

# Rotary



## District 7670

Thursday, June 17, 2021

### District Leadership



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### Governor's Message



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 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

## **Installation**

June 23rd

### **Lincolnton Board of Directors Meeting**

June 24th

### **Sylva Weekly Club Meeting**

June 24th

### **Asheville Weekly Club Meeting**

June 28th

### **Murphy Weekly Club Meeting**

June 28th

### **Lincolnton Weekly Club Meeting**

June 29th

### **Hendersonville Weekly Club Meeting**

June 30th

### **Hendersonville Weekly Club Meeting**

July 1st

### **Asheville Weekly Club Meeting**

July 5th

### **Blowing Rock No Meeting July 4th Observed**

July 5th

### **Murphy Weekly Club Meeting**

July 7th

### **Hike with Rotary**

July 12th

### **Board and Club Assembly**

July 12th

### **Murphy Weekly Club Meeting**

## **Club Anniversaries**

Pisgah Forest

June 2nd

Clay County

June 9th

Caldwell County

June 24th

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

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 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

## DGE Ken's Installation (Tues, June 22)

By Tiffany Ervin on Sunday, June 6, 2021



You are cordially invited to DGE Ken Shull's Installation Celebration  
*Tuesday, June 22, 4:30-6:30pm*  
Point Lookout Vineyards, 408 Appleola Road (Hendersonville, NC)

**The event is free to any Rotarian, but we do ask you to register so we can plan accordingly!**

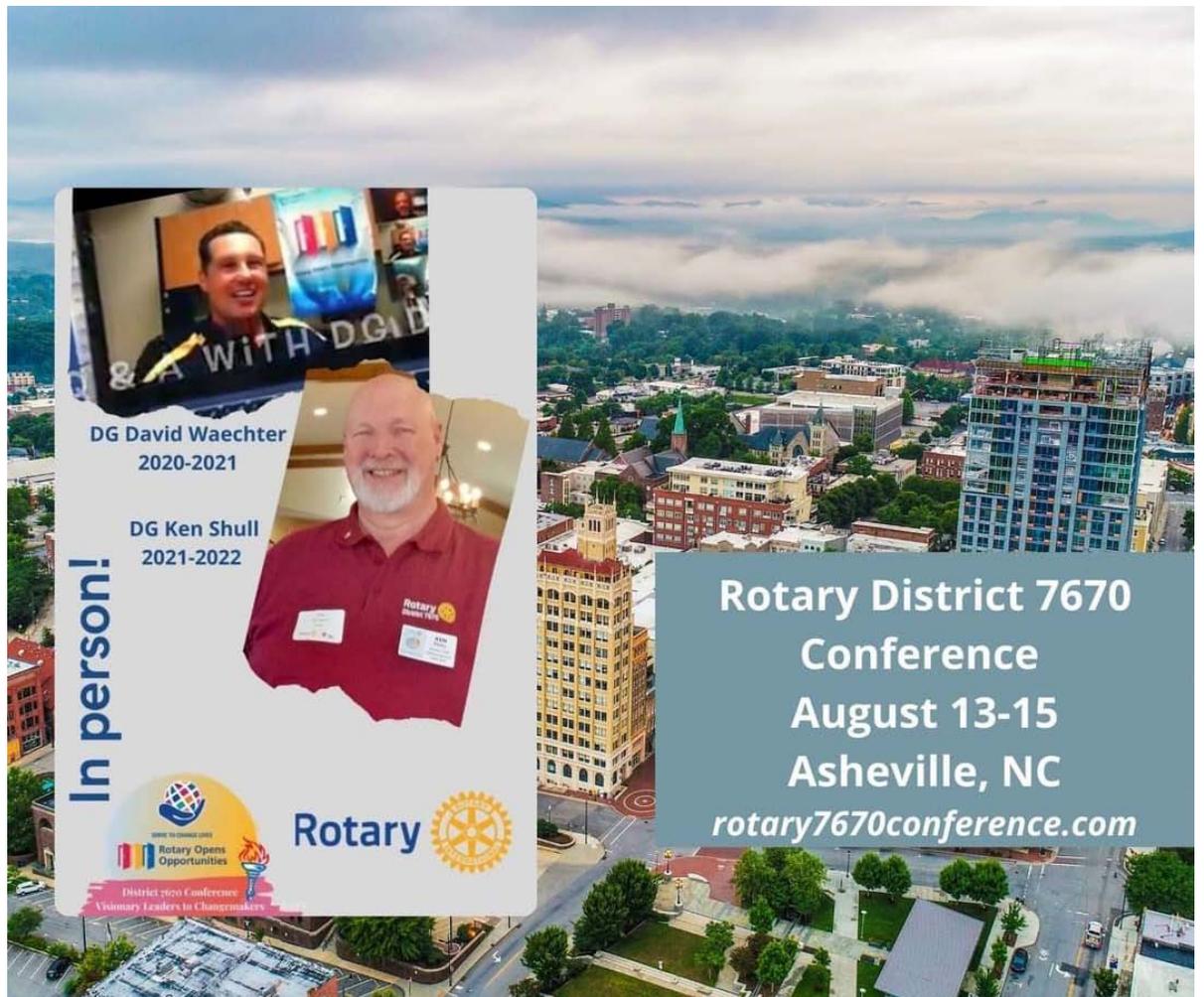
**Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided, beer/wine/soft drinks available for purchase!**

Ample parking is available, including space for vans or buses, so carpool with your club if you want!

**Wine Tastings available at 3:30pm for minimal charge (no need to pre-register for that - just show up early!).**

Registration & more information is available in the DACdb calendar, so plan now to join us for this festive event and help us "Serve To Change Lives" here at home and around the globe.

## You won't want to miss this!



## Joshua Kennedy Honored as Paul Harris Fellow

By David J Scherping on Saturday, May 22, 2021

At last week's meeting, the Rotary Club of Tryon recognized Joshua Kennedy, Director of Health & Human Services of Polk County, as an honorary Paul Harris Fellow.

In 1905 a young lawyer named Paul Harris with a small group of community leaders in Chicago started the first Rotary club. To encourage ongoing contributions to worldwide efforts, the Paul Harris Fellowship was established at \$1,000 levels for recognition of support to donors or persons designated and honored by local Rotary clubs.



Rotarian Art Brown presents the Paul Harris Fellowship to Joshua Kennedy, Director of Polk County Health & Human Services

Joshua Kennedy, is being honored for the magnificent leadership he provided to Polk County in dealing with the COVID19 pandemic. The professional use of staff and volunteers and observed strong organization has resulted in praise and respect from the community at large.

Health and Hygiene is one of the major areas of focus for Rotary International. And, interestingly, Rotary has been leading the world wide attempt to wipe out polio since 1985. From strong individual and club financial support to the massive core of volunteers providing inoculations throughout the world, total success against Polio is being realized.

The Rotary Club of Tryon has recognized numerous worthy members of our community as Paul Harris Fellows. Joshua Kennedy we are most honored and pleased to welcome you into the Paul Harris Fellowship.

## Sinnett Scholarship Winner Named

By Joy B. Cline on Friday, May 14, 2021



Since 1949, the Rotary Club of Newton-Conover has served the community. A standing mission of **Rotary** clubs all over the world is to take action to enhance basic **education** and literacy in local communities. The Rotary Club of Newton-Conover addresses this mission through various means throughout the year ♦ Dr. Seuss Reading Day, school mentoring buddies, support of K-64 initiative in Catawba County, teen leadership, and local scholarships. The Rotary Club of Newton-Conover presented the Dr. John F. Sinnett Scholarship to a deserving student, Andrea Brendel, at their annual Rotary Night celebration.

The Dr. John F. Sinnett Scholarship, through the CVCC Foundation, was established by the Rotary Club of Newton-Conover to honor Dr. John F. Sinnett for his contributions to Rotary as a member of the

Rotary Club of Newton-Conover in all capacities of leadership including Rotary District 7670 Governor. Dr. Sinnett exemplified ♦ *Service Above Self* ♦, the basis for which Rotary International was organized. A scholarship in his memory enables and encourages a deserving CVCC student to develop their leadership potential as exhibited by their present and future contributions to the community entering one of CVCC ♦s Health and Human Resources Programs.

The 2021 Recipient of the Dr. John F. Sinnett Scholarship, Andrea Brendel, plans a career in the Health and Human Resources by attending classes in CVCC's Health and Human Resources Programs this fall. Brendel currently holds a Certified Nursing Assistant certificate and a Medication Aide certificate. Andrea has a short-term goal of becoming an Occupational Therapist Assistant and a long-term goal of becoming an Occupational Therapist. She has had experience working at a long term care and rehabilitation center and has observed individuals recover as they regain normal functions through occupational therapy support. Brendel has the passion of working with individuals in various stages of life. Andrea's community service includes helping at the Soup Kitchen and Salvation Army. While volunteering with her church group, she made acquaintances with the homeless and wants to help more. She looks forward to a career of helping people and is already grounded in service above self.

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Anyone interested in being involved in the international organization, may contact Joy Cline at 464-0311 ext. 276.

## Rotary Club of Murphy awards \$9,000 in scholarships

By Timothy Edward Radford on Friday, June 4, 2021



When folks see Rotary Club of Murphy having fun, it's usually for a great cause. Recently, Rotary Club hosted a Golf Tournament at Mountain Harbour Golf Club in Hayesville to raise money for scholarships for Cherokee County students to advance to their next level of education.

Rotary Club's scholarship program is growing every year thanks to a very supportive community. Not only did we have volunteers from our club helping out, we also were able to give more money this year thanks to corporate sponsors who see tremendous value in helping our local students achieve bright and rewarding futures. [Read More](#)

## Highlands Cashiers Plateau Covid Initiative

By Michael Burel on Tuesday, May 25, 2021



The resonating theme of "how did you do it?" comes up time and time again, and the answer is simple. Rotarians and their service above self mission.

Highlands, NC, our little mountain town of around 1,100 fulltime residents, is taking COVID-19 seriously. The CEO of our local hospital, Tom Neal, and one of our Rotary Club Visionaries by chance were talking. She asked how Rotary could help. Robin Austin said, "why don't we have our Rotary club lead this initiative", and the rest is history. A Call Center for the initiative was created by the hospital and staffed by Rotarians, their spouses, and friends. This spread into the community, and people showed up literally by the hundreds to support this initiative. The call center operation is completely managed by Rotarians.

Since Mid-January, we have vaccinated almost 9,000 people from Highlands and surrounding towns and counties. Because of the non-availability of vaccinations in other areas of the country, the word about our program has gotten out, and people have come from as far away as Washington DC and Chicago for the vaccine. We have held mass clinics and have given as many as 1,000 shots in one day, with no wait. Except for a few hospital-employed volunteers, this has blossomed from our Rotary Covid Initiative Service Project. In addition to our regular clinics, we offer undisclosed, Spanish-speaking Latinx clinics for this segment of our population, and undocumented individuals can get vaccinated without worry.

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## Four Seasons Rotary & Toastmasters Adopt-A-Highway

By Richard E. Miley on Saturday, May 8, 2021



Four Seasons Rotary and Four Seasons Toastmasters joined together to pick up trash on Haywood Road in Hendersonville on Saturday, May 8th.

Ten hardy souls spent two hours cleaning up the road shoulders on the joint Adopt-A-Highway project, a 1.5 mile stretch of NC-191 near Rugby Middle School and West Henderson High School. The trash pick-up also produced a bag of "Cans for CART" with the recycling of the aluminum cans to benefit Alzheimer's research through the Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust, an

important Rotary program.

Many thanks to Rotarians Bob Engstrom, Ray Daley, Catherine Daley (Rotary spouse), Hal Manasa, Dick Miley, PDG Bill Biddle and Joann Biddle, as well as Toastmasters Don and Judy Groff and Susann Swan. Ray Daley and Dick Miley are also members of Four Seasons Toastmasters.

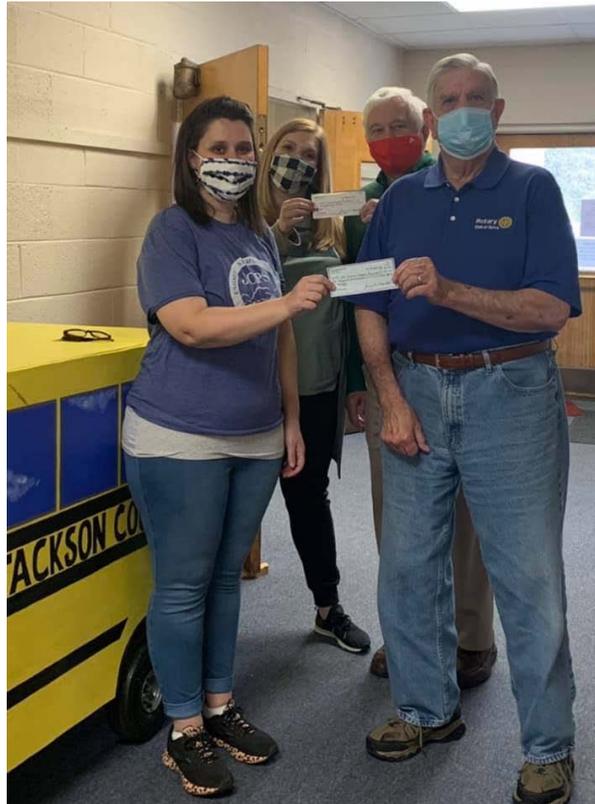


## Sylva Rotary Club donates to school system Spring Break food drive

By Todd Vinyard on Wednesday, May 5, 2021

The Sylva Rotary Club donated \$1,000 to help the Jackson County Public Schools Spring Break Lunch Bags program. Sylva Rotary Club members Kenny Nicholson and Charles Wolfe presented the checks recently to JCPS employees Director of Student Support Services Kelly Doppke and Emily Buchanan. The JCPS was able to send home 473 food bags over spring thanks to the

donation.



## Rotary Club of Granite Falls awards scholarship

By Charles W. Schreiber on Tuesday, June 8, 2021

District 7670 Assistant Governor Jeff Prince presents College Scholarship award [Read More](#)



## Check this out!

By George David Waechter on Thursday, June 17, 2021

We wanted to be sure you are aware of recent recognition in Forbes Magazine for our club's investment in Black Wall Street in Asheville. To read the whole article, please check out our 6/8/21 cog on the Asheville club website!

"J. Hackett, owner of Asheville's first Black-owned coffee shop Grind Coffee Co., wants to build a Black Wall Street in his city. He is reinvesting a \$50,000 grant he received from the North Carolina Black Entrepreneurship Council to create an incubator for 25 Asheville Black-owned businesses. With the help of 15 local partners including Hatch AVL, Venture Asheville, Rotary Club of Downtown Asheville, and the City of Asheville's Business Inclusion Office his goal is that each business exits the program with at least \$250,000 in revenue.

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## It's been a Visionary Year!

