

# Rotary



## District 7670

Thursday, October 1, 2020

### District Leadership



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District Governor



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DG-Nominee

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### What did you call me?

By George David Waechter on Wednesday, September 30, 2020



Have you ever thought of yourself as a philanthropist? Would you be surprised if I told you that I see you, a Rotarian in District 7670, as a philanthropist?

A philanthropist is a person who seeks to promote the welfare of others, especially by the generous donation of money to good causes. When you put service above self, you are, indeed a philanthropist. Generosity is a core value of Rotary. It is one of the special values that we all share with 1.2 million Rotarians around the globe. We give all kinds of things to others in the name of service: time, talent, and yes, money. These are all practices of service and it does not matter to what degree you give, it just matters that you have a heart for service and that you are generous to others. All service counts!

Sometimes though, it can feel like a burden, or competitive, or perhaps frustrating. You may give so much of yourself or your money that it feels like too much. You can feel overwhelmed and not want to be asked for anymore. We can become exhausted and start to avoid the opportunities to serve. Do not feel embarrassed or angry, we all can get to that point no matter what our means are. It is normal for philanthropists, servants, doers, and givers to give to the point of pain. We have all felt these emotions from time to time, and in a world with some many problems, so visible on every screen we look at, it can seem overwhelming and impossible.

I want to offer you a balm to your servant heart. Love. When we give to others in the name of service, we receive love in our hearts knowing someone in need might now have a better life. Our Rotary Foundation is very special because it allows us to connect to people in need not only in our local community through district grants, but also across the globe in the lives of people we may never meet. That is expanding your reach and increasing your impact!

Being in Rotary is belonging to a culture of philanthropy. I urge you all that philanthropy should be something you enjoy, not something you feel you are obligated to do. Service should fill you with joy and love. The best way to make this a certainty is to be an **Intentional Philanthropist**.

Review these points to learn how you can become an intentional philanthropist and enjoy giving!

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### October is...

By George David Waechter on Thursday, October 1, 2020  
Economic and Community Development month!

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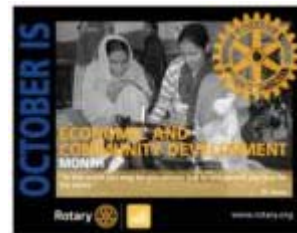
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November 10th

"Seven Women is a nonprofit that offers fair-trade products and services. Stephanie Woollard, a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, and a former Rotary Peace Fellow, started the organization in 2006 to empower marginalized women in Nepal. The women receive skills, literacy, and financial training that helps them increase their income and independence. Seven Women products are sold throughout Australia and at a shop at their center in Kathmandu. 5 August 2018, Kathmandu, Nepal."



## The Most Beautiful Pin I've Seen!

By George David Waechter on Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Are you ready to try something new for PolioPlus this year?

District 7670 had the honor and pleasure of hosting Polio survivor and International Polio Activist John Nanni this past week. He discussed the "Take Out Polio" Pin Fundraiser and outlined an exciting campaign to raise money for PolioPlus this year. Please help us utilize this innovative new way to raise money for the eradication of Polio.



This year, District 7630 Governor 2020-21, Steve Capelli, classmate of DG David Waechter, asked John to come up with a PolioPlus fundraiser that could promote and raise money for PolioPlus. In an effort to avoid re-inventing the wheel, John thought we could put a different spin on **End Polio Now**

and create a pin using the **Take Out Polio** theme. John Nanni asked the very talented graphic artist, Canadian Rotarian, Debbie Vance, to come up with a design for this pin. She exceeded all expectations and came up with an absolutely gorgeous design which is portrayed on the flyer below.

DG David has joined his classmate DG Steve and Rotarian John to "TAKE OUT POLIO!"

Please work with your Club President, Foundation Chair, or Polio Chair to order your pin. You are eligible for a 200 pin when you give \$40, and a 600 pin when you give \$120 or more!

The necessary documents are available in the Visionary Leaders Library on [www.rotary7670.org](http://www.rotary7670.org) - Please contact District Polio Chair Bob Miller at [jrobertmil@yahoo.com](mailto:jrobertmil@yahoo.com) for any assistance or questions. [Read More](#)

## Hurricane Laura Relief to Lake Charles Louisiana

By Tammy Mosteller on Wednesday, September 30, 2020

## Happy Hour Sip & Learn

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### [Around the World With Asheville Rotarians](#)

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### [What you always wanted to know about the Rotary Foundation](#)

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November 19th

### [Community Rotaract Club Meeting](#)

## Club Anniversaries

Pisgah Satellite

October 7th

Valdese

October 13th

Denver/Lake Norman

October 23rd

Black Mountain

October 24th

After Hurricane Laura impacted Southwest Louisiana, communities across the country have been donating items.

The City of Sulphur courtroom has a makeshift donation drop-off where food and water is currently being stored from a an 18-wheeler full of donated items from North Carolina.

◆ Saturday morning about 9 o'clock I was sitting there and thinking about what can I do? I feel like the lord laid it on my heart. What can I do to help, ◆ said Tammy Mosteller. ◆ I ◆ve got family down here and these are wonderful people. ◆

Mosteller, who used to live in Sulphur, wanted to help her community after the storm.

She got together with District 7670 Rotarians in Western North Carolina and her church.

She says the word quickly got out, ◆ within four hours, we already had donations rolling in. ◆

Cases of water, chainsaws, non-perishable foods, and more were donated.

The company her husband works for, Brooks-DeHart Furniture Xpress, donated the 18-wheeler to transport it 900 miles to Sulphur.

From her time here, Mosteller says she knows how much this community cares for one another, especially after something as catastrophic as a hurricane.

◆ People who have nothing are out trying to help people who have nothing. Southwest Louisiana has a heart like I ◆ve never seen. ◆

From there, the donated items will be taken to other distribution centers across the city.

(copied from the story done by newstation KPLC in Lake Charles Louisiana)



## Celesa's Rotary Story

By Celesa Willett on Sunday, September 20, 2020



Celesa's Rotary Story

My Rotary story started in 1982 when I was chosen as Pisgah High School's Rotary Club Student of the Month by my principal. I went to a Rotary meeting for the recognition and ate lunch with a Rotarian who was an accountant. After graduation, I needed a part-time job while I attended Haywood Community College. I remembered the Rotary Club meeting and the accountant. I walked into his office, reintroduced myself and asked if he had any positions available. He remembered me, said his assistant had resigned to go to college and asked if I could I start on Monday! I worked Tom Wooten for three years before moving on to full time employment. After a while, that business moved to another county, and I decided to stay

home and be full time wife and mother.

In 1990, my husband and I went to the bank to apply for a loan to build a house. We barely missed qualifying for the loan because of income. The loan officer asked me if I would consider a part-time position. She mentioned that the United Way had an opening and encouraged me to apply. I got the job and was able to qualify for the loan. People retired and I moved up until I became the Executive Director of the organization in 2003. That same loan officer, Pat Owen, was serving on the United Way Board of Directors and was also a Rotarian. She asked me to attend a Rotary meeting with her and then sponsored me as a member.

Eventually, I was asked to serve as secretary, then my high school principal, Bill Upton,



asked me to consider being president after him. It was such an honor to accept my diploma and a president's gavel from him. I served as president in 2014-15 and 2015-16 and now in 2020-21.

I love Rotary. I love the 4 Way Test. I just hope I can make a difference in someone's life like fellow Rotarians have for me. [Read More](#)

## We want to spotlight your club!

By George David Waechter on Thursday, October 1, 2020

We want to hear how your club is performing the magic of Rotary during the pandemic. We know it has been a tough time for everyone, but our District has shown up and shown our communities that Rotarians are still providing service to those in need. For more information, please visit the DACdb ezStory.

## Membership Monday - Don't miss out!

By George David Waechter on Thursday, October 1, 2020

District 7670's next Membership Monday seminar will be held on October 12 at 4:15 p.m. Zones 33 & 34 Regional Membership Officer Audley Knight will share membership, retention, and growth tactics that are working in Rotary clubs this year. Audley's knowledge of what works and what does not work along with resources available for clubs will make this a very helpful program.



Our next seminar will be November 9 and will run a full hour from 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m., due to program context. We are honored to have Terry Weaver and Patrick Eakes speak during that time.

You don't want to miss it!

## District 7670 Coat Drive

By George David Waechter on Thursday, October 1, 2020



As you know, the Fall season always brings cooler temperatures and the risk of colds and flu. Well, this year has an extra concern that we all know and have been concerned about since February - Covid19. Many clubs in our district do already perform a coat drive each year, but this year is different and we can all see why we should lend a hand. Join us in making this a district-wide effort.

With schools, senior centers, and other places where people usually find warmth and comfort being less available than normal, we know that people will feel the chill of winter more this year. First Lady Deborah and I are personally worried about our seniors and children as they face the winter season with increased risk of infections and fewer friends and family to check on them. Kids in poverty often receive their only meals and warmth for the day at school and many of these kids will be either out of school or not in school as much. Seniors are in a similar tough scenario.

A coat is one of the most basic commodities that many children and seniors in poverty lack. You can make a difference in their lives. Please join me and my family as we give our communities the gift of warmth and comfort this winter. Contact your club president for more information.

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## Tour D'Apple A Huge Success

By Tiffany Ervin on Sunday, September 13, 2020

Unlike so many canceled events, the 8th Annual Tour d'Apple sponsored by Four Seasons Rotary Club took off on Labor Day, September 7, 2020, with rolling starts from 7-10 a.m. from Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) in Flat Rock, NC. Participation was limited to 350 cyclists who rode from 25-100 miles on one of four scenic routes around the apple orchards and beautiful mountains of Henderson County.



The "contactless" event included drive-through packet pickups the day before and "to-go" meals from Chick-Fil-A for the post-ride meal. Hand sanitizing stations were at the hub at BRCC and each rest stop, and each participant and volunteer was given a complimentary Tour "buff" as part of their "swag bag."

Participants donated more than \$900 before the event began above and beyond their registration fees, and that money will be used to purchase winter coats for children in Henderson County through Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM), according to club president Chris Johnson. Canned food donations were also collected at the event to go to IAM, as well as a recycle station for aluminum cans to raise money for [CART \(Coins for Alzheimer's Research Trust\)](#).

The event was sponsored by [Hunter Automotive Group](#) and organized by [Idaph Events](#), with support from nearly a hundred volunteers. Participants came from nearly every Southern state and some even rode "virtually" from as far away as Ohio, recording their time online.



Funds raised from this year's event will go to support Four Seasons Rotary service projects, including scholarships at BRCC, Special Needs Sports in WNC, and upgrades to a Four Seasons Rotary Park in downtown Hendersonville.

## New RotarACT Community Club of Highlands Receives Grant to Provide Financial Relief and Remove Invasive Species

By Kirk Dornbush on Tuesday, September 22, 2020

New Rotar**ACT** Community Club of Highlands Receives Grant to Provide Financial Relief and Remove Invasive Species.

A grant from the Mountaintop Rotary Club of Highlands and matching grant funds from Rotary district 7670 will enable the new Rotar**ACT** Club of Highlands to launch its first project. The project has the goal to remove non-native invasive plant species in and around the town of Highlands, community roadways, and local non-profit owned properties. In addition to the benefits to our shared landscape, the primary motivation of this plan is to provide financial relief to working people of the community who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by employing them as workers in the project. The Rotar**ACT** Club of Highlands is also partnering the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, the Highlands Biological Station, the Women's Initiative at the International Friendship Center of Highlands, The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center, The Church of the Incarnation, the Peggy Crosby Center and the Highlands Plateau Greenway to host this action day.



Rotar**ACT** President, Rachel Kinback said, "We are excited to launch our first project at a time when there is a great need. Many working people in Highlands and surrounding towns have lost jobs or had their hours cut, and many did not receive a stimulus check. This means substantial financial burden and stress for many of our neighbors. Our club is passionate about providing financial assistance to those in need. This project will also provide a platform for something that we can do together to beautify and take pride in our town and help each other make it through a very difficult time."

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## World Polio Day will be here soon!

By George David Waechter on Tuesday, August 25, 2020



What plans do you have in your club for celebrating World Polio Day on October 24<sup>th</sup>?

One of our polio goals for this Rotary year is for every club in our district to have a polio community awareness event. Many clubs and districts in Zone 33 have used the celebration of World Polio Day as an opportunity for such an

event.

The Zone has collected a Tool Kit with information and suggested activities for your club's use to celebrate World Polio Day, and it is now available online. Simply google World Polio Day 2020 and go into the [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org) website.

In our current environment, the traditional fundraiser may not be a viable option. In the past, many clubs have had community fundraisers and have written articles for publication in local newspapers about Rotary activities in their communities that address the eradication of the wild polio virus world-wide. Some clubs are planning virtual fundraising auctions, while others are focusing on awareness campaigns like lighting up their local courthouse with purple light and hosting an informative talk nearby.

Most clubs are meeting virtually and have had no expense for meals for several months. It's likely that many have not yet reduced their club dues. One idea is to use some of those extra monies for meeting the polio minimum goal of \$40 per Rotarian.

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## Coming Soon to a Newsletter Near You!

By George David Waechter on Thursday, October 1, 2020

We all know that November is Foundation Month...

On November 14th we will have our annual Foundation Banquet. Tune in for a Million Dollar Surprise!

Be sure to check out our mid-month edition of the Visionary Voice on October 15th to see more upcoming events you won't want to miss!

