

Rotary District 6780 News



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District Governor's Message



As if we are all not busy enough, here come the holidays! Clearly this year's celebrations and (limited) gatherings will be unlike anything that most of us have ever seen. This time of year is always special to me, as a reminder of how lucky I am to have a wonderful wife and family, to live in the best country in the world, and to have Rotarians in my life.

November is Rotary Foundation month on the Rotary calendar. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. The Rotary Foundation transforms gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around

the world.

Our Rotary Foundation has provided over \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects since it was founded over 100 years ago. That is real impact! Our district Rotarians continue to be strong contributors to The Rotary Foundation, and we continue to use Rotary Foundation funds to have an impact through our great projects. **Thank you for your support of The Rotary Foundation!**

Calendar 2020 has been a crazy year. Speaking of crazy, check out the attached Halloween photo of DG Ron and family. (I am the dude on the right, in case you can't tell - "Peace, Brother!") Sometimes you gotta let your hair down even if it means using fake hair.

DG Ron and Karen



Final Results from Dunkin' Purple Pinkie Day for Polio Eradication

By John Downs, Chair, End Polio Now!

The final results from our third annual Purple Pinkie Day are in, and once again the generosity and support from Rotarians, friends, and families has surpassed all expectations.

The goal for this World Polio Day event was to raise \$1 million in a single day for polio eradication, but when the final results were tallied we had raised nearly

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\$1.3 million ♦ \$1,299,388.86 to be exact.

District Governor Ron Appuhn challenged everyone in District 6780 to participate and set a goal of one box per member, or about 3,000 boxes total. The response was excellent. We had 49 participating clubs and 450 online orders totaling 2,499 boxes. Over \$25,000 in additional cash donations along with matches brought the grand total from our district to \$676,179.

Joining us for the first time this year were Alabama districts 6860 and 6880, and they did great! District 6860 raised \$106,303.86 and District 6880 raised \$216,540. Special congratulations go to the Rotary Club of Dothan, Alabama, who led all other clubs with 327 boxes ordered.

Second year participants Districts 6760 and 6800 showed significant year over year improvements with District 6760 in

West Tennessee contributing \$163,926 and District 6800 in north Mississippi \$136,440.

Fund raising is obviously critical to the success of PolioPlus, but this project creates other very significant benefits that should be recognized. In spite of the many challenges faced this year, several thousand Rotarians were actively engaged in the project, and engagement is key to membership retention.

We also increased awareness of both Rotary and polio with thousands of people through the many connections that were made.

Thanks to all of those who supported this effort, and for the leadership of District 6780 and Bluemont Group, LLC, for providing us with this amazing partnership opportunity.

Plans are already underway for an even bigger year next year.

Rotary Continues to Work Toward Polio Eradication

World Polio Day was October 24. When Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988, there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries every year. We ♦ve made great progress against the disease since then. Today, polio cases have been reduced by 99.9 percent, and just two countries ♦ Afghanistan and Pakistan ♦ continue to report cases of wild poliovirus. And Rotary remains committed to the end.



Fairfield Glade Club presents Purple Pinkie Donuts to local police and fire departments.

like fingers with a little purple frosting to represent the purple dye used to mark children ♦s pinkies as they are immunized during vaccination campaigns.

Dunkin ♦ Donut Franchises donated materials and labor, and each purchased boxes of

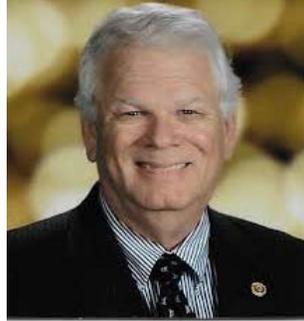
With polio nearly eradicated, Rotary and its partners must sustain this progress and continue to reach every child with the polio vaccine. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk. Rotary has committed to raising US \$50 million each year to support global polio eradication efforts. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has pledged to match that two for one, for a total yearly contribution of \$150 million.

On Tuesday, October 20, the Rotary Club of Fairfield Glade and District 6780 participated in a Purple Pinkie Day. Local Dunkin ♦ Donuts provided donuts shaped

donuts at \$20 each provided \$180 to End Polio Now after dollar matches by Rotary District 6780, Rotary International, and a final doubling by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Through the efforts of the Fairfield Glade Rotary Club, 63 boxes of donuts were ordered. A big thank you to Mortgage Investor Group and Wyndham Resorts for their large orders. With their help, and cash donations from club members we were able to generate a total of \$18,450 in total funds to End Polio.

Alan Clark to be District Governor in 2022-23



Rotarian Alan Clark has been selected to be Rotary District 6780's Governor for Rotary year 2022-23. A member, Executive Secretary, and Past President of the Rotary Club of Franklin County AM, Alan has been active in Rotary since the 1980s. He is also a Past President of the Winchester Noon Rotary Club.

Born and raised in Columbia, Tennessee, he attended the University of Tennessee Knoxville and Middle Tennessee State University where he earned degrees in Education and Leadership. He has been a high school coach and teacher, sports columnist and radio broadcaster, and a television anchor and football analyst.

A retired Army Colonel with more than 28 years of service, Alan devoted his professional life to education and information technology, retiring in 2016 as Chief Technology Officer for Franklin County Schools. He was named Rotarian of the Year in the Winchester Club for 2007-2008, and is currently the Assistant District Governor for clubs in Franklin County, Winchester, Monteagle-Sewanee, and Grundy County. His other Rotary District duties include five years on the Rotary Youth Exchange Committee and Youth Exchange Coordinator and Advisor.

Feel the Energy in Taipei at the 2021 Rotary International Convention



Rotary's potential to create lasting change is limitless. Explore that potential at the 2021 Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan. Our next convention is the perfect place to discover new opportunities for service and friendship. You'll have the chance to collaborate, learn from one another, and explore new ways to make a lasting impact in communities around the world. The energy of a Rotary Convention is invigorating, much like the energy you'll feel in Taipei.

Experience Taipei's vibrancy! Welcome to a city where the old meets the new, from ancient architecture and traditions to modern art and culture. Discover its abundance of colorful hydrangeas, jubilant festivals, tranquil temples, and lively night markets. No matter who you are or where you're from, the city's energy will invigorate you.

Enjoy Rotary's spirit! Each year Rotary members from all over the world come together to discover new opportunities to increase our impact, broaden our reach, and strengthen our ability to adapt for future success. It's also a chance to find new ways to enhance your own Rotary experience. This convention will energize every attendee and create memories that last a lifetime.

Don't miss the energy! Come Feel the Energy in Taipei and see what awaits you at the Rotary International Convention, 12-16 June 2021.

Register now and save. Take advantage of early registration savings by registering by 15 December at convention.rotary.org.

David Day from the Cookeville Breakfast Club is our district's Rotary International Convention Chair for the 2021 Taiwan convention. He suggests anyone planning to attend the convention should get hotel rooms early. Reservations at discounted rates are available for Rotarians at the RI Convention website. Please contact David at david@daviddaypc.com if you have questions or need any additional information about this convention.

Rotarians Find Ways to Cope During the Pandemic

Throughout the pandemic Rotarians are discovering ways to connect, cope, and care for each other and people in the communities they serve.

Social distancing, self-quarantines, and lockdowns, all of which have been necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19, help keep us safe but also isolate us, creating feelings of loneliness and anxiety.

Click [HERE](#) to read about how Rotary clubs are rising to the challenge to mitigate these negative effects, both in their clubs and beyond. Along the way, members are discovering new ways to serve.

Calendar of Events

There are no district-wide events for December. Happy Holidays!

Loudon Rotary Sponsors Halloween Parade

In a year that has been anything but normal, Loudon officials and Loudon Rotary Club members wanted to give the community some Halloween encouragement. The inaugural Munchkins March Along Mulberry parade was a big hit on October 31. Participants gathered on Carter Street before being given the go-ahead to march down Mulberry Street, wave at people along the road, toss candy to the crowd, and head to the Loudon Fire and Police departments for a costume contest.



It's just a time to let these kids have a little bit of normal, said Scott Newman, Loudon police officer and parade marshal. I mean usually on Halloween our streets are full of kids. ... This is a chance for the city of Loudon to show them, Hey, we're out here supporting you guys to get out and have fun. It looks like to me it's going to be a pretty big event and this might be something we do every year. Mark Harrell, Loudon Parks and Recreation Department director and Rotary member, said seven participants registered but more

simply showed up for the parade. He estimated at least 75 participants would be in the costume contest.

The parade was put together quickly after Rotary members learned many area churches would not host trunk-or-treat programs this year. Loudon Club president Robert Smalling said. The churches usually do things for Halloween, but this year it was decided that they would not get together. For the kids and the community as a whole, we did not want that to not happen. Basically, we started around the end of September and October and actually probably put this together in four to six weeks.

Smalling was pleased with the first-year turnout. It offers the kids and the community an opportunity to get out. This has not been the most peaceful year with COVID and everything else. It gives them a chance to be outside, which theoretically should be a little safer, and to participate in something and to maybe take the mind off all the ills that are going on right now.

One Knoxville resident, who used to live in Loudon, brought her family after reading about the parade through the Rotary Facebook page.

Rotarians Honor Veterans

Veteran's Day was November 11, a time to celebrate those who sacrificed their lives for our country and served honorably in our military branches. Rotary Clubs across the District honored veterans.

The Chattanooga Hamilton Place Club honored local veterans during the club's



annual Veteran's Day Event. Retired Colonel Mark Cuttle, US Army, was the featured speaker. The American Legion Honor Guard kicked off the meeting with the presentation of the American flag and colors. Each veteran from the club was recognized and honored along with our Veteran guests.

The Knoxville Club celebrated Veteran's Day with a program by Retired Navy Command Master Chief Larry Linton.

The Knoxville Breakfast Club meeting the week of Veteran's Day focused on member of the club who are veterans and pictured them in their newsletter. Those recognized were Wes Edmondson (US Army), Dave Hammontree (US Army), Sandy Harter (US Army), Mike Holober (US Navy), Roger Kiefer (Ohio National Guard), Greg Maciolek (US Air Force), and Bob Petron (US Naval Reserves).

At the Farragut Club, President Ed Jones took a few minutes to recognize the 17 veterans who are members of their club: U.S. Army: Wayne Davis, Jonathan Johnson, Tom King, and Terry Kerbs (Army National Guard). U.S. Air Force: Jim Dodd, Jim O'Brien, John Hoffman, Ron Lawrence, Larry Click, Sam Taylor, Tom Pattison, Mike Singletary, Harry Gregory, Chuck Laine (Air Force Reserves). U.S. Marine Corps: Tim Phillips, Bob Parker. Tennessee Air National Guard: Bill Nichols. We salute all of our veterans!

Webb School Interact Clubs Foster Future Rotarians



Webb School of Knoxville has two active Interact Clubs ♦ one in the Middle School with 13 members and the other in the Upper School with 43 members.

Since August, the clubs have been a little restricted in what they can accomplish, but they have kept busy volunteering locally. The President designed a fun Interact tee shirt for members to wear.

In August a group of students volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank in Maryville, sorting out foods and labeling cans of veggies.

Interact students joined forces with the Rotary Club of Knoxville in September, assisting with the Free Flu Shot Saturday organized by the Empty Stacking Fund. Students helped hand out clipboards and collect donations to the hundreds of guests who came through the carline for their flu shot.

Interact students also volunteered one Saturday morning at the Wesley House by assembling bookshelves and stacking them with donated books.

In October several Interact students volunteered at Knoxville's Love Kitchen after school, serving donated food to local residents. They enjoyed the camaraderie and helping guests get nourishing foods to take home.

The students highlighted World Polio Day in late October by making an announcement in Chapel and painting pinkie fingers purple. Students also bought Dunkin Donut fingers helping raise money for the district.

Recently, Interact students spent the afternoon collecting trash in cooperation with Keep Knoxville Beautiful and Webb's Environmental Club. Twenty volunteers cleaned up ten bags of trash from Dutchtown Road!

On November 11 Middle School Interact students led a thank-you card writing event for our Veterans who have served or are currently serving in the military.

This month both clubs are also collecting eyeglasses to donate to the 100 in 100 Mexico program for an underserved community.

"We're certainly hoping for a modified Interact Conference in Pigeon Forge this March. Looking forward to meeting other Interact officers and advisors and sharing ideas," said Liz Gregor, Interact Advisor.

These passionate young people want to make a difference in the world. Future Rotarians for sure!

The Farragut Club Has Big Plans for Christmas

Even though the Farragut Club is not meeting in person now, these are busy and exciting times for the Club. Three major projects are being planned around the Christmas and making the holidays a very special time for many special people in our community: Christmas gifts for kids at East Tennessee Children's Hospital (ETCH), Angel Tree gifts for the Boys & Girls Club of the Tennessee Valley, and Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing

Children's Hospital Christmas Project aims to help the children at ETCH have a fun Christmas with toys that the club donates. According to Scott Bertini, Service Projects Chair, "There are 152 beds at ETCH and, though every bed may not be filled, but our stretch goal is 152 toys."

They plan to deliver the toys in handmade Christmas bags. The Hardin Valley Academy Interact Club on Monday will start sewing 152 bags for toys. They also are working on fabric donations this week, and a web-savvy student in the club may create a virtual tree for gifts that can be sent to Scott's email address, Leah Berry, HVA Interact Club advisor. They are really excited about the project!

Past President Jonathan Johnson is again heading up the Angel Tree for Club Boys & Girls Club of the Tennessee Valley. The gifts given by Rotarians will help the Boys & Girls Club children have a holiday full of joy and cheer.

The Salvation Army Red Kettle project is chaired by Mike Singletary. Club members will work in two-hour shifts on two December Saturdays. They will ring at the main entrance of Kroger's in Farragut. Our service will be especially important this season because of the economic hard times suffered by many people during the pandemic, Mike says.

Hippie Fest Was a Huge Success



In spite of a bit of cool weather, the Fairfield Glade Hippie Fest was a huge success! Saturday, October 26, saw the Square in Fairfield Glade filled with hippies and great music.

The WannaBeatles, a top Beatles tribute band, performed music that transported over 300 attendees back to the 1960s, and winners of the dance contest and the Best Dressed Hippie

received gift cards.

The Fairfield Glade Club thanks all those who came out to support this fundraiser, which allows us to support our local community and provide scholarships to deserving students. We also thank our sponsors for their generous support and the vendors who provided food and drinks for the attendees.

Rotary International Insurance News

By Cyndi Jeffers, District Insurance Representative

There are several important exclusions and coverage limitations in the Rotary International insurance policy.

Coverage Exclusions

- Communicable Disease, including COVID-19. This is a standard exclusion on most policies since 2006.
- Aircraft, including spacecraft, satellite, hot air balloon, drone, or missile.
- Property, including that owned by or in the care, custody, or control of a club, district or foundation.

Crime, including theft or embezzlement.

- Elder Care and Childcare Services or Operations that are owned, rented, managed, or operated by a named insured. This does not include volunteer services by Rotarians for operations of others. A local insurance professional can help you determine your exposures - you can either purchase coverage or develop a risk management plan.

Coverage Limitations

- Events with attendance exceeding 25,000. You will need to purchase your own event liability policy with \$1 million per occurrence/\$2 million aggregate limits, and the Rotary International policy will then provide excess coverage over your policy in the event of a loss.
- Construction Projects where the value of materials is over \$50,000. You will need to purchase a \$1 million liability policy including Products/Completed Operations for five years, and the Rotary International policy will then provide excess coverage over your policy in the event of a loss.
- Fireworks. The club will need to purchase a \$5 million liability policy, and the Rotary International policy will then provide excess coverage over your policy in the event of a loss. In addition, if a club or district purchases any of their own liability coverages, the Rotary International policy will respond to a loss on an excess basis ♦ the club or district policy will be the primary policy.

There are other requirements for some of these limitations, so please don't hesitate to contact District Insurance Representative Cyndi Jeffers at (865) 679-4668 or e-mail: dcjeffers1@gmail.com if you need more information or assistance.