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District Governor's August Message



August is membership and new club development month on the Rotary calendar. As I travel around to all of your club meetings, I am sharing President Shekhar Mehta's initiative, **Each One Bring One**. Just think, if every Rotarian in our district would join in and just bring one potential member to a club meeting, a fundraiser, a service project or one of your fellowship events, what an impact we would have on growing our clubs. As President Shekhar says, "If we grow more, we can do more, and if we do more, we can grow more."

The impact of Rotary in the world starts with its members people who see a world where people unite and take-action to create lasting change across the globe, in their communities, and in themselves. At club meetings in communities around the world, Rotarians come together to strengthen their connections to friends and neighbors and their commitment to improving lives. I am excited to see what your clubs do in this next month and in the months ahead. I am already seeing membership numbers go up around the district, which is awesome. Growing membership is critical to keeping Rotary vibrant and vital in a changing world, and membership month is a great time to introduce friends and colleagues to the family of Rotary.

Three big events are coming up in our district this month. You can help "pack the park for polio eradication" on Tuesday, August 17. If you don't already have vouchers to attend the game, contact John Downs at (260) 564-0059 or email to latigo57@yahoo.com. Look for the Rotary table near the "will call" at the stadium to redeem your vouchers. Our own John Downs, End Polio Now Chair, will throw out the first pitch at 7:00 PM EDT at the Smokies Park in Kodak. Read more about this fun event in the story below.

On August 21 the **Vibrant Clubs Workshop** promises new ideas your club may want to try to create a plan to increase community interest and attract more members. There will be presentations on Youth Services, Public Image, The Rotary Foundation, and Membership. Read more about this important event in the story below.

September 27-October 3 District 6780 is hosting the Zones 30/31 Summit, **Pathways to the Future** at the Marriott Convention Center in Chattanooga. Join Rotarians from 13 states and 31 districts as they generate new ideas in new ways in an environment that encourages open-minded-thinking! And, hear Rotary's first female International President-Elect Jennifer Jones reveal her vision of the future during a special lunch session. Read more about the program and how to register in the story below.

We have many exciting and great things happening in our great district. I encourage every club to share these projects and programs with our district. Please email Anne Lewis at 6780news@gmail.com with pictures and information about what you have done, and she will share it in the district newsletter.

I am enjoying my club visits. As of this past week, I have already visited 29 of our clubs. It is such a great journey! I love seeing what all of the clubs are doing and meeting our

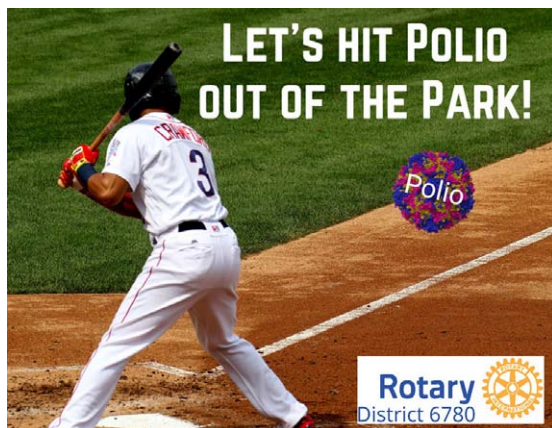
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great Rotarians. As we have always said, we have the best district in Rotary.

Warm regards until next month!

Cindy Gammons

Pack the Park to End Polio Now on August 17



Don't miss the District 6780 11th Annual "Pack the Park to End Polio Now!" The game will feature the Tennessee Smokies against the Birmingham Barons. Gates open at 6:30 PM EDT, and District End Polio Now Chair John Downs will throw out the first pitch at 7:00.

Your \$12 donation will get a ticket voucher, \$6.00 in stadium credit for the purchase of food or souvenirs, and lots of fun! And, \$5.50 from each ticket sold goes directly to help fight polio! If you don't already have your vouchers to attend the game, contact John Downs at 260-564-0059 or latigo57@yahoo.com,

your club President or Assistant Governor for tickets.

On game night take your vouchers to the Rotary table near the "will call" at the stadium to exchange your vouchers for tickets.

If you can't attend the game on August 17, your ticket voucher is good for any regular season home game for the remainder of the 2021 season. However, you will not get the \$6 stadium credit.

For Rotarians who wish to pay for vouchers with checks, please make checks payable to your club. Then the club will issue a single check (no later than game day) for \$6.50 per ticket made payable to the Tennessee Smokies. This check can be turned in at the Rotary table near "will call" at the stadium on game day.

Enliven Your Club! Attend the Vibrant Clubs Workshop



Is your club vibrant? Is it growing or is it declining or dying? Are your members engaged? Or do they show up, eat, listen, and leave? Are your programs interesting? Or boring? Do members look forward to attending the meetings?

Does your club have a good leadership funnel? Or are you having to beg someone to be the next president-elect? Or even the next president?

Vibrant clubs engage their members, conduct meaningful projects, and try new ideas. Learn or re-learn new ideas your club may want to try in order to create a plan to increase community interest and attract more members.

Our district will hold a Vibrant Clubs Workshop on Saturday, August 21, at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Crossville. If you can't attend in person, there will be a Zoom option.

The workshop will include five presentations: Youth Services, Public Image, The Rotary Foundation, Membership, and a short presentation by District Governor Cindy Gammons.

Registration for in-person attendance is at 8:30 AM CDT/9:30 AM EDT, and the workshop will end at 1:45 PM CDT/2:45 PM EDT. Lunch will be provided at 11:00 CDT/Noon EDT for those attending in person.

Register to attend on DACdb. This link will take you to the right place: <https://dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77552506>.

Join your Rotary friends in Crossville and learn how you can build a more vibrant club.

There's a Seat for You in Rotary's Future



Get ready for a Rotary homecoming with current and future district and club leaders from 13 states and 31 districts! Reconnect with old friends and meet new ones - the friends of your future.

Generate new ideas in new ways in an environment that encourages open-minded thinking!

All this at the 2021 Zone Conference: "Pathways to the Future" set for September 30-October 3 at the Marriott Convention Center in Chattanooga.

An outstanding lineup of speakers promises to provide lots of information and food for thought. They include Rotary International President-Elect Jennifer Jones, The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair John Germ, Zone 30-31 Director Elizabeth Usovicz, "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" William Kamkwamba, Nobel Peace Prize Recipient Human Rights Advocate Jody Williams, and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Stephanie Sinclair.

Interactive sessions will encourage open-minded thinking and new ways to experience Rotary, and the re-imagined House of Friendship, **The Hub**, promises engaging, interactive representatives to share experiences with Rotary projects and programs. "The Hub" is also a great place where you can purchase Rotary signature items such as shirts, jewelry, and accessories.

Young Rotarians should plan to attend the pre-conference Emerging Leaders Program on Thursday, September 30.



As a Rotarian in the vicinity of Chattanooga, the Zone has extended a special invitation to attend part of our Rotary Zones 30/31 Conference on Friday, October 1, at the Chattanooga Convention Center. We've extended a special one-day rate for local Rotarians to attend at only \$25 including lunch. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear Rotary International President Elect [Jennifer Jones](#) as she shares her vision of Rotary's future during the luncheon presentation.

Register now for this exciting event. Go, have fun and fellowship, grow relationships and your network by engaging in this Rotary experience.

Register for the conference or get more information about speakers, the venue, and accommodations, at the Zone 30-31 website: www.rizones30-31.org/institute/rotary-summit-2021/.

Rotary's Alphabet Soup Decoded

Ever wonder what some of the Rotary acronyms stand for? What's a PDG or DGE? Are you familiar with RYE and with TRF? Like many other organizations, Rotary has its alphabet soup. To help you navigate these acronyms, here are some of the most often used ones:

- RI ♦ Rotary International
- TRF ♦ The Rotary Foundation
- RYE ♦ Rotary Youth Exchange
- RYLA ♦ Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- RIP ♦ Rotary International President
- DG ♦ District Governor
- DGE ♦ District Governor-Elect
- DGN ♦ District Governor Nominee
- PDG ♦ Past District Governor
- AG ♦ Assistant Governor
- DLA ♦ District Leadership Academy
- RLI ♦ Rotary Leadership Institute
- PETS ♦ Presidents-Elect Training Seminar

Rotary Youth Exchange Needs Your Help!

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The Rotary Youth Exchange has been devastated the last two years by the COVID Virus. Fifteen Rotary Youth Exchange applicants will never experience being a Rotary Ambassador from the United States to a foreign country.

The Rotary Youth Exchange program needs your help, support, and influence in promoting the Long Term (10 months) Outbound Exchange program to high school students ages 15 to 18 years of ages. For additional information, please contact Bill Nichols wnichols11400@comast.net or call 865-567-1119. Bill is our District's Long Term Outbound Chair.

The Short-Term Outbound Exchange or Family to Family program is a 28-day summer exchange program. Learn more about it from John Cheney at John.Cheney@comcast.net or phone him at 615-417-9071. John is our District's Short Term Outbound Chair.

Your Rotary Club might be interested in hosting a foreign Rotary Exchange student in our district's inbound program. Please contact McKinley Tabor at mckinleytabor@rye6780.org or call his cell phone 931-210-3138. McKinley is the District's Rotary Youth Exchanges Inbound Chair.

Information has been to each new Rotary Club President informing them of the Long-Term Rotary Youth Exchange program. We have asked each Club President or Youth Service Officer to contact their local high school(s) guidance counselor, world language teacher or the Interact counselor to inform them on the opportunities for high school students to become a Rotary Youth Exchange Ambassador in 2022-2023.

The Rotary District Committee began accepting Rotary Long Term Outbound high student applications August 1, 2021, for the 2022-2023 Exchange year. The application website for the Rotary Long-Term Outbound Exchange program is <http://yehub.net/OER-obapp>.

The Short-Term Rotary Outbound Exchange program application website is <http://yehub.net/OER-stapp>.

Cookeville Breakfast Club to Hold 38th Annual Golf Classic



Join members of the Cookeville Breakfast Club at the 38th Annual Cookeville Breakfast Rotary Golf Classic on September 11 and 12 at the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagle Golf Club.

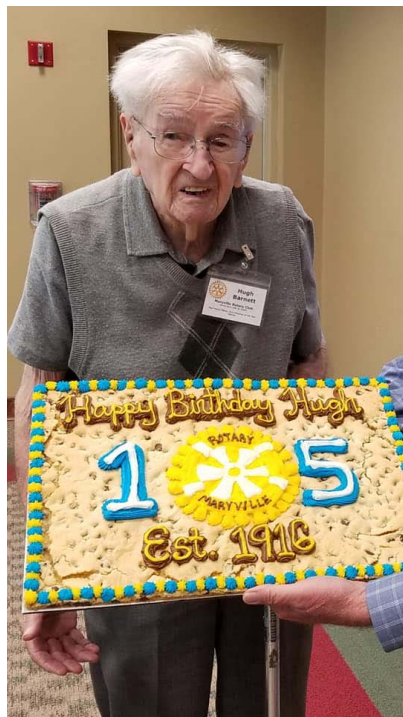
The Golden Eagle Golf Club is open to the public. The 6600-yard, par 70 layout offers four sets of tees, providing unique challenges for every level of play. The course is conveniently located near Interstate 40 and Highway 111 at 1500 Country Club Road (just off Tenth Street) in Golden Eagle.

this is a two-day, two-person scramble event. The entry fee is \$200 per team and includes a free practice round and lunch both days as well as free range balls and goodie bags. Hold-in-one and closest-to-pin on par 3s prize will be awarded, and all flights will pay first, second, and third place prizes. The entry fee must be paid prior to the practice round.

All proceeds from this event will benefit local youth.

Maryville Rotarian Hugh Barnett Celebrates 105th Birthday

At 105 Hugh Barnett may be the oldest Rotarian in East Tennessee, and the Maryville Club is happy to claim him as a member. The Club welcomed Hugh at its



August 11 meeting to celebrate his 105th birthday with a giant birthday cookie.

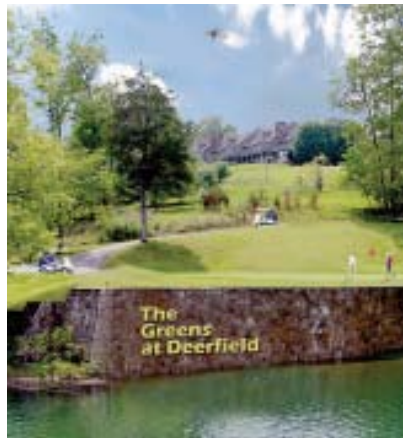
Even at 105 Hugh's sharp wit was evident when Melanie Tucker, reporter for *The Daily Times*, asked him, "Do you feel like you're 105?". He hesitated briefly before responding, "Well, I don't know. I've never been here before. What is 105 supposed to feel like?"

Born August 14, 1916, in Holly Springs, Mississippi, Hugh joined the Manhattan Project in Oak Ridge in 1943 after earning a degree in civil engineering from the University of Mississippi. He celebrated his 29th birthday in 1945 on the same day President Harry Truman announced the unconditional surrender of Japan following the bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima and ending World War II. Fuel for those bombs was made in Oak Ridge.

Hugh has been a Rotarian since 1979 and is an honored active member of the Maryville Club. His two sons, Lee and Larry, attended the Wednesday meeting

with him. Happy Birthday, Hugh!

Hit Some Balls with the South Campbell County Club



The South Campbell County Club will hold the Tommy C. Stiner Memorial Golf Outing on Wednesday, October 6, at the Greens at Deerfield in LaFollette. Colonel Tommy C. Stiner (US Army Ret.) was a champion of the human condition, a patriot in the truest sense of the word.

The Greens at Deerfield is a Par 71 6,700-yard championship public golf course. Its bent grass greens and Bermuda fairways are in superb condition, and the views of Norris Lake are incredible.

The entry fee for this four-person scramble is \$400 and includes greens fees, a sleeve of balls, a light lunch, and drinks. The winning team will be awarded \$800. Each team must have a handicap of no less than a combined total of 30.

Additional prizes will be awarded. Closest to the Pin on selected Par 3 and Longest Drive on the selected Par 5 will win \$50 prizes.

Entry deadline is Wednesday, October 6. Tee time for the shotgun start is 1:00 PM EDT. The entry fee must be received with the entry form by October 6.

Catch a Wave of Good Vibrations!

Join the Fairfield Glade Rotarians at their Music Festival at the Grove and enjoy the music of Sail On, the most booked Beach Boys tribute band in the world. Catch the waves and the good vibrations at 100 Stonehenge Drive in Fairfield Glade from 2:00 to 6:00 PM CDT on September 18.

Advance tickets are \$15, \$20 at the gate. Tickets may be purchased at the Fairfield Glade Center, Christy's Pub Grub, First National Bank of Tennessee, from any Fairfield Glade Club member, or online at [Facebook.com/fgmusicfestival](https://www.facebook.com/fgmusicfestival).



The event will feature beer, wine, and food trucks.