



## Governors Message for September

By Deborah L Williams

### Celebrating Basic Education and Literacy



Greetings Rotary Clubs of District 6890,

Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy month! Basic education and literacy are one of Rotary's seven areas of focus and essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

Sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17% of the World's adult population. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

So now, you are asking yourself what can my club do to promote basic education and literacy this month within the communities which we live and serve?

Schedule speakers related to literacy and here are some possible topics:

- Report on your club's local literacy goals and activities
- Update your club on your international literacy work,
- Share a local innovative educational program,
- Ask a local public librarian to share the impact of COVID or programming for the new year
- Recognize organizations that focus on literacy. Examples:

A. Read in Color <https://littlefreelibrary.org/read-in-color/>

We also know that books can be a window into experiences that are different from our own.

A. Read Ineed <https://www.facebook.com/readindeed/>

COVID requires creativity! In the last 6 months, Read Ineed's President Ryan has filled many of the area's Little Free Libraries with over 2,000 books--giving kids who are distance learning access to books that they would otherwise not be able to enjoy!

A. Bridge to Books <https://www.bridgetobooks.com/>

- Community Education speaker on local literacy activities
- Invite Speakers to address other types of literacy
- Ask local schools officials to talk about Education equity

1. Continue the Back-to-School and After-School activities as well as expanding your Reading Programs at all educational levels within your communities where you live and Serve to Change Lives. For an example; Dictionary projects, Reading to the children in the museums, libraries, classrooms and young adults at the trade and vocational schools etc. These are the most basic programs that we can offer to our children and young adults.

Remember:

Basic Education and knowledge are the foundation of life's experiences. When you teach somebody how to read, they have that for a lifetime. It ripples through the community, one by one. The Rotary Foundation supports education through scholarships, donations, and service projects around the world. Rotary members make amazing things happen, like: Opening schools in India particularly for the girls to break the cycle of poverty and social imbalance and Rotarians have been building libraries in Honduras so the children particularly girls can get an education to improve their quality of life.

Rotary knows that literacy is an essential ingredient for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace. Since 2002, Rotarians have provided resources and skills to advance literacy in communities worldwide by. Providing books and educational materials; Building and supporting schools.

Rotary T-E-A-C-H. Teacher Support, E -Learning, Adult Literacy, Child Development and Happy Schools. Join BelRAG. BelRAG needs your support, join us to create a sustainable network of effective literacy practitioners throughout the world.

The word BeRAG stands for Basic Education & Literacy Rotarian Action Group. We are a network of Rotarians throughout the world who have a special interest in acting upon the mission and goals of Rotary International related to. Alleviate illiteracy, enhancing literacy teaching and learning globally.

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So, you see, The Rotary Foundation promotes education and literacy for all by Ensuring that children have access to quality basic education, reducing gender disparity in education, increasing adult literacy, strengthening the capacity of communities to support basic education, and supporting studies related to basic education and literacy.

More importantly since the start of COVID our Clubs in District 6890 have been innovative and creative. They have displayed the passion to ensure our children and young adults get the resources they need to receive these basic necessities.

**Yours in Rotary Service,  
Deborah L Williams  
Deborah L. Williams  
District Governor 2021-2022**

## Coffee with Rotary International Past President John Germ



District 6890 is honored to have RIPP John Germ as our zoom guest to discuss The Rotary Foundation and give our members an accurate and timely update.

### Polio and Rotary Foundation Update

All Rotarians are invited to Zoom together for a Coffee Hour with our Rotary Foundation Chair, Rotary International Past President John Germ on Saturday, October 9th at 9 am. John will update us all on where we are in our efforts to eradicate Polio and what is happening with The Rotary Foundation. It should be an interesting hour and we hope you can join us!

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87126593215?pwd=cHNINmM1OTNyNVB5emhBNURHZXBrUT09>

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# Rotary Leadership Institute Here in District 6890

October 16th 2021



Attend in person in your own District!!!

**ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**  
Keiser University  
2400 Interstate Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33805

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Class begins Saturday October 16th, promptly at 8:15 AM and will be completed by 4:00 PM. Breakfast and registration check-in starts at 7:45 AM.

Parts 1, 2, & 3 will be offered along with the Graduate class Facilitation Techniques  
Breakfast, Lunch and all materials for \$100

**[REGISTER HERE!](#)**

Comfort Inn and Suites  
3520 Hwy 98 N  
Lakeland, FL 33809  
863-859-0100

**Book by 9/15 for special \$129 rate**

## Rotary on the Ridge Celebrates Three Generations of Women



Rotary is in the News in Lake Wales Florida, as The Rotary on the Ridge Club is recognized for the Gillis family. Follow this link for the story of their three generations of women in service.

[Lake Wales News](#)



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## World Polio Day.... ways to get started!

By Mark Gilbert Scolnick on Monday, August 30, 2021

### Rotary Foundation News



What is the purpose of World Polio Day?

World Polio Day is observed on October 24 every year to raise awareness for polio vaccination and eradication of polio. It was established by Rotary International over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis.

We are almost near the finish line with only 2 countries left with one case of polio each this year. This is way down from the 125 countries and millions of cases when we started on this journey. We owe it to the children of the world to keep our promise to eradicate this debilitating disease!

To kick off the month, we are excited to have Past RI President and Current Chair of The Trustees of our Rotary Foundation joining us via Zoom for a one hour Zoom call on Oct 9th at 9:00 am. Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us with your family to hear the latest news on our Polio efforts in light of current events. Please register via the DACdb

We are also urging every club to participate in the following:

- 1- Submit a Proclamation to your local government and ask them to read it at a public meeting that your members can attend. Use that reading as a photo opportunity that you can then share on social media and in your local newspaper. This helps bring awareness to members, families, and your community. It is also something to celebrate at one of your meetings.
- 2- Go to <https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day> to download your WPD Toolkit. There are some great resources and ideas there for you to use. You can also register your activities there. This will let the world know how great your club is!
- 3- Use the World Polio Ideas shared in the August Rotary Foundation newsletter to select an activity to have some fun with while raising awareness and funds towards your Club's \$1500 contribution to our world wide Polio Plus effort.

We look forward to seeing your pictures and hearing about your activities. If you need any help, please reach out.

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## Rotary International Convention June 4-8 2022 Houston

By Winnie M. Marvel



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An International Convention held in the United States is a great opportunity for our American members to easily attend a Convention and experience the magic of this event. Once you attend one, you are always wondering how you can go every year! Each convention is years in the making and hosts dozens of renowned speakers, many special activities and countless opportunities for fellowship and learning.

Now is the time to gather your club members and plan a trip to Houston for what is sure to be the best Rotary experience of your life.

This year's convention will be held in Houston TX, June 4th through 8th of 2022. By going to the [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org) site you can easily schedule your attendance, your activities and your hotel. Rotary has negotiated with many local hotels and offer members special pricing. The host committee has planned many fun activities including a Rugby or a Soccer game, a museum outing, or tour the space center. But don't wait, as there is limited capacity on events and you don't want to miss out!

[Houston Convention Registration Page](#)

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## Basic Education and Literacy Month

By Duane Williams



Within Rotary our goal is to strengthen the capacities of our communities to support basic education, reduce gender disparity in education and increase child and adult literacy. We support these educational activities because they should be available as a given due to their great need for all with no cultural restrictions.

RI President Shekhar Mehta states that **◆**basic education and literacy is one of the Seven Areas of Focus. **◆** As Rotarians we know that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community, economic development and promoting peace.

Facts and goals speak for themselves, so imagine if,

- All women completed primary education, there would be 66% fewer maternal deaths.
- A child (girls or boys) born to a mother who can read is 50% more likely to survive past the age of five years old.
- All students in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills, 171 million people would be lifted out of poverty, which would be equivalent to a 12% cut in world poverty.

However, we as Rotarians cannot accomplish these above listed goals unless we maintain and increase our overall membership. There is strength in numbers, but much more can be achieved when those numbers are converted to true Rotarians. There are many ways to successfully find, recruit and retain members. You must find, meet, and recruit possible members where they are because you cannot force them to come to you. They can be found in grocery stores, the coffee shop, at the gas pump, in the bank, a restaurant or while getting your car serviced. Tell them the Rotary story or tell them your Rotary story. Through your deeds and words share with them how Rotary has changed the lives of people of many cultures, young and old, through sickness and health, locally, nationally, and internationally.

So many people are searching for a new mission or a way of sharing their time in giving back. If they are, then why not ask them to check out your Rotary Club. Invite them to Zoom or to breakfast, lunch, or dinner at your Club. Often, that **◆**s all it takes to recruit a volunteer, a member, or a Rotarian.

Remember, with growth comes strength and when you **◆**Grow More you can Do More. **◆** Let **◆**s continue to grow and give making this a great month for Basic Education and Literacy.

Yours In Rotary Service,

Duane Williams  
District Membership Chair 2021-2022  
Rotary District 6890

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## District 6890 Project Showcase

By Winnie M. Marvel

### Rotary Clubs of West Central Florida at Work

In July I requested information from the immediate Past Presidents of our District to share their favorite or best projects from the 2020-21 Rotary year. Last month, several clubs and their projects were featured. Here are a few more. I hope you enjoy seeing the hard work other clubs do right here in our area and gather a couple of ideas. This is by no means the only project any of these clubs do! I asked for one project from each club and one picture. If you like what you see, let them know! If your club is missing and you want to share your favorite project, please send it to me.

## August District News Broadcast

Friday, August 20, 2021



[WATCH HERE](#)

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## How You Can Get on Board with the Rotary License Plate

By Deborah G Meegan



A new specialty license plate featuring the iconic Rotary symbol is now available to members of Rotary Clubs ♦ as well as their families, friends and supporters ♦ with proceeds from their sale helping fund youth programs across eight Rotary Districts. We need to pre-sell 3,000 tags before production begins.

Adhering to the branding style of Rotary International, the new Florida Rotary license plate features the Rotary icon over a blue background and a series of multi-color waves at the bottom ♦ all symbolizing the water that surrounds the state and the diversity of our residents. The new license plate was signed into law in mid 2020, completing a multi-year effort by Rotary Florida District leaders who worked together to achieve this result. Leaders of Camp Florida, a Rotary-focused campground for children with disabilities, proposed the idea of having a Rotary Florida tag and worked on it from start to finish.

After being signed into law, the Rotary-inspired tag design underwent a process of official reviews by Rotary International and the Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, both of which approved the tag for pre-production in late 2020. The Rotary specialty tag now available in Florida shows that the spirit of Service Above Self remains strong among Rotarians, who saw this opportunity to fund youth-oriented programs using the ubiquitous media of a Florida license plate.

Florida Rotary District Governor Nominees in all eight Florida districts launched a website for pre-sales

of the Rotary specialty plate at [www.FloridaRotaryTag.com](http://www.FloridaRotaryTag.com). Once on the website, anyone who wishes to purchase a pre-sale voucher can click into an official DMV website to complete the reservation process. Be one of the first 3,000 proud Rotarians to order your plate. Order yours today.



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## Nominations for District Governor 2024-25 Now Open!



Please send applications directly to PDG Mark Scolnick via email. You may send email to him directly from this Newsletter by clicking on his name in the District Leaders section on the right sidebar. Please click "See More" to read the details of qualifying and proposing candidates.

### STATUS

The Governor is an officer of RI nominated by the clubs of a district and elected by the convention of RI. The governor's term of office begins on 1 July and continues for one year or until a successor is elected and qualified.

### QUALIFICATIONS

In addition to the qualifications of governor nominee (below), a governor, at the time of taking office, must have completed seven years of membership in one or more clubs and have attended the governors-elect training seminar and International Assembly.

### DUTIES

The district governor's responsibilities can be found in Lead Your District: Governor (233). This manual is updated annually. ( [CLICK HERE FOR CURRENT MANUAL](#) ) In addition to fulfilling their responsibilities, district governors are expected to adhere to the Rotary Code of Ethics.

### GOVERNOR NOMINEE MUST;

1. At the time of taking office must have been a member of one or more Rotary Clubs for at least seven years.
2. Have full qualifications for membership in the strict application of the club membership provisions, and have a classification whose integrity is without question.
3. Have served as president of a club for a full term or be a charter president of a club, having the full term from the date of the charter to June 30, provided that this period is for at least six months.
4. Demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability, physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of governor as provided in RI Bylaws section 15.090.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the RI Bylaws, and submit to RI, through its general Secretary, a signed statement acknowledging a clear understanding of them. This statement shall also confirm that the Rotarian is qualified for the office of governor and willing and able to assume the duties and responsibilities of the office and to perform them faithfully.

More information on the governor-nominee's responsibilities can be found in the Rotary Learning Center (use the dropdown menu "Rotary Links" at the top of this page to go to the Learning Center).

Clubs who wish to submit the name of a candidate for consideration should, first, vote at a regular meeting to submit the name of the candidate, then complete and forward the District Governor-Nominee Application Form to DG Mark Scolnick before 10/31/21

[CLICK HERE FOR CURRENT APPLICATION](#)

