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DISTRICT CALENDAR | 2020-2021

October

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 7-10 District Governor Elect Training Seminar (GETS) and Governor Nominee Advanced Training Seminar (GNATS) – Normal, OK **via Zoom**
- 9-10 Rotary International Zone Leadership Summit, Zones 30-31, Normal, OK **via Zoom**
- 20 Club Presidents' Zoom – 7 PM
- 24 World Polio Day

November

ROTARY FOUNDATION

- 4-10 Heart to Heart Project Visit to Mexico-cancelled
- 16 Club President's Zoom – 7 PM

**Supporting the environment gives
Rotarians more ways to bring change.**

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ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES



Wheels Up!!

“The Wheels are Rolling” and District 6560 is moving forward despite the Covid-19 virus. We all have moved through a period of uncertainty and look for good times ahead.

The District leadership has begun focusing on the positive impact of our clubs and how we may work together providing service to our communities and around the world. As stated by Desmond Tutu, ***“we are all doing our little bit of good where we are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”***

PRESIDENTS FORUM

The inaugural “Presidents Forum” occurred this past month and has already reaped rewards within our clubs. The third Tuesday of each month, club Presidents and our District leadership share ideas and plans via video which enhance Rotary’s mission. We plan to meet each month engaging each other and providing upcoming events.

September’s topics addressed key areas of interest and various fundraising ideas were presented.

- We were introduced to the upcoming coffee brew “Founders 1905” blend that will be available for sale in the district as a fund-raiser at the beginning of 2021.
- The website www.smile.Amazon.com can be used to make donations to the District 6560 Foundation.
- Rotary club members may also determine the needs within their local food banks and make purchases directly from Amazon and ship to the food bank.
- Several Rotary Clubs have engaged in planning golf outings to assist their fund-raisers.

Also considered was the obligation we take as we become a Rotarian. Our **Rotarian Code of Conduct** is instrumental in our membership. We acknowledge this oath in the installation of each Rotarian. Simply stated, we will:

- Act with integrity and high ethical standards in our personal and professional life.
- Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect.
- Use our professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with social needs, and improve

people’s quality of life in the community and around the world.

- Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.
- Not seek special business or professional advantages from other Rotarians.

This code of conduct along with the harassment-free environment at meetings, events, or activities (aspect added to official document in 2019) are integral in our treatment of ourselves and others. Rotary is committed to maintaining an environment that is free of harassment. Harassment is broadly defined as any conduct, verbal or physical, that denigrates, insults, or offends a person or group based on any characteristic (age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity).

Our President’s Forum conversation concluded with the awareness of **World Polio Day, October 24, 2020.**

**One Day –
One Focus –
Ending Polio**



This day is to educate and remember we must still be vigilant in our fight to eradicate the disease. Rotary and the world have come so far since the height of the Polio epidemic in the 1950’s to today. The world went from 350,000 cases of Polio to 102 cases in two countries. We were all challenged to think of different styles of fundraisers to both raise funds and awareness in our communities. There is an unending list of methods to help the cause on My Rotary – World Polio Day.

Please mark your calendars and attend the virtual President’s Forum meetings in the months ahead. We meet the third Tuesday (Oct 20, etc.) at 7 PM and look forward to sharing endless opportunities.



Joe Collings, D6560 Governor

OCTOBER is Economic & Community Development month! See page 4

New 6560 Foundation Treasurer



Our District 6560 Foundation is pleased Gerard Benner has accepted the position of Treasurer. Gerard is a CPA and a member of the Rotary Club of Lafayette Daybreak. We welcome his participation in the Foundation and look forward to his expertise and guidance.

Crawfordsville Rotary Hosts Golf Scramble

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Crawfordsville Country Club

\$75 per player

It might be your last golf



opportunity of the season! You can join Crawfordsville Rotarians as they raise funds to benefit the youth of Montgomery County in college scholarships and school assembly anti-suicide programming from Sports World Inc. A percentage of the proceeds will also go toward the World Polio Day fund to help eradicate polio in the world.

Demolition Blast, former 9 Time World of Professional Wrestling Champion and Steve Grant, former linebacker with the Indianapolis Colts and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, are Sports World Pro Speakers and will be present to take pictures during the golf scramble. **Email CvilleRotary@gmail.com for sponsorship and registration forms.**

Lafayette Rotary's Third Annual Ice Cream Crawl

On August 22 Lafayette Rotary held their third annual Ice Cream Crawl where ten different ice cream vendors in Lafayette and West Lafayette provide generous samples of ice cream. "Crawlers" choose to go to a few, or all, of the locations between the hours of 1 and 4 PM. Participants purchase passports at local farmers markets that are stamped at each location. If they visit at least five locations, their name is entered in a raffle to win an "Ice Cream Lover's Grand Prize Basket." Rotarians at each location greet the crawlers and stamp the passports.



Lafayette Rotarians Ellie Wang and Katie Nielsen greeted Ice Cream Crawlers and stamped their passports at Cold Stone Creamery in the Pavilions shopping area in Lafayette.



These happy Ice Cream Crawlers spent the afternoon going from shop to shop to try out sweet treats at each location.

With sponsorships from local businesses and passport sales, gross revenues this year topped \$9,000. This money will be matched by District 6560 grants to support two projects. One project is Imagination Library, a program that sends free books to preschool children. The other project is Coder Dojo, a program that teaches computer software coding skills to middle and high school students. Besides raising funds for these efforts, the annual Ice Cream Crawl is enjoyed by Rotarians and participants alike.



Supporting the Environment Becomes a New Area of Focus



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The Rotary Foundation Trustees and Rotary International Board of Directors have both unanimously approved adding a new area of focus: supporting the environment.

More than \$18 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related projects over the past five years. Creating a distinct area of focus to support the environment will give Rotary members even more ways to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.

RI President Mark Maloney says that during his travels around the world as a Rotary senior leader he encountered many Rotary members and Rotaractors who advocated for the environment to be an area of focus. "I believe strongly that our Rotary Foundation programs now have a valuable added dimension to our efforts," says, Maloney.

Foundation Trustee Chair Gary C.K. Huang says that with the global population reaching near eight billion, protecting the environment is increasingly important. "It is time for us to use our collective resources to invest in a smart and efficient way to protecting our environment," says Huang. "We are qualified to take this initiative because we are a global group of problem solvers with diversified talents."

In 1990-91, RI President Paulo V.C. Costa made the environment one of his primary causes, creating the Preserve Planet Earth subcommittee, which looked at ways clubs and members could conduct environmental initiatives. "We have finally caught up to Costa [his vision]," says Past RI President Ian H.S. Riseley, chair of the Environmental Issues task force, which championed the new area of focus. "As a lifelong environmentalist, I'm delighted that our great organization has recognized that the environment is a worthy and appropriate destination for our project activity," says Riseley. "This is an exciting moment in Rotary history."

Grant applications for projects will be accepted beginning on 1 July 2021. Gifts and commitments from Rotarians and others will be sought to provide global grant support for the new area of focus.

The **environment** becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus — categories of service activities supported by global grants. It joins **peacebuilding & conflict prevention; disease prevention & treatment; water, sanitation, & hygiene; maternal & child health; basic education & literacy; and community economic development.**

October is ... Economic and Community Development Month

Growing local economies is a focus of many global grants seeking to provide sustainable solutions to poverty, strengthen local entrepreneurs and leaders, break the cycle of poverty for women, provide skills development and business training, give advice on mathematics and financial management, increase skills to establish sustainable farming and more. Click the video to see!

