

Rotary District 6780 News



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District Governor's February Message



Earlier this month it was cold, it was dark, it was snowy, it was just downright blah outside. Our Tennessee weather was less than pleasant, so my mind wandered to warmer climates. Hawaii has some pretty nice weather (as depicted in this month's photo), but one important part of our trips to the Big Island is the feeling of peace and harmony that permeates the land and the island's variety of environments.

February is **Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution** month in the Rotary calendar. Well over 70 million people in the world are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations and half of them are children. As Rotarians, we refuse to accept conflict as a way of life.

Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts. Peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect.

By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict - including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources. We approach the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of what we mean by peacebuilding, and finding more ways for people to get involved. Rotary helps create environments where peace can happen.

Our district has many strong ties to Rotary's peacebuilding and conflict prevention efforts. Several of our district Rotarians have contributed in significant ways to the Rotary Peace Centers. Our district and our clubs are active in peacebuilding and conflict prevention projects, including sponsoring a Positive Peace global grant in Mexico, support of positive peace projects in Colombia, sponsoring peace building projects in Mexico through the 100 in 100 Program, and sponsoring the new Rotaractor Positive Peace global grant here in the United States. Past District Governor Jim Roxlo (who is one of only a handful of trained Positive Peace Activators in the Rotary world!) is leading the charge on this exciting program with Rotaractors from multiple districts and states. With people like Jim helping to lead the way, District 6780 will continue to be a major player in peacebuilding and conflict prevention for years to come.

DG Ron and Karen



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2021 Rotary International Convention Now Virtual

The Rotary International Convention, scheduled for 12-16 June 2021, in Taipei, Taiwan, will now be a **virtual event** in response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19.

From the RI Board of Directors: We are sorry that we will not see you in Taipei this year, but this decision, made by the Rotary Board of Directors, is necessary to protect the health of everyone involved. We will share more details about the 2021 Rotary International Virtual Convention soon.

More information can be found at <https://convention.rotary.org/en/taipei>.

Rotary Focuses on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Rotary International has been working for the past few years on ways to significantly address the needs for more diverse, equitable and inclusive representation of under-represented groups in our clubs and in our leadership positions throughout our organization. Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) will be a significant focus in Rotary for 2021-22 and beyond.

Rotary International has developed a document (below) that provides an overview of actions and opportunities that have been developed, and continued to be developed, to address those needs. District 6780 fully supports the goals and objectives of Rotary in this effort and will work toward increased awareness and action by our district leadership and by our clubs. [Read More](#)

Celebrate Spring at District Golf Tournament May 7



Join District Governor Ron Appuhn and other District leaders for a day of fun, food, and fellowship at our Signature Polio Plus Fundraiser and Golf Tournament Friday, May 7, at the Avalon Golf and Country Club.

Prizes will be awarded for the Governor's Cup, first and second place in two flights, Hold-in-One, Closest-to-the Pin, team with the highest score, and door prizes. To win the Governor's Cup competing teams must be composed of all Rotarians from the same club. The winning team will retain the Cup for the year following the tournament. The following

year the cup will be returned to the club sponsoring the Governor's Cup. Teams competing for, but not winning, the cup will be eligible for flight awards.

Governor Ron is asking that every club be a hole sponsor. Hole sponsorships are \$300 and offer district recognition, a hole sign with the club name, and opportunity to contribute to goodie bags.

Sponsorship levels are as follows:

- Gift Sponsor - \$3,000. Benefits include logo on player gifts and recognition at the tournament and in the District Newsletter, which goes out to 6,500 Rotarians.
- Awards Sponsor - \$2000. Benefits include logo on player gifts and recognition at the tournament and in the District Newsletter.
- Lunch Sponsor - \$1,500. Benefits include prominent signage across the dining area and recognition at the tournament and in the District Newsletter.
- Hole-in-One Sponsor - \$750. Benefits include prominent signage at the prize hole and recognition at the tournament and in the District Newsletter.
- Prize Hole Sponsor - \$400. Benefits include signage at all prize holes and recognition at the tournament and in the District Newsletter.
- Hole Sponsor - \$300. Benefits include hole sponsor sign and recognition in the District Newsletter.

The cost to participate is \$100 per player or \$400 per team. Includes lunch and a goodie

bag. Lunch will begin at 11:00 AM, and Shotgun starts at 1:00 PM.

Avalon Golf and Country Club is located at 700 Turnberry Circle, Lenoir City. To register, make checks payable to District 6780 District Golf Tournament and mail to Jenifer Campbell, 12515 Choto Mill Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922. Send email to hackettj@aol.com.

World Rotaract Week Set for March 8-14



World Rotaract Week is an annual celebration of the success and importance of Rotaract in communities around the world. Join the experience March 8-14, 2021, to connect with others and share your celebrations. Learn four ways that you can take action and observe World Rotaract Week this year on the [Rotaract Facebook page](#).

Knoxville Volunteer Club Honored for Tennessee River Clean-Up

The Keep the Tennessee River Beautiful (KTNRB) recently announced that the Knoxville Volunteer Club has earned East Tennessee's Adopt a River Mile Ripple Effect Award for its commitment to protecting and preserving the Tennessee River. Throughout the year, club members have gathered to clean up trash and debris along the Tennessee River.



In the Second Annual Tennessee River Ripple Effect Awards, winners, including the Rotary Club, were recognized in nine categories across the Tennessee River watershed's seven-state span.

◆The Tennessee River is a precious resource that impacts everyone living within its watershed and beyond, so it's only fitting that our award recipients come from so many different walks of life. We're proud to recognize this year's recipients, who have demonstrated good stewardship of our waterways even through a pandemic, ◆ said Kathleen Gibi, KTNRB Executive Director.

The goal of the awards is to inspire new river champions through sharing the winners' success stories, thus the concept behind the ◆Ripple Effect◆ title. Rotary Club members hope their efforts will inspire others and create a ◆ripple effect◆ of service in their region.

Achieve Your Professional Development Goals in the New Year



Become a more effective presenter, communicator, and leader by taking a series of courses developed exclusively for Rotary by the experts at Toastmasters International. These courses in Rotary's Learning Center will help you grow professionally and personally. They include:

- [Develop a Speech](#), on developing content based on your topic, audience, and goals;
- [Deliver a Speech](#), on the basics of giving a speech;

- [Inspirational Speech](#), on how to engage, persuade, or inspire an audience;
- [Interpersonal Communication and Networking](#), on building and maintaining professional relationships and networks;
- [Leadership Basics](#), on topics like motivating others, integrity, and team inclusiveness;
- [Leading a Team](#), on creating a positive environment, setting goals, and delegating;
- [Collaboration](#), on understanding and developing leadership and collaboration skills;
- [Building Consensus](#), on developing skills needed for effective and inclusive leadership.

Expand your opportunities by building your skills!

Rotary International Insurance News



With over 35,000 clubs in 180 countries, Rotary does an exceptional job of managing its corporate affairs. RI provides clubs with bylaws, customs, policies and procedures, training, and online and phone support to ensure that clubs are following guidelines, which protect not only clubs, but everyone else involved in Rotary.

Still, things can go wrong. So districts, clubs, and their boards should have Directors' and Officers' Liability. If a club board makes a decision that somehow results in bodily injury (which might include personal injury such as libel, slander, defamation of character, and advertising injury, such as copyright infringement) or property damage to a third party, the club as well as its individual board members can be held liable. These types of claims are increasing in our country because of the litigious society in which we live.

The RI insurance policy provides \$2,000,000 coverage per claim after a \$25,000 self-insured retention (basically, a deductible). The self-insured retention is paid by all clubs as part of our annual RI dues. The total that the policy will pay in one Rotary year ♦ the aggregate limit ♦ is \$20,000,000.

The amount clubs pay is adjusted annually, based primarily on claims history. It is important to note that there is no coverage anywhere in the RI policy for claims related to viruses, so we need to be especially aware of how the things we do affect others during the COVID-19 pandemic.