT GOVERNOR MICHAEL "MIKE" STEP Rotary District 6490 Annual "Virtual" Conference ROTARY MAKES MIRACLES HAPPEN! Saturday, October 3, 2020 8:30am - 12:30pm
 JOHN O'LEARY Our Keynote Speaker	 VALARIE WAFER Special Guest from Rotary International's Board of Directors	
 iPDG JULIE DOBSKI'S AWARDS + Great Breakout Sessions and Special Music		
REGISTER TODAY: rotarydistrict6490.org		

2020 District Conference is available online on our [YouTube channel](#).

Watch the all the breakouts sessions, guest speakers, awards, service projects, and more!

[Watch now](#)

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.

DISTRICT LEADERS

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Michael D. Step
DG
District Governor | 
Heather Stoa
DGE
District Governor Elect |
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Connie D. Walsh
DGN
District Governor Nominee | 
Kevin W. Yonce
PDG
Vice District Governor |
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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
Assistant Governor | 
Michael W. Martin
Assistant Governor |
| 
James D. Matthews
Assistant Governor | 
John B. Meek
Assistant Governor |

RAISING AWARENESS TO #ENDPOLIO

Rotary Club of Paris

Rotary Club of Champaign



THE STATE FARM CENTER GLOWS PURPLE

A tribute to Rotary's efforts on eradicating polio. Rotary Club of Champaign reach out to different media outlets, including The News-Gazette, to raise awareness for World Polio Day.

Have a #endpolio story? Send it to District Newsletter Editor [Liz Palma!](#)



Let's keep the momentum going!

PolioPlus Committee Chair Mike Martin sent each club Buddy Buttons to help raise awareness and funds for #endpolio. This is an easy year-round fundraiser to help support PolioPlus.

EVERYONE HAS A STORY. HOW ARE YOU TELLING IT?

The People of Action campaign is all about showing and telling the public who Rotary really is: a group of people that unites for good and actually roll up their sleeves and do meaningful projects that help their communities.

When people are aware of the outstanding humanitarian accomplishments of Rotary clubs, they respect the organization for its contributions to the community, and become more interested in becoming a part of it.

Every Rotary club should develop and execute a successful public relations plan to make their community aware of their club and the organization.

Gather your thoughts, organize them, and then speak from the *heart*. When you speak from the *heart* about great things that you have done in Rotary, about projects you have done, you inspire others to want to get involved.

Don't keep these great experiences a secret. Help spread the word and tell your Rotary Story!

So what's your story? We want to help you tell it. Reach out to your [District's PR Committee](#) with any questions you have.

Rotary  District 6490

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**WORLD POLIO DAY
OCTOBER 24, 2020**

Each time a Rotary volunteer administers a polio vaccine, a child's pinkie is colored purple with the topical solution Gention Violet – temporarily marking them to prevent double dosage on National Immunization Days



Purple Pinkie Project

Rotary Club of Paris took the lead with the Purple Pinkie Project for our district. It was a great (and tasty!) way to raise awareness and funds for #endpolio.



Deborah West
Assistant Governor
Coordinator



Judith Story
Assistant Governor



Beverly A. Soltwedel
District Trainer



Julie L. Dobski PDG
Director of Public Relations



Kevin D. Kuebler
District Treasurer



Stacey Jolley
District Membership Chair



Larry J. Howell PDG
Director of Foundation & International Service



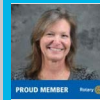
Thomas P. Redington
Director of Youth Service



Elizabeth Palma
District Newsletter Editor



Julie A. Stump
Achievement Awards



Jane Chamberlain
District Comm. Officer

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2020-21 Match Points Campaign

Yes, we are going to do it again, and I must say Rotarians are AMAZING. Our 2020-21 Match Point campaign will be December 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021. The Recognition Amount (RA) points you receive from The Rotary Foundation for donations to the Annual Fund -- SHARE or Polio Plus made during that period will be matched. To do so, we need points made available by Rotarians with Foundation Recognition Points (FRPs) to use as match. There are currently 1.9 million points in D6490 Rotarian and club accounts that can only be given away. On October 15, I sent emails to most D6490 Rotarians holding at least 3,000 FRPs. In less than 20 hours, I had commitment of over 45,000 points. I usually need about 50,000 points for the campaign, so it took our District 6490 Rotary colleagues less than 24 hours to respond with more than 90% of what is usually needed. And, by the next morning, over 50,000 points had been committed. But, maybe this year, we'll need 60,000 points. If you have points and would like to help, please let me know. If you have other plans for those points, great. How might I help make it happen?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who provided access to their points last year: Gary Bowen (Champaign), PDG Ken Buel (Champaign), iPDG Julie Dobski (B-N Sunrise), PDG Al Griggs (Urbana), Jack Johnston (Vandalia), Janet Johnston (Vandalia), Patrick Kovar (Champaign), Kim Martin (Champaign West), Anna Merritt (Urbana), Kathi Schweizer (on behalf of William Schweizer, Pontiac), PDG Chris Scherer (Urbana), and Steven Walters (Pontiac).

In all, last year's campaign matched or facilitated gifting of about 42,000 FRPs. I am happy to help you give away your points to whoever you would like to honor, to help your club do its own match points campaign, or to provide a meeting program on the Foundation, giving or other topics of interest to your club. Just let me know via email how I can be of service.

More info to follow!

Mike Hirschi, Foundation Chair & Past-President
Champaign West Rotary Club
Assistant Governor (Area 6) and Foundation Committee

Rotary Opens Opportunities For:



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