

Rotary

District 6780



Club of Cleveland

Mike Brown with Haiti Latrine Project Update

By Mica Stephens on Friday, December 18, 2020



Meetings

No more meetings in 2020. See you next year!

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At the December 15th meeting of our Rotary Club, we had Mike Brown from the Chattanooga Breakfast Club giving us an update on the things they have going on in the Haiti Latrine project.

What initially sparked the need for the latrine project creation was the earthquake that hit Haiti in 2010. Their citizens rely heavily on the water wells, and their integrity was an immediate concern. Thankfully, all survived! However, the earthquake dramatically increased the spread of infectious diseases, specifically Cholera.

To give some scope of this problem, infectious diseases and parasitic diseases are the most common causes of death in young children in Haiti. About 10% of children under the age of 5 die in Haiti. Water and sanitation projects have been the primary focus in order to reduce the impact of infectious disease in children.

In 2011 when Cholera hit Haiti for the first time, it really brought to light a new problem with sewage in the area. The team working in Haiti quickly transferred their attention to improving family latrines to mitigate the hit of Cholera.

Mike and his team make 1-2 trips to Haiti each year (however no trips were made during this year due to Covid pandemic). They work to select villages for projects, establish funding, train the craftsmen building the latrines, and come back on separate trips to review progress and plan completion. A typical project costs \$30,000 which makes raising funds for these initiatives imperative.



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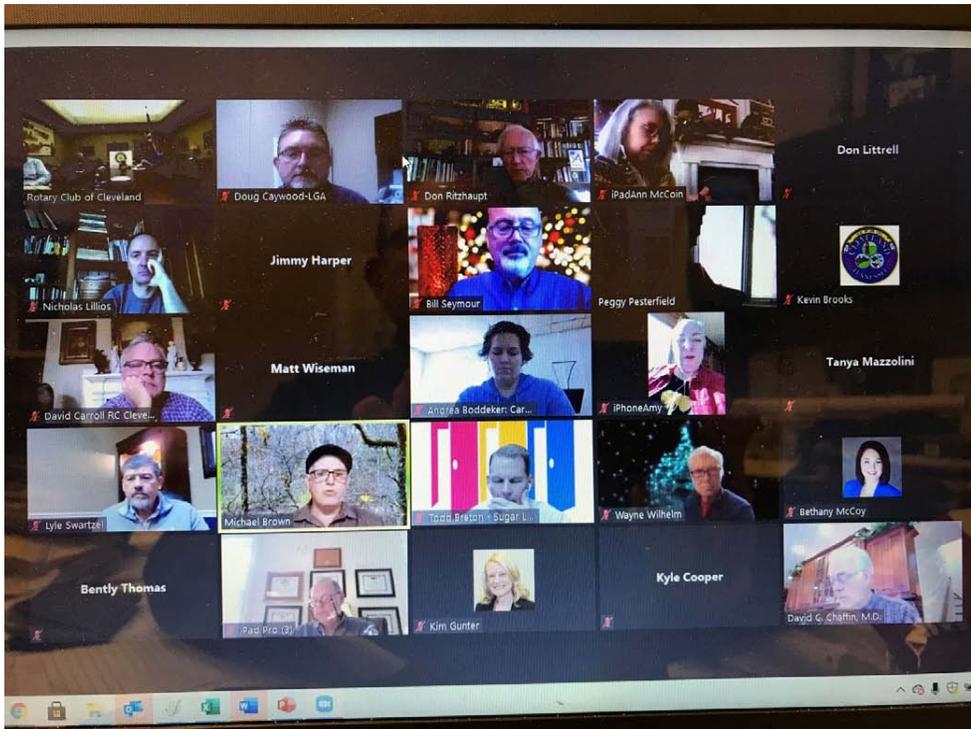


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Birthdays

- Sherronda Thompson
December 21st
- Zachary T Brooks
December 21st
- Jerry Bohannon
December 23rd
- Aaron Weatherford
December 30th
- Joe Fivas
December 30th
- Larry McDaniel
January 1st
- Ann Yarbro McCoin
January 11th

If you can help with this project through donations or volunteering service on an upcoming trip, please contact the Breakfast Rotary Club at chattanoogaclubrotary@gmail.com.



Interactive Member Poll: December 15, 2020 - Shots shots shots shots!

Friday, December 18, 2020

At the December 15, 2020 meeting Mike Brown updated us on the Haiti Latrine Project. One of the many benefits of the program include reduced risk of Cholera.

This week tell us: have you ever travelled somewhere that required/recommended you get the Cholera Vaccine before your visit?

- Yes
- No

(Image of Poll question. Trouble seeing the image? Click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RCoc1215Program>)



No Meeting December 22 & 29 - Happy Holidays!

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Jennifer Pennell-
Aslinger
January 14th
Stephen Carroll
January 16th
James H. Buckner
January 17th
Clayton Collins
January 17th
Lyle Swartzel
January 17th



Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukka, Happy New Year, Happy Holidays, Joyuses Fetes, Felices Fiestas, Furaha Likizo, Chag Sameach, Shchaslyvykh Syvat, Frohe Feiertage, Boas Festas, Prettige Feestdagen, Buone Feste, Gezuar Festat, Chuttiyo Ki Shubb Kamanayein, Sarbatori Fericite, Mutlu Bayramlar, and Laethanta Saoire Sona!

Please note that we are not meeting for the final two weeks in December. Enjoy your family and friends however you are able to celebrate, and your club wishes each of you a happy and healthy new year!

Hawk Glides Into Bently Thomas's Office

Friday, December 18, 2020



The Hawk soared into Bently Thomas's office this week, awarded to him from Lyle Swartzel. Bently was picked for the honor thanks to his hard work for our city, his frequent volunteering for our club, and his work as Co-Chair of Programs. As you can see from the photo above, Bently captured the Hawk before it managed to land in the branches of his beautiful Christmas tree. He then set it to work in city planning, pictured below.



Felix Garcia Proposed For Membership

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Felix Garcia is a Managing Member of FOSS Organization LLC has been proposed for membership in the Rotary Club of Cleveland by Rotarian Jimmy Harper. Felix has working with off-market properties and real estate needs. He speaks Spanish and strives to help Cleveland grow.

Brad Benson Proposed For Membership

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Brad Benson has recently retired and moved to Benton, Tennessee. Brad was a previous member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Healdsburg Sunrise, which meets in Healdsburg California.

Brad comes with this endorsement from Nancy Palumbo, President of Rotary Club of Healdsburg Sunrise:

"Where do I begin to sing Brad Benson's praises? Brad embodies Rotary. Solid, kind, honest, caring, supportive, generous and willing to do whatever needs to be done and always with his sweet smile. We were so sad to lose Brad. To honor his many contributions to our club and community, we dedicated some funds for a 2020/2021 Rio Lindo Academy student scholarship in his name and made him an honorary member. He continues to show his smiling face at our meetings occasionally which says he is ready to join a local club. As is often the case, spouses of members also hold special places in our hearts, and your club will get to know and love Jeannie, as well.

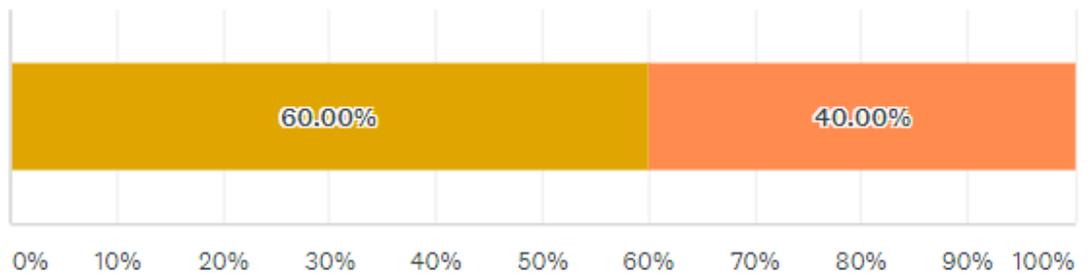
Please welcome Brad and Jeannie with open arms into your Cleveland, TN Rotary Club with the caveat that he wear his jester hat for old time's sake."

Results from last week's poll: What Service Project Would You Be Most Interested In?

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At the December 8, 2020 meeting Kellye Bender and Jeff Elliott talked about literacy programs at Cleveland City Schools, including ones supported by our Rotary Club.

We asked: what types of service projects would you enjoy participating in?



- Volunteering in classrooms / schools (such as dictionary project, teaching JA, readin...
- Volunteering for a food bank / homeless shelter
- City beautification (for example, planting trees along the greenway)
- Volunteering for non-profits in our area
- Other (please specify)

"City beautification" was a popular choice among respondents. "Other" answers included:

"I tried to pick Volunteering in Classrooms/City Beautification and volunteering for non-profits in the area.... it will only let me choose one, so I'm typing them all here. :) I think the foodbank and homeless shelter get a lot of Volunteers."

"Get back on the adopt a highway program"

For the bonus question, we asked for Service Project ideas, and one respondent suggested "Downtown clean up crews" in the bonus question.

If you like these ideas or have another idea, be sure to share it with our Jimmy Harper, Service Project Chair:

jharper@leeuniversity.edu

For this week's poll tell us: [Have you ever travelled somewhere that required/recommended the Cholera vaccine?](#)

Rotary and Teddy ♦ Bringing Happy Thoughts, Smiles, and Hope

Nearing the end of each virtual club visit by the District Governor, the club president would introduce a special guest ♦ a Teddy bear. Each Teddy was made in Mexico (as a Mexico club fundraiser) and traveled to each one the club presidents. For most of us, when we see or hold a Teddy bear, we think happy thoughts and we smile. Rotary is the Teddy bear of opportunities for you, your community, and for the people we serve by bringing happy thoughts, hope and smiles through our integrity, diversity, leadership, and especially our fellowship and service.

Our Rotary year of 2020-21 is only half over. Let♦s make hope happen in 2021!



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 Meets at Museum Center at Five Points
 200 Inman St E
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 Time: Tuesday at 12:00 PM