



Friday, December 11, 2020

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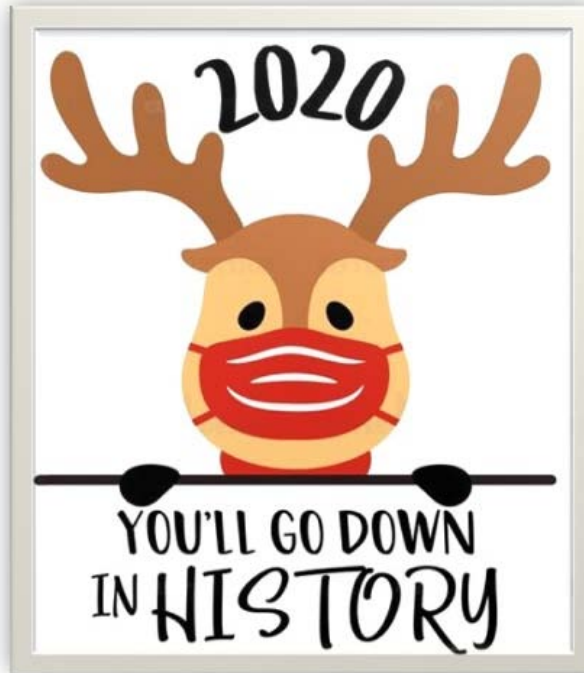
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Our Priorities are the Way to Optimism

By George David Waechter on Wednesday, December 9, 2020

The holiday season is now in full swing. Last month, we gave thanks. This month we reflect on a year unlike any other - the ol' 2020. It has been a wild ride and along the way, we have learned many things. Things such as how important our faith and family is, how fragile our local businesses are, and how annoying it is to say exactly what you wanted to say only to learn that you were on mute the whole time!

Today, I want to take the opportunity to share with you something vital to your success as a human being, and in fact, as a Rotarian human being. Priorities.

We all have priorities whether we recognize them or not; they are there. "Sorry, I am just too busy," or "I cannot commit to that at this time". These are words that irk the most brilliant and lackluster membership chairs alike. Let's take that a step further though. Are people really that busy?

Perhaps they are, but just not with what you think they should be doing. I like to start with the assumption that all people are doing the very best they are able with the resources they have. If you start with this assumption, you will not only be more optimistic, you will inspire others to join you. As you invite people to join you in doing good in the world, ask them to set priorities for themselves and allow the same in others. Some priorities you will want to consider will include these larger categories:

- Faith and spirituality - It is critical to maintain a healthy heart and mind. You have to make sure you are true to yourself and maintain your personal health and well-being.
- Family and friends - The people who we love and who love us are our biggest supporters. We need to make sure we maintain relationships with these people first and foremost.
- Business and enterprise - We must have a livelihood and a sense of purpose and value in order to be effective as servants to humanity. Our vocations are the vehicles we use to build capital which allows us to contribute to our communities and across the globe.
- Rotary - All of the other priorities enable us to create lasting change in ourselves, in our communities, and across the globe. Rotary is the means we use to effect these changes. If your priorities are out of whack, your Rotary will not be sustainable.

I am so proud of our District. We have risen to an amazing challenge this year and we are looking at the second half of a year of service that we can all be proud of. In fact, we are on task to create a year of success during the most difficult circumstances in generations!

We are moving into a new year - YAY! I hope you have a fantastic Holiday Season despite the Pandemic and I also wish you the most wonderful

Burke Sunrise Rotary meetings

December 28th

Lincolnton Weekly Club Meeting

January 4th

Lincolnton Weekly Club Meeting

January 4th

Murphy Weekly Club Meeting

January 5th

Club Board Meeting

January 6th

Hike with Rotary

January 7th

Community Rotaract Club Meeting

Club Anniversaries

Mars Hill University Rotaract
December 1st

Blue Ridge Community College Rotaract
December 16th

Boone at Appalachian State
December 17th

Asheville Community Rotaract Club
December 31st

New Year 2021. As we move in the new year, let us all consider the line from the Optimist Creed: To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.



---DG David

District 7670 Coat Drive Success Stories

By George David Waechter on Tuesday, December 8, 2020



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's District 7670 Coat Drive! Here are a few success stories from participating clubs. [Read More](#)

Mountain Top and Noonday Rotary Clubs of Highlands partner to distribute winter coats to the needy

By John F. Baumrucker on Friday, November 20, 2020



The Rotary Club of Highlands Mountaintop partnered with the Rotary Club of Highlands to distribute approximately 100 coats, gloves, scarfs, and blankets to the needy in Highlands on November 17, 2020. The Mountaintop Club, with 35 members, donated 12 new coats and many more lightly used coats and sweaters. Children's coats went out quickly and by 5 pm most of the clothing had been given out. Our Services Project Committee Chair, Robin Phillips, coordinated the project between the two clubs. Many of our members donated time and funds to purchase the coats.

Winter Warm Wear

By Zach Claxton on Sunday, November 29, 2020

On November 17, the **Rotary Club of Highlands** and the **Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Club** teamed up to collect and distribute warm winter items to area families in need, including coats, sweaters, socks, scarves and blankets. Well over a hundred coats alone were collected. The loss of jobs and reduced hours due to the pandemic made this a timely project for many Highlanders.



The published hours for the distribution were from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Highlands Community Center, but many folk arrived early, and by 5:00 p.m. most of the items had been claimed. A steady stream of more than twenty families were served, and the recipients were very appreciative. The items left over were donated to the Highlands Emergency Council.

Many of the coats donated were in children's sizes and were among the first to go. Donations were received from Rotarians and the general public at various collection points. Many of the items collected were new.

Thanks to all who donated items and to the Rotarians of both clubs who donated their time to make this a successful event.

Tour d'Apple Funds Winter Coats for Children - Cyclists donate record amount for charitable needs

By Tiffany Ervin on Wednesday, November 25, 2020

At least 80 local children will receive new winter coats this season thanks to the generosity of participants in the 8th Annual Tour d'Apple bike ride sponsored by Four Seasons Rotary.

When cyclists registered for the event, many of them made extra contributions above and beyond their registration fees, and these funds were

recently donated to Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM) to purchase winter coats. It is amazing that even with fewer cyclists on Labor Day this year compared to years past, the extra amounts donated by cyclists more than doubled the 2019 amount, said Barry Macdonald, co-director of the Tour.



Last year we purchased new shoes for back-to-school, and this year we decided on winter coats in honor of our Rotary District Governor David Waechter who asked all forty-nine Rotary Clubs in Western North Carolina to help provide winter coats for those in need, he added. This year's contributions totaled \$1,043 given to IAM, and we appreciated David joining us for this special occasion.

The Rotarians were also joined by Randy Hunter of Hunter Subaru, title sponsor of the Tour, to present the check to IAM for the purchase of winter coats for children in need for the upcoming winter.

The need is greater than ever before and this donation is so generous and will us help to continue helping the thousands of children and adults who are struggling so hard throughout COVID, explained Elizabeth Willson Moss, IAM Executive Director. We are so blessed to have this generous community and Four Seasons Rotary Club.

Club.

Dick Miley, co-director of the Tour, said even when COVID-19 forced the cancellation of most every other cycling event in western North Carolina this year, the Tour dApple not only happened but exceeded expectations thanks to sponsors like Hunter Subaru. Without Randy and the continued support by Hunter Subaru, there wouldn't have been a Tour dApple this year, and without the Tour dApple, there would be no support for these winter coats, so we are very grateful for their support.

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Pink Pages - Changes!

By George David Waechter on Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Please be aware that there is a new version of the 2020-21 Pink Pages available in the Visionary Leaders Library. Please visit the District website to download your new copy. There were some numerical typos that were corrected as well as who to send the completed pages to. They will now be sent to District Governor David Waechter.

Rotary Works

By George David Waechter on Thursday, December 10, 2020



Rotary Works was met with an overwhelming reception this week. The chat scroll moved so fast it was difficult to keep up. Please refer your fellow Rotarians to this week's video and encourage them to participate. Registration links are on the www.Rotary.Works page.

The video of Wednesday's broadcast is available at: www.Rotary.Works

Upcoming sessions are now open for Registration. The Zoom link will be exactly the same, but we would appreciate you registering for each of the 4 upcoming sessions (all at 1:00 pm EST/EDT, 2nd Wednesdays). These links are personalized to yourself - please do not forward:

[Register NOW](#) for **Rotary Works: Vocation, Evaluation & Opportunities - January 13, 2021** or send your regrets that you cannot attend by [clicking here](#).

[Register NOW](#) for **Rotary Works: Building Your Personal Brand - February 10, 2021** or send your regrets that you cannot attend by [clicking here](#).

[Register NOW](#) for **Rotary Works: Essential Tech Tools for Marketability - March 10, 2021** or send your regrets that you cannot attend by [clicking here](#).

[Register NOW](#) for **Rotary Works: So You Want to be Your Own Boss? - April 14, 2021** or send your regrets that you cannot attend by [clicking here](#).

You'll receive Zoom credentials in your Confirmation. We hope to see you online for each session of this multi-month series

Rotary Club of Morganton is proud to present Sam Ervin IV

By George David Waechter on Thursday, December 10, 2020

Morganton Rotary Club Guest Speaker
Wednesday, December 16th at noon via Zoom
Sam James Ervin IV Justice of the NC Supreme Court.
Yes, Justice Ervin is the grandson of Senator Sam Ervin of Watergate fame.

Justice Ervin will cover the history of the US Electoral College, why it was created, how it has functioned over time, and current arguments for and against it.

All Rotarians and their friends are invited

QUESTIONS: Call Dalton Walters 828-413-2927 or George Milner 843-810-3849
Thanks to Rotarian Rob Gage for making this program possible!

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LGBTQ+ Presentation by Rotary Fellowship president Michelle Wilson

By Gaia Goldman on Wednesday, December 9, 2020



What does it mean to be an LGBTQ ally? Why should my club care about ensuring that everyone feels welcome irrespective of their sexual orientation or identification?

Michelle Wilson, president of the LGBTQ+ Rotary Fellowship, will answer these questions as she gives an overview of her organization's history and mission and explains the importance and benefits of being intentionally welcoming to the LGBTQ community. You will leave with a better understanding on why and how to create an inclusive club, foster goodwill and peace, and promote a culture that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for LGBTQ people.

[Read More](#)

Remembering Grant Morrill

By Tiffany Ervin on Wednesday, December 9, 2020



Grant Anthony Morrill, III passed away November 16th 2020 after a brief battle with Covid-19 surrounded by the love of his family. He will be thoroughly missed by his wife Leslie; brother, Peter; daughter, Carrie; and grandson, Dean, as well as his entire Rotary family..

Grant was a former member of the RC of Asheville, a past president of Four Seasons Rotary, and was also serving as the club's President-Elect.

Grant was born May 12th 1949 in Hamilton, Ohio to Grant Anthony Morrill and Marjorie Moore Morrill. Along with his little brother Peter, Grant grew up in New Canaan Connecticut where his father was the longtime rector of St Mark's, an Episcopal Church that became a touchstone for the community.

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Asheville Breakfast Helps Around the World and at Home!

By Cynthia K. Ireland on Monday, November 23, 2020

Fundraiser brings in \$16,000 for food insecurity, \$1900 for wheelchair distribution and \$900 for CART!

In October the Asheville Breakfast Rotary Club held a Zoom Fundraiser for the Stake in Our City Program. We were delighted to have community members and Rotarians attend this event. For the evening we were able to raise \$16,000 for food insecurity, \$1900 for wheelchair distribution and \$900 for CART! A special thank you to the Jonas Gerard Gallery for allowing us the use of their space. Jonas Gerard was a long time supporter of our Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow, our club will miss him.



We had some laughs, we had cocktails, and we had great participation!
Thank you!

Rotary Celebration a Success!!

By Julie P. West on Sunday, December 6, 2020



What a great time we had at our Rotary Celebration on Saturday!!
Great food, fun and fellowship with our Rotary family!!

Rotarians enjoyed a "socially distanced" tailgate party on Saturday in the parking lot of the First Federal Bank. It was a great time listening to Christmas music, seeing fellow Rotarians and their families and celebrating our club's accomplishments so far this year.

Rotarians were also excited to celebrate our club turning 90 years old in January, 2020. Due to the pandemic, a formal celebration was not possible, but plans are still in the works for when we can safely be together again.

Thanks to those you attended and we missed those unable to be with us!!



Proposing Legislation

By George David Waechter on Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Proposing legislation

In addition, please remind your governor that Rotary International must receive proposed enactments, including confirmation of the district's endorsement from the governor, by 31 December 2020. Proposed legislation should be submitted to Rotary through the online form here: https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6qZ50BbOaR04jlx.

To help you and your district prepare legislation, we have updated the [How to Propose Enactments and Resolutions](#) course in Rotary's Learning Center. You can also read about submission requirements in our [How to Propose Enactments](#) guide.

If you have any questions about the Councils, please email council_services@rotary.org. We are always happy to help.

