

Rotary District 6780 News



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District Governor's June Message

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As we head into these final days of **Rotary Opens Opportunities**, reflection on what has been or what could have been is a natural train of thought. We had high hopes of a great year with a great theme and a great group of clubs and Rotarians. The pandemic changed our course, but it did not change our passion for Rotary and for helping people in need.

The 2020-21 year was certainly a challenge, but our Rotarians refused to accept anything less than doing their very best under the circumstances. Clubs helped in so many ways in their communities, often with direct support of COVID-related health projects, feeding the hungry, and helping others in distress. Our club presidents and our assistant governors showed their individual talents as they led the clubs through difficult times by staying positive and being engaged.

Rotary is a very large international organization, and as such it cannot always be all things to all people. But with its wide array of services and connections and good people, Rotary can provide something for every person, whether it be for service, for networking, for socialization, for professional development, for ethics, or for any combination. Rotary is indeed our **Teddy Bear** of opportunities for all of us and for our communities by bringing happy thoughts, hope and smiles through our fellowship, integrity, diversity, leadership, and service.



We have superb Rotarians throughout our district. The next Rotary year will be truly spectacular under the leadership of incoming District Governor Cindy Gammons of Lafayette. The future of District 6780 is bright!

I am honored to have served as your District Governor this year. Karen and I thank you for your support and for your hard work during this last year, and we wish you all the very best in the years ahead.

DG Ron and Karen

District Celebration Coming June 26!

District Governor Ron Appuhn invites you to attend our District 6780 Celebration on Saturday, June 26, in the Bishop Center at the Webb School of Knoxville. This will be a hybrid event, but you must register to attend either in person or by Zoom. The celebration event will begin promptly at 1:30 PM EDT and should conclude around 4:00 PM EDT.

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We have much to celebrate this year! Although it has been a year of challenges, our Rotary clubs and our Rotarians have continued to demonstrate "service above self" and have completed many service projects locally and internationally. Over 50 clubs are expected to have earned at least one award! Additionally, we will remember those



Rotarians who passed this year, we will hear about our youth in action, and we will recognize our current and future leaders for our clubs and our district.

A special part of our celebration will be the installation and pinning ceremony for our 2021-22 district governor team of District Governor Cindy Gammons (Lafayette), District Governor-elect Al Clark (Franklin County AM), and District Governor-nominee Susie Cantrell (Cookeville Sunset). Their energy and enthusiasm will lead our district to even greater heights in the years ahead!

Our Celebration event is free of charge, but you must be registered to attend in person.

Please register to attend by Zoom at this link:

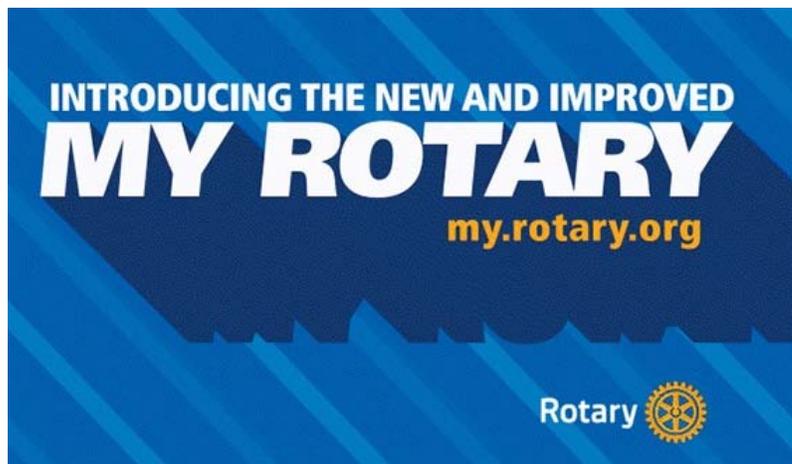
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My Rotary Has New Look and More Functionality

By David Peterson, Club and District Support Manager, and Victoria Schiffman, Member and Club Management Product Owner, Rotary International
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Imagine this: You meet a fellow Rotarian at an event. You are interested in collaborating on a project and promise to follow up. A few days later, you realized you've misplaced their contact information. Now what?

You could search Google or social media. You may even try to call us, hoping Rotary International could help, but we can't share our members' information. So now what?



You go to the newly updated My Rotary website and use the member search function to find that member! You can search by name, location, role or club. And based on that member's privacy settings, you can make an instant connection.

This is just one of the many updates we recently made to My Rotary - our

members-only website for Rotarians and Rotaractors. The site has been around for a long time, providing access to resources, tools and information that improve the membership experience. Over the years though, we'd hear that it was too slow, hard to navigate, and difficult to use. Our members were frustrated and My Rotary was no longer meeting their needs.

So, we set out to give you what you asked for. And this month, we launched an improved My Rotary.

Many of the initial changes are focused on functionality for club officers since they are the site's heaviest users. But there are plenty of improvements that all members can benefit from. My Rotary is now faster and easier to use. It's more accessible from mobile devices. It even has an updated look and feel. It also has improved member profiles and security settings so you easily make connections with other members, while also protecting your personal information. No more missed connections!

It's simple.

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Partnering Clubs Provide Clean Water for Haiti



◆ During the past decade, District 6780 Rotarians have participated in Rotary projects to provide clean water for families in Haiti, ◆ says Jim Palmer, member of Oak Ridge Breakfast Club. ◆ We would like to give you an update on the progress of this important work and the continuance of the program despite the current disastrous outbreak of civil unrest in Haiti. ◆

Oak Ridge Breakfast Club received a simplified district grant in 2012 for a clean-water project in Haiti. Partnering with the Children's Nutrition Program, the club oversaw the building and installation of 103 bio-sand water filters in 2012.

When installed and used correctly, bio-sand filters can remove up to 99.99 percent of all disease-causing pathogens. The filters are made of simple materials, all available in Haiti: sand, gravel and cement. When these life-changing filters are installed in Haitian homes, they can provide clean water for five or more people for up to

10 years.

In 2014, Oak Ridge Breakfast Club, Oak Ridge Sunset Club and Fairfield Glade Club received a \$70,000 grant from Rotary International. The three clubs teamed with Saint Marc Rotary Club of Haiti and partnered with Clean Water for Haiti (CWH) to install nearly 1,000 bio-sand water filters

In 2017, the Oak Ridge Club and Clinton Club joined Oak Ridge Breakfast, Oak Ridge Sunset and Fairfield Glade Clubs in the clean -water project. The five clubs received an additional \$70,000 grant from Rotary International. They teamed with the Montrouis Rotary Club of Haiti and partnered with CWH to build and install another 1,000 bio-sand water filters. Achieving significant production efficiencies, Clean Water for Haiti was able to build and install 1,734 filters with the grant funds. [Read More](#)

District Rotarians Provide Prosthetic Hands in the Dominican Republic

As part of a District-wide initiative the Chattanooga Rotary collaborated with the Ellen Meadows Prosthetic Hand Foundation last April by delivering prosthetic hands and conducting training and fittings in the Dominican Republic. This effort is part of a larger Rotary-wide partnership supporting the Ellen Meadows Prosthetic Hand Foundation with the goal of providing free prosthetic hands globally to people with no access to such quality devices.



Chattanooga Rotarian Dr. Catherine Colby along with Emory Evans, a graduate student in Public Health at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, were initially working on the Chattanooga Rotary's ongoing potable water projects in the Dominican Republic when this opportunity arose. Colby and Evans realized that the lead Dominican water educators, trained by the Chattanooga Rotary nearly ten years ago, also have the compassion, capacity and interest to be volunteer promoters and ambassadors for the Ellen Meadows Prosthetic Hand Foundation.

Nurse Michel Marcel, a dynamic Haitian-Dominican educator for Rotary, completed the online prosthetic trainings and has become the professional lead for this project, finding people who need hands, fitting them, and showing them the various grasps for different activities to assist in daily life.

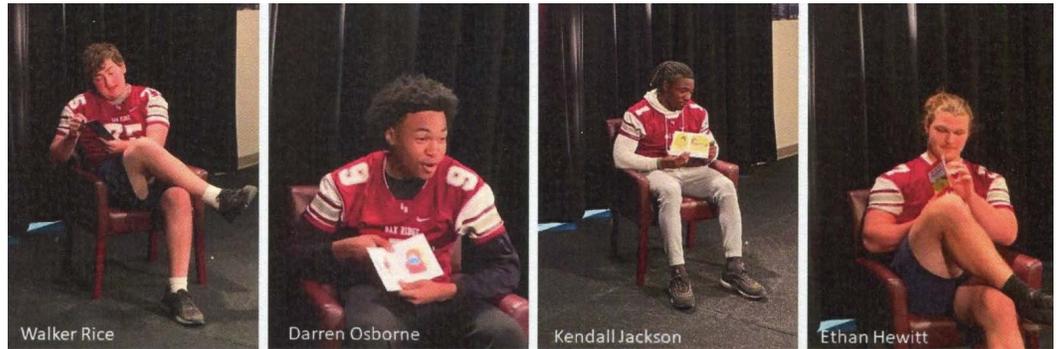
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The Oak Ridge Club Teams Up with Football Players to Promote Literacy

Recently the Oak Ridge High School Wildcat Football rising senior class, along with head football Coach Joe Gaddis, took part in a virtual reading project in partnership with The Rotary Club of Oak Ridge and Oak Ridge Schools Preschool.

Here is how this project began. The Oak Ridge Schools Preschool needed additional books and supplies. They also needed volunteers to read to their students. The Rotary Club learned about the need and devised a plan to help.

Rotary members purchased age-appropriate books and additional supplies for the school.



Because of COVID-19, they were unable to visit the Preschool to read with the students, so club members videotaped themselves reading those books to share with students.

Then the Club decided to present the opportunity to the ORHS Wildcat Football team, who eagerly accepted. The only thing better than an adult reading to a child is a teenager taking time to read to a child. All the better if that teenager happens to be an ORHS football player!

Rising Wildcat Seniors: Tyrese Allmon, Gabriel Bradshaw, Luke Calhoun, Ethan Hewitt, Zaylon Hill, Kendall Jackson, Markus Melton, JK Morgan, Jacob Oldham, Darren Osborne, and Walker Rice were videotaped in the ORHS studio while reading various preschool books to be shared with students at the Preschool.

Planning is underway to have more ORHS students participate in this virtual reading project, and the students are excited to have the opportunity to inspire future Wildcats with the love of reading. Both the Rotary Club and the Wildcat Football Team appreciate the support of the ORHS administration as well as Mr. Kolodney for the use of the school studio for the video recordings.

The Chattanooga Hamilton Place Club Honors Teachers



Each year the Chattanooga Hamilton Place Club honors teachers in its Influential Educator Awards event. The club honored teachers from five local high schools. The honorees were three-time honoree Paul Hadfield of Boyd Buchanan School, Amanda Renslow of Collegedale Academy, three-time honoree Alex Ford of East Hamilton High School, Audri Wood of Ooltewah High School, and Jana Herron of Silverdale Baptist Academy.

The 2021 seniors selected these individuals because of their unselfish devotion to school activities, unconditional concern for students, and impeccable character. Students involved in the nominations had the privilege of introducing their teachers and highlighting

how each teacher made a positive impact in shaping their life.

Pictured L to R: First row - Audri Wood, Amanda Renslow, Jana Herron, Paul Hadfield. Second row - Beverlee Bartley, President of Rotary Club of Chattanooga Hamilton Place; Brigitte Thurman, Rotarian and Program Chair. Not pictured is Alex Ford

The Knoxville Club Hosts First Annual **Spring Cirqtacular** at Zoo Knoxville

On Thursday, May 20, the Rotary Club of Knoxville held the First Annual **Spring Cirqtacular** Fundraiser for the Rotary Foundation of Knoxville. Guests were treated to an exciting evening at Zoo Knoxville, with gibbon training and tiger enrichment demonstrations, tours of the new ARC facility, and animal encounters with an African crested porcupine and a blue and gold macaw.



Jugglers, fire-breathers, stilt-walkers, and acrobats from Dragonfly Aerial and Circus Arts Studio performed throughout the event, culminating after dinner in aerial performances accompanied by live opera singers.

The club Fundraising Committee, chaired by Brent Midyett, raised over \$50,000 for the Foundation, and the Spring Cirqtacular is expected to become an annual event. Make plans to join us in May 2022 for the second Annual Spring Cirqtacular!

Wine on the Plateau Succeeds Another Year

If you weren't at the Fairfield Glade Rotary Club's Wine on the Plateau event on Saturday, May 22, you were just about the only one.



Nearly 800 people attended this popular Wine on the Plateau event to support Fairfield Glade Rotary and enjoy the gorgeous and hot, but graciously breezy, afternoon with good cheers and happy chatter.

This year the event was al fresco, held in The Square in Fairfield Glade. The Square has plenty of shade trees as well as picnic tables and pavilions for the wine, beer and food tastings, and scores of attendees gathered, talked, imbibed and sampled the menus from local eateries.

Wine on the Plateau serves as a fundraiser for the Fairfield Glade Club's community projects, such as support Hospice of Cumberland County, Avalon Center, Bread of Life Ministries, Imagination Library, Art Guild of Fairfield Glade, Fairfield Glade Fire Department, and providing scholarships to local graduating high school seniors, among others.

As Rotary members took turns serving and taking part in the event, attendees strolled from vendor to vendor to find the perfect pairing of wine and appetizers that would sate their winery taste buds. Of course, craft beers and Ole Smokey Moonshine were also available.

The event was hosted by Dave Kirk Automotive, Cumberland Eye Care, Zurich Homes, Crossville Kroger, First National Bank of Tennessee, Weichert Realtors, Knoxville Orthopaedic Clinic, Atchley Insurance, First Bank and Flynn Sign Co. and vended by Chestnut Hill Winery, Peavine Wine & Spirits, Good Times Wine, Spirits & Brew, Swing On Brewing Co.

Rotary International Insurance News



Now that more Americans are getting their COVID-19 vaccinations and cases are declining, Rotary clubs and districts are planning for more live events, which means that requests will be received for Certificates of Insurance.

A Certificate of Insurance (COI) is a form that provides an outline of insurance coverages. It is a standard requirement in contracts for the use of event facilities such as an auditorium or community park. Often these contracts also require that the certificate holder be listed as "Additional Insured", which means that if the facility owner is brought into a claim or lawsuit for damage or injury resulting from the club's or district's use of the facilities, the insurance policy will cover the owner just as it will cover the club or district, up to the limit of coverage provided.

Rotary International (RI) makes getting a Certificate of Insurance easy. To apply just go to the RI insurance website (<https://rotary.ajg.com/>) and, after you log in, click on the link [2020-2021 Certificate of Insurance](#). The COI is filled in for you except for three areas: the date, the name of the club, and the certificate holder's information (full name of business or individual, mailing address, phone, and e-mail address). Applicants may not make any changes to the coverages or add any additional wording. This is because people often try to customize these forms and the forms end up not being valid.

If you do not have the user ID and password for the RI insurance website, please call or e-mail Cyndi Jeffers (865-679-4668 or dcjeffers1@gmail.com), who will be happy to issue the COI for you or answer any questions about contract requirements.