

#### **District Leadership**



Kenneth A. Shull District Governor



Tammy Mosteller DG-Elect



Sean Gibson DG-Nominee



Connie Molland District Governor -Nom. Desig.

#### **Events**

January 1st
Flags for Heroes
December 7th
Backpack Program
December 12th
Holiday Party
December 16th
Thirsty Third
Thursday Social
December 16th
Sylva Rotary Holiday
Party

#### **Club Anniversaries**

Mars Hill University Rotaract December 1st

Boone at Appalachian State December 17th

Asheville Community Rotaract Club December 31st

## **December - Rotary Family Month**

By Kenneth A. Shull

It's hard to believe our Rotary year is almost half over! We had amazing celebrations for our Rotary Foundation in November and we are so THANKFUL for everyone who participated in service projects, donated on #GivingTuesday and helped do good in the world!

As you prepare for holiday gatherings this coming month, I hope you and your family will stay safe and healthy. Don't forget to share your club's many activities (both social and service-related) with others through the media and with your district leaders so we can help tell your story too. Now is also the time to review your membership rosters and be sure everyone is up-to-date before the January invoices arrive from RI and our district. If you are in a position to make a year-end gift, please know it will be greatly appreciated - whether to The Rotary Foundation, CART, or even a local program supported by your club.

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action, to create lasting change, across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. THANK YOU for being a changemaker and serving through Rotary.

## Two New Polio Cases In Afghanistan



After more than ten months, the Afghanistan programme has detected two new cases of wild poliovirus in a male and female child from Emamsaheb district, Kunduz province. The two affected children aged 25 months and 10 months have a reported date of onset of paralysis of 20 and 29 October 2021 respectively.

Sequencing of both isolates demonstrates the two are related with one being an orphan strain. The most closely related isolates were last seen a year ago in DI Khan, Pakistan and Kunduz. Wild poliovirus was last detected in Kunduz in September 2020, in two positive environmental samples. The programme in Afghanistan is now working with the Ministry of Public Health to launch a detailed investigation and implement additional measures to strengthen surveillance.

I am pleased to report that Emamsaheb district was covered by house-to-house vaccination teams during the nationwide polio vaccination campaign earlier this week. At this time the programme has full house to house access in the northeast region, which is providing us with an important and robust mechanism to respond.

While this is disappointing, it is not unexpected. Kunduz province has been inaccessible for house to house vaccination since 2019. We have long anticipated the significant and growing immunity gaps in areas inaccessible to the programme to be a real risk. Although surveillance indicators in Kunduz remain above international standards, these isolates reaffirm our assessment that low level WPV transmission is likely continuing in both Afghanistan and Pakistan, particularly among mobile and cross-border populations.

The GPEI Hub is working with the country team to imminently launching a desk review of the surveillance system in Afghanistan, following a comprehensive review of the programme in Pakistan, to understand the gaps and how best to use this opportunity we have. The team is also assessing feasibility and developing plans to conduct an independent field review and validation of surveillance in Afghanistan.

We will keep you informed of any new developments.

Regards, Dr. Irfan Elahi Akbar WHO Polio Team Lead Afghanistan

# DaCdb Tip of the Month

By Billi J. Black

What does our Club do with important files? Bylaws, budget, minutes? Go to My Club and choose the FILES icon.

From the bar on the top right choose to add a folder (name it) or upload a file. Take some time to explore the options and have all your club files at everyone's fingertips.



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**Rotary Tshirt Quilt** 

Sunday, November 21, 2021



#RotaryConnectsTheWorld

District Governor in #Rotary7670! It was made by PDG Billi Black (RC of Franklin Daybreak) out of tshirts from various club events, fundraisers and activities during 2019-2020.

This will be a lifetime keepsake of memories from a remarkable (albeit shortened) year of service.

#RotaryGeek #PeopleOfAction

## Rotary Reads - First Class a Hit!

By Joey Macaluso on Thursday, November 25, 2021

Rotary Reads is a new community program that Murphy Rotary Club is undertaking in partnership with Cherokee County Schools. Each month members of our club plan to visit each elementary school in the county to read to different classes in the hopes of fostering a love for reading and learning. The books are also donated to the class teacher and school library. Rotarians that participated in the program had a wonderful time reading to the engaged and delighted students.

We want to thank Cherokee County Schools for working with us to get the project underway and for the warm welcome we received from school staff and teachers at each school. We would also like to thank Rotarians Jacky Egli and Nancy Helms for getting the project off to a great start and all the Rotarians that volunteered to read.

#### Rotarians visited the following schools:

Andrews Elementary Hiwassee Dam Elementary Martins Creek Elementary Murphy Elementary Peachtree Elementary Ranger Elementary The Learning Center



By Joy B. Cline on Tuesday, November 23, 2021



Please welcome Marie to the Rotary Family!

The Rotary Club of Newton-Conover welcomes the newest member of Rotary International, Mrs. Marie Setzer, to the organization!

Marie and her husband, Jonathan, own JLS Machine, Inc. They have two lovely daughters, Layna and Lexie. As Marie shared, "our focus is on giving back to the community." Already a friend of Rotary, Marie and Jonathan initiated the event - Racing for Rotary with proceeds going to the Rotary Club of Newton-Conover. Marie's Service Before Self heart will be a perfect fit for the Rotary Club of Newton-Conover.

## We Honor Our Veterans!!

By Julie P. West on Tuesday, November 16, 2021

### Thank you for your service to our country!!

During the weekly lunch meeting on Monday, the Rotary Club of Lincolnton celebrated and recognized the veterans in our club. While Rotarians and spouses watched proudly, each veterans was called to the front of the room to be presented a Rotary Veteran pin by DG Ken Shull while Rotarian Cliff Brumfield shared each veterans branch and years of service. DGE Tammy Mosteller presented



DG Ken Shull his Rotary Veteran pin duing the celebration. Following the presentation and the standing ovation for our veterans, Rotarian Bo King and PDG Harry Brogden shared their experience being Veteran chaperones with the Honor Flight. So many special memories of this wonderful time were captured in pictures and in their hearts.

#### **Our Veterans included:**

DG Ken Shull - US Air Force Dr. Maurice Canaday - US Air Force Jerry Cochrane - Air Force Dwight Drum - US Army Bo King - US Army Tom Linker - US Army Wayne Lowe - US Army Bill Stark - US Army

#### Not in attendance:

Dr. Gordon Crowell - US Army John Sharp - US Marine Corps

What a great day to celebrate the sacrifice these Rotarians made to serve their county! The Rotary Club of Lincolnton is proud of our veterans. Read More

## Rotarian Dean Lutz is 2021 Lincoln County Man of the Year

By Julie P. West on Tuesday, November 30, 2021



On Thursday, November, 18th, the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet at Vesuvius Vineyards. During this annual event, many are recognized by the Chamber and the community.

This year, after several nominations and recommendations were received and reviewed by a committee, the 2021 Lincoln County Man of the Year was awarded to Rotarian Dean Lutz. Dean is so deserving of this award and truly has a heart for the Lincoln County community. It was so exciting to have many Rotarians from our club there to celebrate him.

Congratulations Dean!!

## **District Newsletter Submissions**

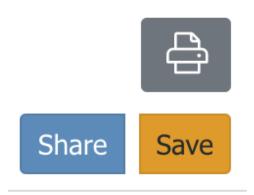
#### By Tim Radford

I'm often asked by Club Public Image Chairs how to submit their club's activities to be considered for publication in our monthly District Newsletter. It's easier than you might think!

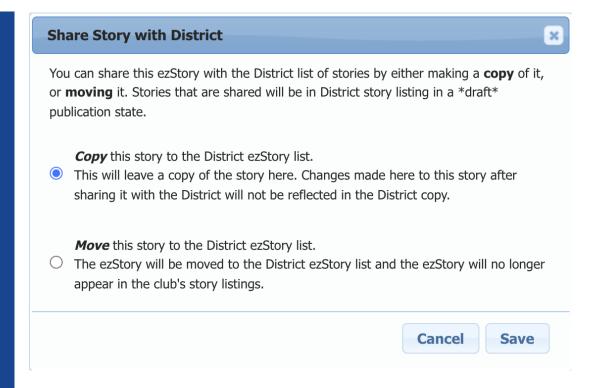
Since multiple people contribute and work on the newsletter, and since we have nearly 50 clubs in our district, trying to email our team isn't the most efficient method. It creates a lot of unnecessary work for the person building the newsletter and your email may get overlooked if it goes to the wrong email address. However, when you **share your DACdb ezStory to the District ezStory list**, your story is added to the cue for all of us to see and use.

#### It's this simple:

When you finish writing your Club's ezStory, go back into edit mode (using the pencil icon.) At the **top right** of your screen, you'll see these icons.



Click "Share" and the following pops up:



Then, you simply select "COPY this story to the District ezStory list."

That's it! Your club's story is now added to the list of stories that will be considered for publication in the monthly District newsletter.

If you find that you don't have access to write an ezStory, check with your club leadership about upgrading your DACdb security level. If an upgrade is necessary, you'll need to log out and log back in to access your new DACdb features.

For other helpful Public Image information, go to <a href="https://www.rotary7670.org/?s=documents&folder=PublicImage">https://www.rotary7670.org/?s=documents&folder=PublicImage</a> and <a href="https://www.rizones33-34.org/z33pi/">https://www.rizones33-34.org/z33pi/</a>

We are looking forward to seeing more of your stories in months to come.

## **Paul Harris Fellow Presentation**

By Julie P. West

Congratulations for PHF +2 recognition for Rotarian Dean Lutz!!

Thank you for supporting the Rotary Foundation!!



# Madison County Rotary Plants Native Trees at Local Libraries

By Sandy Stevenson on Tuesday, November 30, 2021



Madison County had two crews start a project to plant native trees (Note: We will be planting additional trees next spring to finish the project). Planting these native trees is a great way to recognize our Rotary speakers and at the same time help restore our natural environment.

Saturday, November 20th there were 5 Club volunteers who planted 8 native trees at the Marshall Library (i.e., We planted 5 Persimmon Trees and 3 Painted Buckeye Trees). Then, our second fall planting was done on Tuesday, November 30th when 6 Club volunteers planted 6 native trees (e.g., 1 willow oak, 2 red oaks, and 3 redbud trees) at the Mars Hill Library. Plaques are being coordinated to help recognize our speakers and will be installed at a later date at both locations.

## **Arbor Day**

By Tiffany Ervin

On Thursday, Oct. 28, Four Seasons Rotary celebrated 30 years of helping the City of Hendersonville earn Tree City USA designation by hosting our annual Arbor Day Ceremony.

Club members watched as a tree was planted in Sullivan Park (713 Martin Circle) by The Honorable Mayor Barbara Volk and members of the City staff and Tree Board.

This is always a special event and will be a great opportunity to honor our former members Dr. Jim Volk and Luther Smith

who always worked diligently to continue this tradition.



# 2021 Lincoln County Woman of the Year

By Julie P. West



Congratulations to the 2021 Lincoln County Woman of the Year, Judy Holland, wife of Rotarian Charles Holland. Judy is such a supporter of the Lincoln County community and works in many different areas to serve others. A well deserved award for Judy and proud husband, Charles.

