

Rotary District 6780 News



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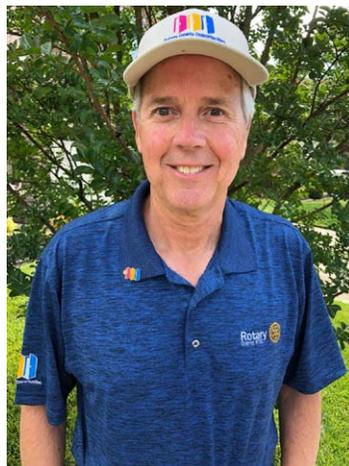
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Send stories about your club's project and activities to 6780News@gmail.com.

District Governor's January Message



The calendar has flipped from 2020 to 2021, along with challenges and opportunities. The challenges and consequences of the pandemic continue to affect all of us every day. We have lost several Rotarians, family members, and friends, and this reminds us that the people we know, we love, and we serve are the most important part of our lives.

Opportunities are also available in these times. For example, January is Vocational Service month in the Rotary calendar.

Rotary's vocational service programs connect professions and professional networks with our Rotary club activities and use our expertise to address community problems and help others discover new vocational opportunities and interests. Rotary emphasizes integrity and high ethical standards in business. Two useful tools for assessing our performance in these areas are [The Four-Way Test](#) and the [Rotarian Code of Conduct](#).

Our district has re-formed the Vocational Service Committee, which has made presentations to district leadership groups, to the club presidents, and on the January 14 district Facebook Live meeting. Let's take this opportunity to revisit Vocational Service and bring this avenue of service more into focus in our clubs in the months and years ahead. Please contact committee chair Richard Bettis (rwbettis@gmail.com) for more information.

We have just over five months left in this Rotary year of **Rotary Opens Opportunities**. Every day is precious and gives us an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those in need. We need to be positive and be engaged and I know each one of you can meet that challenge and turn opportunities into positive

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actions. Stay safe and be healthy!

DG Ron and Karen

Calendar of Events

Jan 30 Club Presidents ♦ Mid-Year Leadership Meeting (virtual)
Jan 31 RI dues payment due to RI
Jan 31 District grants submissions due
Feb 6 Rotary Leadership Institute II, part 1 of 2 (virtual)
Feb 13 Rotary Leadership Institute II, part 2 of 2 (virtual)
Feb 15 District dues payment due to district
Feb 20 District Team Training Seminar (virtual)
Feb 23 Rotary ♦s Birthday ♦ World Understanding and Peace Day

District Seeks Candidates for Rotary Global Scholar Grant

The District 6780 Education Committee is seeking candidates for the Rotary Global Scholar Grant for 2021-2022. District Designated Funds are currently committed for one scholar, and our district contributions are matched by The Rotary Foundation World Fund. The minimum award is \$30,000.

Qualified candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Must be available for graduate level study outside the United States in a qualified Rotary International district;
- May not be a Rotarian, lineal descendent (child or grandchild), or Rotary employee;
- Must be committed to studying in one of Rotary's seven areas of focus;
- Must be sponsored by a grant-qualified Rotary Club in District 6780;
- Must begin study within six months of notification of grant award;
- Must live in the immediate vicinity of study institution;
- Must complete all required reports during and after scholarship period;
- Must have a sponsor counselor and host sponsor counselor;
- Must complete interviewed by the District Scholarship Committee;
- Application for funding grant must be accompanied by the sponsor club's letter of recommendation;

Scholarship applications must be accompanied by letter of acceptance from the school of choice.

Information and the application are available on the District 6780 website (www.rotarydistrict6780.com) under Grants: Global Scholar Program.

The deadline for the application is February 28, 2021.

Rotary: Sowing Seeds of Peace

By Fergal McCarthy, Peace Programs Manager, Rotary International

Many people use the end of one year to reflect on things they would like to accomplish in the coming year. What better resolution than to sow the seeds of peace in 2021?



A peace mural in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico. The mural is part of a project initiated in 2017 by Yesenia Uribe Rochel, of the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Juarez Emprende, which she helped to found in 2019. The project is designed to promote leadership, open minds, and develop resiliency in the community.

Peace underscores much of the work that Rotary members do in improving their communities around the world. Rotary's peacebuilding initiatives seek to create environments where lasting peace is possible. We do this by continually investing in sustainable and measurable peace programs throughout

our communities and across the globe; by creating an extensive network of peacebuilders and community leaders dedicated to peace and conflict prevention; and by providing Rotarians with several avenues in which they can actively participate in peacebuilding processes within their communities.

We believe that if Rotarians and concerned citizens mobilize locally to create peace, change can happen globally. Here are 10 ways you can be an everyday peacebuilder. ([Check out an expanded list here](#)).

1. Enroll in the [Rotary Positive Peace Academy](#).
2. Read the [Positive Peace club presentation](#) and [facilitator's guide](#) and share the presentation with your club
3. Help [recruit and endorse worthy candidates](#) for the Rotary Peace Fellowship
4. Seek out any [Rotary Peace Fellows](#) who live or work in your district and invite them to collaborate on your club's next peacebuilding project they can offer invaluable help on the planning and implementation of the peacebuilding project.
5. Check out the Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association [website](#), where you can access the [Online Speaker Database](#) to find peace fellows globally who can give a virtual presentation to your club.

6. Encourage your district to become a [Global Peacebuilder District](#).
7. Start an [Inter-Country committee](#) (ICC) or a [Rotary Friendship Exchange](#) between your district and a district in another country, or create a [Rotary Fellowship](#).
8. Work with [young leaders](#) to promote global understanding and peace.
9. Engage with a local [Rotaract club](#) and implement a service project that fosters understanding within and across cultures.
10. Work with one of our peacebuilding partner organizations: [Mediators Beyond Borders International \(MBBI\)](#), [ShelterBox](#), the [Peace Corps](#), and [Ashoka](#).

Globe Club Award Forms Are Now Available on District Website

In spite of the myriad challenges to international collaboration during a global pandemic, our district clubs continue to work on international projects, and the district awards committee looks forward to reading about that work. Report forms for the Globe Club Award are posted on the District website. Contact Catherine Colby (catherineLcolby@gmail.com or text/call 423-315-2117) for suggestions for an online international program. The submission deadline is **May 17, 2021**.

Lafayette Club to Help Provide Drinking Water for Local School

Two Macon County High School FCCLA sophomores, Morgan Blankenship and Kelsey Nance, presented an opportunity for the Lafayette Club to help in their fundraising efforts to provide water stations around the high school.

Water fountains are not available due to COVID-19 safety precautions, so students must either fill their water bottles in the bathroom sink, where the water has not been tested for lead, or they must purchase a bottle of water at \$1.25. Many students do not have the funds to purchase water each day. The proposed water stations will provide safe, free drinking water for all students.

The Lafayette Club will donate funds to provide one station, and Macon Community Hospital has agreed to match Rotary's funds, providing an additional station at the high school. Club members were impressed with Morgan and Kelsey's efforts to provide this recourse to students.

Knoxville Club Continues Support for

Community of Beaumont Elementary

The Knoxville Club's Local Community Service Committee is collecting funds for the children at Beaumont Elementary. After consulting with the school, it has come to light that January and February are the most difficult months for Beaumont families because, although they often receive lots of support during the holiday season, come January some have to choose between paying rent or purchasing food. The committee is working to support these families and to ensure the children have food to eat in this uncertain time.

Rotarians Celebrate the Holidays with Service Above Self

Kids Mattered for Cookeville Sunset Club

The Cookeville Sunset Club helped out with the Kids Matter Christmas party in December. Club members provided pizza and snacks for the children to take home for the winter school break. They also helped the kids decorate cookies and Christmas cards. Each Christmas card was for a child to give to someone special in their life. One child chose to give his card to a teacher, another chose a guardian, and one addressed her card to a step-mom. Lt. Jeff Johnson with Cookeville Police Department helped as well.

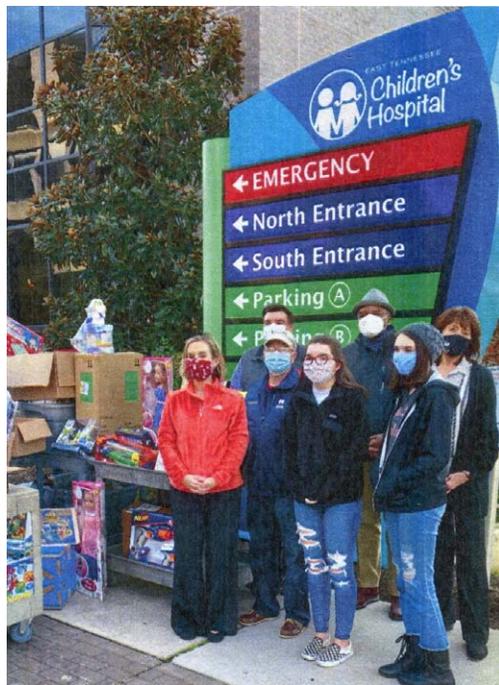


Club members were happy to help out and look forward to helping again next year.

Farragut Club Took Toys to Sick Kids

Members of the Farragut Club delivered 355 Christmas gifts to children in the East Tennessee Children's Hospital (ETCH). Their goal was to have 152 new toys donated so each young patient at ETCH would have a toy on their bed on Christmas morning.

However, Project Coordinator Scott Bertini and friends unloaded 355 toys at the hospital. ETCH has 152 beds, and after Santa has left those toys for the kids, the other toys were shared with ETCH.



patients in home health care, in physical therapy, or those who are part of the hospital's Adopt-A-Family program (as well as

siblings).

Club members also passed monetary donations along to ETCH. Salsarita's is matching the club's \$1,450 donation with two-for-one (i.e., \$2,900) in food gift coupons for the ETCH "Adopt a Family" program. An additional \$2,750 was donated by various club members and their businesses.

Farragut Club's Christmas Bell Ringing Collected Wads of Money for Salvation Army

Their bells are silent in now, but before Christmas shoppers jammed the Salvation Army red kettle at Kroger's with cash as a few hearty Farragut Club members braved a cold and cloudy Saturday to ring bells.

Pulling shifts were Cindy Kraus, President Ed Jones, Past President Jim O'Brien, Brian Elton and son Bennett, Scott Bertini and Elf Son Noah, and Dan Barnett. The project was directed by Mike Singletary.

According to Brian Elton, "The kettle was jammed with cash some big bills, too lots of \$5s, \$10s, and \$20s were getting stuffed in there. Some people would get all the way to their cars, realize they didn't give and come all the way back. One lady in particular parked in front of the kettle and got out to stuff a wad of bills in. My son, Bennett, had to go in Kroger's and get chop sticks from the sushi bar to continuously keep the money tamped down!"

As for taking any pictures, Brian added: "We were too focused on keeping our hands warm to take pictures. constantly rotating bell hand and coat pocket hand."

By Cynthia Jeffers, District Insurance Representative



While 2020 had its challenges, several clubs in our district still found some remarkable ways to practice *service above self*. Every activity our clubs undertake presents an insurance exposure. One of the main ones is Non-Owned Auto Liability.

Purple Pinkie Day with club members delivering donuts, the Jamestown club taking children on a Christmas shopping spree, the Farragut club taking toys to patients at Childrens Hospital any time a club member uses his or her own vehicle in a club-related activity, an exposure exists for the club. If the club member is involved in an at-fault accident while engaged in a club activity, the policy covering that vehicle provides primary coverage.

However, it is possible that the injured party can sue the club, basically for allowing that club member to drive! The club didn't teach the member how to drive or tell them to get in an accident it's obvious that it wasn't intentional but the club could be sued as a way to help the injured party collect what they feel is appropriate compensation for the accident.

The Rotary International insurance policy provides defense coverage and settlement costs for the club, up to \$2,000,000. It is important to note that this is liability coverage only; it does not cover club-owned vehicles for liability or physical damage coverage. For more information, contact district insurance representative Cyndi Jeffers, dcjeffers1@gmail.com.