

Rotary



Club of Franklin Daybreak

Governors Message

By George David Waechter Thursday, June 17, 2021



Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. This is our unifying vision across all of Rotary and today, this means more than it ever has before. It is well known that adversity brings people closer together and when you bring Rotarians closer together, you witness magic. Since we have experienced this visionary year of Rotary 2020-21 together, we are better humans. We are more capable of being the best possible person inside each of ourselves. This is lasting change and it happened to us here in District 7670, but it has been happening all across the globe as well.

The Rotary Year is drawing to a close - a most challenging year for us all and yet, it was a year filled with opportunities. Opportunities found and opened for Rotarians, but more importantly the ones we opened for those whom we served. In my heart and mind, I am in a state of awe as I look back on the year we have had together. The one thought that has come to me as I reflect over the last 12 months is that District 7670 does not quit. We do not let adversity keep us from making the world a better place. Our district is service-strong, action-oriented, and resilient to the core!

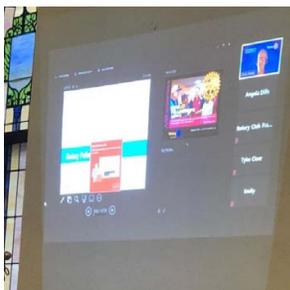
To support this claim, I want to provide a brief summary of the year we had.

Membership

When the District 7670 Visionary Leaders took the helm in July of 2020, it was an uncertain time for all the World. The Pandemic had us firmly in its grip, social unrest was all over the news, and we all were unsure of what lied ahead. In fact, we were prepared for a substantial loss of membership across the board. Our district did not let this stop them. They would not allow the challenges before them to hinder

Chris Jones and Rotary Fellowships

By Angela Dills on Tuesday, June 22, 2021



Thank you, Chris Jones for speaking to Franklin Daybreak Group about Rotary Fellowships Month. Rotary has fellowships in quilting, whiskey (and whisky!), motorcycles, heavy metal, golf, pickle ball, and more! Join one and meeting Rotarians around the world. Or start your own! See more here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>

Officer Installation June 29

By Angela Dills on Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Join us Tuesday, June 29 to thank Fred and the outgoing board and welcome the new board.

We will meet from 5:30-7:30 pm at 79 Chapel Hill Drive. Thank you Luke and Kristy for hosting us!

It's potluck -- hopefully you have signed up with Billi to bring a side dish or dessert. Please bring lawn chairs and BYOB!



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

The Rotary Foundation

By Angela Dills on Wednesday, October 21, 2020

WHAT IS A ROTARY FOUNDATION GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIP?

Established in 1947, the original Ambassadorial Scholarship program was designed to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. With the

their goals of growing Rotary. I am happy to report that because Rotarians in our district are optimistic and determined, we are hovering around +15 members for the year! Our Membership Mondays, personal outreach and support, and the innovation directed by our District Membership Chair and the membership chairs across the district has paid dividends! We had several clubs that just would not accept that Covid was stopping them from recruitment. It paid off and because of them, we have positive membership this year and they have a stronger Rotary Club. We emphasized Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to show the world that Rotarians welcome all who have a heart for service regardless of our differences. We increased our efforts to create innovative club models with support for new ideas in how Rotary happens at the club level and we found out that there is a demand for new models. One club model, the Impact model, grew from 5 members to over 80 this year! I am so proud of our clubs for keeping their hands to the plow and eyes forward this year. Together, we are creative!

Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is the greatest charity in the World. It gives us the opportunity to serve by giving our money so that Rotarians can do great work. For most of the year, very few clubs met in person and therefore, most Foundation Chairs did not have the opportunity to promote and educate our membership on the wonders of our Rotary Foundation - the greatest charity in the World. It might have made contributions a little lower, but the meaning of those contributions was not reduced. We have given \$294,000 to the Annual Fund which enables our district to do district grants, global grants, global grant scholarships, and other projects in 2023-24. We had a Foundation Celebration, albeit virtual, that was fun and informative and recognized the great work that our contributions enabled across the district and globally. We are a generous group who have provided access to clean water, improved healthcare, provide an education to young people, and tons more good in the World.

Our worldwide project since 1987 has been to eradicate polio. We are so close. As a district, we contributed nearly \$100,000 to eradicating Polio, which will be matched 2:1 by the Gates Foundation. So far this year, we have only 2 cases of wild polio identified in the World. When we hosted Dr. Tunji Funsho, a Polio activist from Nigeria and the architect of the eradication of polio from the continent of Africa, he told us he was encouraged to see the numbers in Pakistan and Afghanistan. He said they looked similar to how things were just prior to the declaration of Africa being Polio-free! Together, we are doing good in the World!

Service

launch of the Rotary Grants model, scholarships are now used to fund study by graduate students whose career goals support an area of focus. The funding is the same as a humanitarian global grant with a minimum scholarship amount of US\$30,000. Upon returning home, Rotary Scholars share with Rotarians and others their experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country, and what career they will go into in order to meet the six areas of focus and spread good will and understanding.

Do you know any students that you would like to nominate for a scholarship?

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

NEW MEETING LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86712037998>

We will also meet in the hall of FUMC, for those who want to meet in person.

June 22

Program: Billi Black; Greeter: Bill Meyers; Invocation: Teresa Murray; 50/50: Chuck Sutton

June 29: Officer Installation at Luke and Kristy Smith's house (5:30-7:30 pm -- see Billi to sign up to bring a dish) 79 Chapel Hill Drive

July: Polio Plus & New Rotary Year

July 3 - **Greenway Walk - 9:00 AM** - Meet at the sign near our Pavillion - new time for Summer.

July 7 - Happy 4th of July - NO MEETING

See July assignments for remaining notices!

July Assignments

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

	Program	Topic/Guest	Greeter	50/50	Invocation
July - Polio Plus & New Rotary Year Begins					
7/6/2021	NO MEETING - HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!				
7/13/2021	Billi Black	Polio Plus - Chuck Davidson	Andy Hancock	Tim Hubbs	Rachel Hoskins
7/20/2021	Ben Rodrigues		Ronnie Beale	Dave Jones	Fred Jones
Friday 7/23 Strategic Planning Meeting - 7:30 am First United Methodist Church					
7/27/2021	CLUB ASSEMBLY		Bryson Burt	Tyler Cloer	Charles Thun

Events

No Events found

Birthdays



[Gregory L Mullins](#)
June 27th



[Benjamin Joseph Rodriguez](#)
July 1st



[Charles Hunter Strickland](#)
July 5th



[Charles E. Thun Jr.](#)
July 15th

Wedding Anniversaries

Service projects never stopped at the club level. Communities needed food, so the clubs provided it. We identified a need for people to stay warm, so we distributed coats, hats, scarves, and blankets to those who needed them. Vaccines for Covid19 became available and Rotarians stepped up to assist in administering them. Clubs saw students struggling with access to the Internet during virtual school and they found solutions. Scholarships were given to support education. To top it off, Rotarians in our district did not only serve those in need locally. They looked across the globe and found opportunities to support children in West Virginia, serve migrants in Italy, the disabled in Ecuador and Philippines, and we initiated a new wheelchair project in Nicaragua. Together, we were successful in securing a Global Grant Scholarship, a Global Grant, and we put 3 additional projects in the pipeline for global grants going forward. We provided over \$80,000 in district grants despite a pandemic. We were part of the \$1 million in grants awarded to cutting edge research to fight Alzheimers and Dementia through CART. To date, we have raised over \$80,000 even though the Blue Buckets were not on the tables all year. Together, we created lasting change.

Future of Rotary

The Visionary Year of Rotary 2020-21 has witnessed the acceleration of change unlike anything seen before. Rotarians, as people of action, not only embrace change, they see the opportunities that change creates and make great things happen. Rotary itself has changed significantly. We will likely continue to see virtual and hybrid meetings being a part of how we do things. We will continue to create innovative club models. We are growing our Rotary Foundation to a point where we can have greater and longer term impact when we do good in the world.

This year, I asked you to consider 4 things whenever you are working on Rotary: increasing impact, expanding reach, increase engagement, and be more adaptable. You responded strongly and going forward, we will continue to work on these ideas. We will increase our impact by being welcoming and open to anyone with a heart for service regardless of our differences. We will expand our reach by being innovative in our club activities and service projects. We will engage our membership and those whom we serve by offering valuable experiences and meaningful service. We will be adaptable because we are intelligent and kind human beings. Together, we will grow Rotary!

Conclusion

Being a District Governor is a truly rewarding experience. The job demands attention and effort, and the pay is not in money, but it is totally worth it. I highly recommend you get more involved in Rotary for lots of reasons including the opportunities for service, the fellowship, and the international experiences. The most profound



[Roger Plemens](#)
June 27th



[Charles Sutton](#)
July 6th



[Aaron Garrett](#)
July 11th

Years of Service



[Charles Sutton](#)
23 Years



[Roger Plemens](#)
23 Years



[Teresa Murray](#)
6 Years



[Ward Collins](#)
3 Years



[Gregory L. Mullins](#)
0 Years

thing that has happened to me as district governor has been learning exactly what Rotary means. I found a place where one person can have an impact in the lives of others. I found new friends who want to help. To sum it up, I experienced leading 2200 volunteers from 50 different clubs who are working and serving tirelessly only to be compensated in their hearts with inspiration and hope. As I reflect on the experience, it makes me realize how truly magical it is. These opportunities exist in Rotary.

Rotary is about you and your relationship with the people you serve. You only have to put yourself out there. I ask you to get out and see the magic of Rotary that is beyond your own club. See the scope, the international flair, the beauty of so many different types of people working together for a common cause, and the reward in your heart for doing good in the world. And then, tell people about how awesome it is.

All you have to do is Open Opportunities!

Yours in Rotary service,
DG David

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