

# Rotary



## Club of Franklin Daybreak

### Stay engaged!

By George David Waechter  
Wednesday, October 14, 2020

If there is one thing you should think about this year, it is engagement. Engagement has always been a key to being a great Rotarian. We all know that we get out of Rotary what we put into it, but given the situation with the Pandemic, we must consider new ways to remain engaged.

We must also take engagement to a new level. We need to help our friends in Rotary remain engaged. Everyone is not comfortable with technology and Zoom. Some people are very weary of virtual meetings. Some of us call ourselves "Zoombies" and for good reason. It can be exhausting to sit in one place and be "social" in a virtual platform.

The pandemic has revealed some very interesting truisms about Rotary that we always sort of knew, but maybe it just wasn't as evident. When reality changes, there is always the effect that we see some things more clearly and yet, there are other things about which we have more questions.

It is clear that Rotarians are social creatures. They enjoy being with one another and actually, they thrive on socialization. Rotarians like to be busy. We don't sit around and wait for the world to come to us. We go out there and make things happen! Rotarians really love doing service. In fact, they will risk their own lives to go out and express their hearts for service. Rotarians are smart people. They understand how to review data, look for opportunities, and solve problems. We may take risks to do Rotary at times, but we always calculate what is the safest route to do so.

Folks, we have a dilemma. On

### Club Assembly: October 20

By Angela Dills on Wednesday, October 21, 2020



Club Assembly!

Thanks for all who brought CART jars. Thanks to new Rotary Greg Mullins for putting out a CART bucket at Winding Stair Farm.

Thanks to Jeff Butler @libertytax for doing the Club's taxes.

Our club is currently 3rd in the district in per capita Foundation giving. Contact Ron Winecoff if you're interested in becoming a major donor; he's got money to match to help get you to the next level.

Register for a shift on November 7 or donate to Rise Against Hunger

here:

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FUMCFranklin2020>

Those willing to serve as officers for 2021-2022, please contact Teresa Murray.

More information to come on the Heart & Soles project and the Leader in Me as details emerge.

### The Rotary Foundation: Introduction

By Angela Dills on Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Over the next year, I will be sharing a short weekly message about The Rotary Foundation, its programs and the need for your support. Today, I have a quote from Paulo Costa, Past President of Rotary International, 1990-1991.



◆Rotary International◆s masterpiece is The Rotary Foundation. It transforms our dreams into splendid realities . . . it is the most generous expression of Rotarian generosity - a generosity that not only brings benefits but also brings help and cooperation to solve the problems that affect mankind. The Rotary Foundation achieves the best that mankind can possibly achieve.◆

**Thank you for supporting The Rotary Foundation and its work.**

### Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Beginning in October, we plan to meet at the First United Methodist Church. A Zoom option will be provided for those preferring to attend virtually. (<https://wcu.zoom.us/j/98420426924>)

October: Economic & Community Development

Oct 27:

Program: Eric Haggart; Greeter: Chuck Sutton; Invocation: Roger Plemens; 50/50: Charles Thun

November theme: Foundation

Nov 3:

Program: Jeff Butler; Greeter: Hunter Strickland; Invocation: Bill Meyers; 50/50: Rick VanGilder

Nov 10:

Program: Ron Winecoff (guest via Zoom); Greeter: Tiffani Tallent; Invocation: Arthur Phalo; 50/50: Ed Shatley

Nov 17:

THANKSGIVING WEEK!!!

one hand, we know we have "high risk" populations in our clubs that need more than social distancing and masks. They are concerned and prefer to remain isolated for health reasons. They need not feel any guilt or anxiety about this either. Covid-19 is more fatal than the flu and until we have a good vaccine, I am certain these populations are wise to err on the side of caution. One the other hand, many of our members want very badly to be more social and enjoy fellowship.

The over arching issue here is that everyone, every single Rotarian, want to be engaged in making the magic of Rotary happen. So what can we do? I have thought about this, observed clubs around the district, looked at what our counterparts are doing in other districts, and so forth. I created a list of opportunities to remain engaged while we await the grand opportunity to feel safe and somewhat normal again. This list is by no means exhaustive. This list only touches the surface. I urge you to use your creativity to come up with new opportunities as well.

- **Do service projects** - this is the number one thing Rotarians can do and with smaller groups it is relatively easy to be safe. If you are unable to serve in person, consider making a donation to the foundation, or directly to a project that needs help. There are many types of service and all of them are wonderful.
- **Read books, watch a movie or show** - Don't do this alone, do it with other Rotarians. So what if you can't be together face to face. Find a good book or show, make the decision to read or watch it independently, and then get on the phone and talk about it. Organize a zoom call of a few folks and discuss the book or show together. Have some fun - don't worry if it pertains to Rotary. Just be together and enjoy!
- **Send letters to one another** - Oh my gosh! Do you remember when we use to get more than just bills in our mailboxes. You know what it feels like to get an actual note in the mailbox - uh, hello...it feels awesome! That is why the US Postal Service

Events

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Birthdays



[Billi J. Black](#)  
October 30th



[Ronald F. Winecoff](#)  
November 14th

Wedding Anniversaries



[Angela Dills](#)  
October 21st

Years of Service



[Roger Plemens](#)  
22 Years



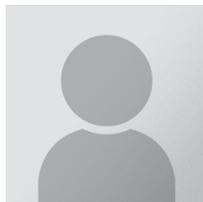
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22 Years



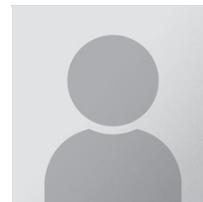
[Teresa Murray](#)  
6 Years



[Ward Collins](#)  
3 Years



[David E. Hood](#)  
0 Years



[GREGORY L MULLINS](#)  
0 Years

calls it the "mail moment". Share that with your fellow Rotarians.

- **Pick up the phone and call someone** - that's right, just call people. Don't even have a reason to call, just call them to talk. Tell them you just want to share a story or a joke. Enjoy one another and relax. It doesn't have to be about Rotary. It is ok to just talk like old friends.
- **Create art together** - how fun does this sound? What if you took the time to tell a group of your club members to make some art. You can have some fun critiquing one another. Somebody might actually have talent -- and when all of this clears out, you will have "Covid Art" that you can auction to raise money for PolioPlus!
- **Go for a walk** - at least one club in our district is having a weekly walkabout. They get together, wear masks and such and they just walk somewhere. It is a really safe and healthy way to get together and have some relaxing fun.
- **Sponsor a World's Greatest Meal** - Have a small gathering of close friends for dinner. Use the opportunity to raise \$20 each for Polio. Register your event at [www.wgmeal.com](http://www.wgmeal.com) - and remember every dollar you raise will become three with the Gates' Foundation match!
- **Explore rotary.org** to learn more and then share. Take your role in your club to the next level. Have you ever wanted to be a better leader in your club? Well, here is the time to develop that. There is tons of training available on [dacdb](http://dacdb) and [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) which you can use to grow your leadership potential.

My fellow Rotarians, I am very optimistic about the future of our organization. We are doing really well adapting to the changes this pandemic has put upon us. We must continue increase our impact and expand our reach in our clubs and communities. But there is one thing we absolutely must not forget. We must enhance engagement this year. An engaged Rotarian is a

Rotarian for life and it works vice versa as well.

Let's make sure we all stay engaged this year as we continue to *Open Opportunities* for our members and those we serve.

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