

# Rotary



## Club of Franklin Daybreak

### A Vision to Grow Rotary

By George David Monday, July  
Waechter 20, 2020

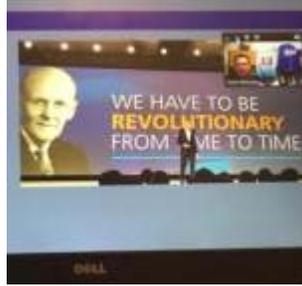
As we go into the ♦Dog Days♦ of Summer, we are just getting started with the Rotary Year. This is a time when Presidents are communicating goals, getting those last few leaders into place, and in terms of meetings.... trying to actually have meetings! These are real challenges given the current situation with Covid19, but there are greater challenges looming in the future. One of these is that Rotary in the United States is shrinking, while Rotary in the rest of the World is growing.

All club presidents and the district as well, have been trying to think through and work with their boards upon the strategic plan offered by Rotary International for the next five (5) years. The strategic plan gives us the framework to begin executing that vision, but I will save that discussion for next issue. We are building from our vision statement that says: *Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change ♦ across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.* I suggest to you that very important keywords are part of the vision statement and each of them can mean something different to all of us. I want to offer how each of them make me feel when I think about Rotary five, ten, or even 25 years from now.

**Unite:** we do not let our differences make us many, but rather we embrace diversity and become one major force for positive change in the world. I once heard someone say as we exited a very inspiring talk at the international convention, ♦Man, I wish governments could run like Rotary. It would be such a better place. ♦ That might be true, or maybe not, but the point is well-taken. In Rotary, we must look completely beyond a person's social status, politics,

### Official DG visit with David Waechter

By Angela Dills on Sunday, August 2, 2020



We were honored to host via zoom Rotary District 7670 Governor David Waechter this past Tuesday morning. Thank you for ♦stopping by♦ and sharing your vision for [#district7670](#) for the upcoming year!

Rotary this year is focusing on increasing impact, expanding our reach especially through our diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, enhancing engagement through new club models, and improving our adaptability and flexibility. Rotary International President, Holger Knaack says "We will not let rapid change defeat us. We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values."

G David's Goals are:

1. Innovative Club Models especially Rotaract
2. Building and Strengthening our Membership Pipeline
3. Focusing on Recurring Giving

Save the Date: May 14-15, 2021 is the District Conference and Family Staycation at the Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville.

### Club Assembly

By Angela Dills on Tuesday, July 21, 2020

We met in person at Tassee Shelter on July 21 for our Club Assembly. The Club received both of the District Grants applied for. One of these grants supports the Leader in Me program, which Tiffani Tallent will be assisting Vicki in Youth Services for this project. Ron encouraged members to sign up for Rotary Direct and for new members to consider becoming Paul Harris Fellows. Dale discussed the membership program for August and hopes members will invite people to join or provide her with names of prospects. Angel Medical Center hosts a blood drive the first Friday of every other month. The next one is Sept 4; join another Rotarian and give blood.



Next week's meeting is the DG visit; we will meet virtually. The Zoom link is here: <https://wcu.zoom.us/j/98420426> 924

### Upcoming Meeting Schedule

August: Membership and Extensions Month

August 4: In person, Tassee Shelter, 7:30 am.

Program: Bryson Burt (Guest: Josh Lynch, MCS); Greeter: Teresa Murray; Invocation: Emily West; 50/50: Ward Collins

August 5: Board Meeting 8 am at the Tassee Shelter

August 11: Zoom meeting: <https://wcu.zoom.us/j/98420426> 924

Program: Dale West (Carol Burdette on Membership); Greeter: Roger Plemens; Invocation: Billi Black; 50/50: Arthur Phalo

August 18:

Program: Roger Plemens; Greeter: Ed Shatley; Invocation: Beverly Mason; 50/50: Kristy Smith

religion, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality and see a person with a heart for service. Nothing else matters ♦ just unite in the mutual effort to do good in the world!

**Lasting change:** we are people of action and we want to see results, not rhetoric.

Consequently, we often expect change to happen rapidly or when we want it to. This is not how the world always works. The world is large, diverse, and complex. There are negative forces at play. It makes for a challenge to do good sometimes. We do not want to encourage change for the sake of changing, but rather we need to identify needs, hear concerns, realize there are opportunities for a better world, and then we can make the change lasting and meaningful for posterity.

**Globe ♦ Communities ♦ Ourselves:** these three are locations where change may occur. It is easy to see change is needed in the world and it is even rather simple to find necessary change in our communities. Where is it hard to see, is within ourselves. I have learned throughout my life that I am sometimes wrong. I have found better solutions to problems by listening to others and trying to understand a new perspective. I have even found out that the information I was basing my opinions upon was incorrect or out of date. It is important for Rotarians to make positive change in the world, but it is equally important that we open our hearts and minds to see opportunities for change within.

Since I joined Rotary in 2009, I have heard we are 1.2 million individuals around the globe. This is a tiny fraction of humanity and the opportunity to Grow Rotary is enormous. What is holding us back? Our values are good. Our members are good. Our food is, uh well, sometimes it is great! But the point is that our meetings, our members, the things we say or do, the jokes we tell, the traditions, the songs, the prayers, the whole cultural experience of making Rotary magic is limited to 1.2 million people. This cannot be right ♦ that represents only 0.01% of the global population.

We have to begin asking ourselves how are we going to open opportunities for service and the joy of experiencing a ♦Rotary Moment♦ to more people. How are we going to Grow Rotary?

August 25: Zoom meeting: <https://wcu.zoom.us/j/98420426> 924

Program: Mike Martone (NC Treasurer Dale Folwell); Greeter: Dave Jones; Invocation: Luke Smith; 50/50: Vicki Lawrence

September: Basic Education & Literacy Month

Sept 1 (Note the change: I had Labor Day in the wrong week!)

Program: Beverly Mason; Greeter: John Evans; Invocation: Ronnie Beale; 50/50: Hunter Strickland

Sept 2: Board Meeting 8 am at the Tassee Shelter

Sept 8: No meeting; Labor Day

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## Events

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## Birthdays



[Aaron Garrett](#)  
August 6th



[Roger Plemens](#)  
August 14th



[Angela Dills](#)  
August 29th

## Wedding Anniversaries



[Karen Gorby](#)  
August 19th



[Charles E. Thun Jr.](#)  
August 21st

## Years of Service



[Fred Jones](#)  
17 Years

## Club Leaders



[Fred Jones](#)  
President



[Angela Dills](#)  
President-Elect  
Club Admin Chair



[Dana Murray](#)  
Secretary



[Rachel Hoskins](#)  
Treasurer



[Vicki Lawrence](#)  
Treasurer  
Youth Services Chair



[Rick VanGilder](#)  
Service Projects Chair



[Dale B. West](#)  
Membership Chair



[Ronald F. Winecoff](#)  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



[Tiffani G. Tallent](#)  
Youth Services Chair



[Eric Haggart](#)  
Club Public Image  
Chair



[Teresa Murray](#)  
iPast President



[Kenneth Nicholson](#)  
Assistant Governor