

Rotary



District 7670

Thursday, October 15, 2020

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Stay engaged!

By George David Waechter on 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.

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Virtual Foundation Celebration

By George David Waechter on Wednesday, October 14, 2020

You won't want to miss this one!

**District 7670 Rotary Foundation Celebration
November 14, 2020 at 5:30pm**



Be the Change you wish to See!

Our creative team is putting together a program "worth watching twice"!!!

This event will be unlike anything you have seen. We will have a fun-filled hour of entertainment for you and your family and friends to enjoy from the comfort of home or perhaps even the spotlight of a club watch party!

Your Host - PDG Isaac Owolabi

- Learn about the Power of Continuity
- Club Service Project highlights

- Telethon

October 27th

Governor Official Visit - Boone Sunrise

October 27th

Governor Official Visit - Valdese

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November 3rd

Club Board Meeting

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Hike with Rotary

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Membership Monday

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November 14th

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November 16th

Assistant Governors Quarterly Meeting

November 17th

District Finance Committee & Council Meetings

November 19th

Community Rotaract Club

- Comedy guests!
- DG David Waechter and RI Director Peter Kyle "Between 2 Rotary Wheels"
- District Foundation Awards with IPDG Tiffany Ervin
- Special Surprise Guest

Music, fun, awards, and celebration - no Zooming, just pure Viewing Pleasure!

Want your club to be a star?

By George David Waechter on Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Calling all People of Action!

This year we will host our Virtual Foundation Celebration. And we want your club to be the star of the show! We will have a segment that will display videos of our Rotarians Doing Good in the world. Please submit your videos via email to DG David Waechter by November 6th.

The event will be taking place on November 14th at 5:30 p.m.



Foundation Cornerstone

By George David Waechter on Monday, October 12, 2020

Here is a special Thank You for your membership and your ongoing commitment to Do Good In The World!

We are inviting you to consider a new way to Do Good In The World. Please join us and participate in the Intentional Philanthropy Campaign for the benefit of the Rotary Foundation.

What does that mean? As shown on the attached flyer, there are just a few simple steps:

1. **Know What You Have Given** - Go to rotary.org, log-in to My Rotary (with your DACdb log-in), click on your name (top right of the screen), choose My Donations from the drop down menu.
2. **What Is Your Goal?** ♦ Take a moment to think about your long-term goal. On page 2 of the attached flyer you will find a list of the Donor Recognition Levels for the Foundation. Pick the one that you want to claim as yours.
3. **Set A Path To Follow** ♦ Now that you have set the goal that matches both your heart and your resources, determine the amount of this year's gift that starts you down that pathway.
4. **Use Rotary Direct** ♦ Now is the moment to complete your commitment while you are on the Rotary web page. Go back to the home screen and choose the **DONATE** button to choose your area of giving (annual fund, polio, etc) and to set up your recurring gift (monthly, quarterly, or annually).
5. **Manage Your Giving** ♦ Be sure to go back to rotary.org from time to time to check on your progress, change, stop, or re-start your giving commitment, or to update your credit or debit card information.

Meeting

Club Anniversaries

Pisgah Satellite
October 7th

Valdese
October 13th

Denver/Lake Norman
October 23rd

Black Mountain
October 24th

6. Share Your Story ♦ Tell others the stories of the impact in the world and in your community. Tell your own story about joining in **DG David's Intentional Philanthropy Campaign**.

I want to inform you that our annual fund giving is only 60% of what it was this time last year. Of course, this is due to the new way we are doing Rotary this year. However, the money we raise this year will be the money available in 2023-24 for District and Global Grants.

Will you please reach into your heart and help us! We need to make sure that there are funds available to Do Good In The World three years from now. Please follow our Intentional Philanthropy Campaign steps and make that happen!

Thank you for the gift of your heart, your resources, and your time and energy to Do Good In The World.

You are deeply appreciated!!

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Grants Management Seminar

By George David Waechter on Thursday, October 15, 2020

The Grants Management Seminar is filling up quickly! At this moment we have 58 registrations from 31 Rotary Clubs and 1 Rotaract Club. It is essential that your club gets someone signed up ASAP!

It is also essential to have Rotaract Representation since this is a requirement for them to apply for grants on their own. So please remind your local Rotaract Club and give them the information they need.

Remember, participation in this seminar is a requirement in order for Clubs to be eligible to participate in Global or District Grants in the future.

This event will be held on October 22, 2020 at 4 p.m.

Million Dollar Dinner

Thursday, October 15, 2020

By Kenneth A. Shull

District 7670 is announcing a new significant effort to Do Good in the World. In spite of all of the challenges, changes and setbacks we face this year, Rotary continues to address needs throughout the world. The struggles of many people continue and as People of Action we are still called to assist in programs to meet these needs. Providing resources to fund these programs is becoming increasingly difficult.

The initiative we are launching will take almost two years to achieve a great goal. We are going to raise ONE MILLION DOLLARS in new major gifts and bequests by April 2022. All those who participate will be invited to our Million Dollar Dinner.

This initiative is not burdened by social distancing, the difficulty in holding fundraisers or some of the other current obstacles we face in these difficult times. The funding is needed now more than ever. This has been done by some other districts and is something we can do in District 7670. You will be hearing more about this soon! Be sure to tune in to the Virtual Foundation Celebration for more details.

The Vision

**TO RAISE \$1 MILLION OR MORE IN MAJOR/PLANNED GIFTS
FOR THE ROTARY FOUNDATION FROM DISTRICT 7670 DONORS
DURING THE COURSE OF THE CAMPAIGN.**

Important Information

- **Dates of Campaign:** October 15, 2020 - March 31, 2022 – Kick-off Announced at District 7670 Foundation Banquet November 14, 2020.
- **Date of Dinner:** April 2022. Exact Date: To be determined
- **Location of Dinner:** To be determined
- **Gifts that count:** All Major Gifts and Bequests of \$10,000 or more as defined by The Rotary Foundation made by donors who are a member of a Rotary club in District or other interested donors will count in this effort.
- **For the purpose of this campaign the value of gifts will be counted as they are recognized by The Rotary Foundation for recognition purposes.** (i.e., the full value of a 3-year pledge, the average value a stock held on the day it was given, the gift value of life income agreements, etc.) If there is any question about the value of a specific gift, the recognition value assigned to that gift by the Rotary Foundation will be used for this campaign.
- **A team appointed by DG David Waechter, DGE Ken Schull, DRFC Carol King, with PDG Isaac Owalobi as Campaign Chair will be responsible for securing the funds.** Resources include Zone 33 Endowment & Major Gifts Advisor (E/MGA), Chuck Arnason and Rotary Major Gifts Officer Carl Davis.
- **Campaign Chair PDG Isaac Owalobi and a committee to be appointed will be responsible for organizing the venue and logistics of the dinner.**
- **Individuals who make a qualifying gift and a guest will be invited to the dinner.** In addition the District will invite the following individuals to attend the dinner, regardless of whether they make a qualifying gift to this effort: 1. Banquet Speaker and his/her spouse/partner, 2. Arch Klumph Society Members and their spouse/partner that live in District 7670, 3. Rotary Directors for Zones 33 and 34 and his/her spouse/partner, 4. Major Gift Advisor Carl Davis, and 5. Chuck Arnason Zone 33 E/MGA

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Service Opportunity - People of Action Wanted!

By George David Waechter on Monday, October 12, 2020

According to recent data from the Alliance for Period Supplies, in North Carolina, 1 in 5 women and girls between the the age of 12 and 44 lives below the Federal Poverty Line. Though these individuals may be receiving SNAP (food stamps) as a supplement to their low wages, they cannot use the SNAP benefits to purchase non-food items, including period products. That's where Project Dignity of WNC, Inc. comes in.

We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit whose purpose is to provide feminine hygiene products to girls and women in Henderson county who are homeless, low-income, or victims of domestic abuse.

Today we serve Henderson, Buncombe, Polk, Transylvania, Rutherford, Madison, Haywood, Yancey, Avery and Mitchell counties. We serve 55 agencies and 148 schools. On a monthly basis we distribute 14,380 tampons, 15,450 pads, and 5,534 liners. We are in many of the counties covered by Rotary 7670. Due to the continually increasing need for products, you can help us have product available through product donations or grants.

For more information, please visit these links and contact Barbara Morgan at:

morganbarb52@gmail.com
<https://projectdignitywnc.com/>
Facebook projectdignityofwnc.



How and why I became a Rotarian - Zach Claxton

By Zach Claxton on Friday, September 18, 2020



I took a rather unconventional path into Rotary. Retiring from SunTrust Bank in Atlanta in 2002, my wife and I moved full-time to Highlands in 2004. A longtime friend of mine and former President of the Farmington, Maine Rotary, was concerned that I might not have enough to do in my retirement. In the spring of 1985 he asked me if I had ever considered Rotary. At the time, I knew virtually nothing about the organization. He got my permission to contact our club President to recommend me.

The then President, Selwyn Chalker, asked our Secretary to invite me to a meeting. I went and right away I knew I belonged. That first day I didn't know anyone, but everyone was friendly. As the meeting ended, a Rotarian at my table told me to come back anytime. Now I'm sure he was just being nice, but at the time I didn't know that. I started coming to every meeting, not knowing that I was supposed to come as the guest of a specific Rotarian, and had no idea that I would need a member to sponsor me into the club.

I simply showed up every Tuesday, paid for my lunch, and felt right at home. When the Sergeant-at-Arms called for guests, I would raise my hand and introduce myself. After about three weeks of this, I guess he got tired of recognizing me. He told me that since I was always present, there was no reason to keep calling myself a guest. I suppose no one had the heart to tell me to stop coming.

The first event needing volunteers was the Fourth of July cookout and I signed up. From that point I volunteered for every service opportunity that came up. I soon became friends with many Rotarians. Ignorance is bliss.

After continuing to come every week through the summer and into the fall, one Tuesday, as I signed in as usual as a visitor and paid my lunch money, the Secretary told me that I had been recommended to become a member, and in October, 2005, I became an official Rotarian. The Past President, who had invited me to the first meeting decided to be my sponsor. I suppose the board figured that since they were not going to get rid of me, they might as well invite me to join.

I never aspired to be President, but in late 2019 I was asked to become President Nominee for the 2021-2022 year. Then, at the last minute, the President Elect for the 2020-2021 year had circumstances arise that prevented him from serving, and I was asked if I could move up to take his year. So here I am, loving every minute.

Rotary will continue to evolve, finding new ways to expand membership and service. I suspect we will continue to expand our reach through technology, and will find innovative ways to be more inclusive.

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.

Virtual Polio Day Telethon

By George David Waechter on Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Join us on World Polio Day for a Telethon Celebration, hosted by District Polio Chairs: Colleen Bonadonna (7600), John Nanni (7630) and PDG Nancy Barbee (7730). Starting at 10:30 and going until 2:00 on Saturday October 24th, the who's who in the polio eradication efforts will come on virtually and share their polio story.

Speakers will include RI President Holger Knaack, PDG Tunji Funsho (one of Time Magazine most influential people), Dr. Peter Salk, PDG Mike McGovern and many more. There will be an auction, music and prizes. The schedule of events and login information will be coming soon.



What you always wanted to know about the Rotary Foundation - With Anne Matthews!

By George David Waechter on Tuesday, October 13, 2020



Anne Matthews is one of the most remarkable leaders in Rotary today. She has used her experience as an educator to train Rotary leaders, and her passion for The Rotary Foundation to promote its worth and to help develop the format for the New Foundation. We are extremely fortunate that she will join us by Zoom on November 12th to speak on the subject of ♦What you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask about the Rotary Foundation. ♦ This is open to all Rotarians in the district and many clubs have moved their meetings that week to Thursday to take advantage of the opportunity to hear Anne speak.

Who is Anne Matthews? She began attending Rotary club meetings in 1989, on the recommendation of her minister, becoming the first female member of her club (Rotary Club of Columbia East). It wasn't long before she became actively involved in her club becoming its first female president. Ten years after joining Rotary she became the first female Governor of District 7770, embracing the

CART Fund as a district wide project and awarding the first CART grant of \$100000. 13 years later she began her term as the first female vice president of Rotary International.

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Fun Committee

By Robert Alan Wilson Jr. on Monday, October 12, 2020

Who says that ♦Rotarians don♦t have fun♦? The Fun Committee of the Boone Sunrise Rotary, chaired by Lane Robinson and Hanes Biden, hosted a gathering on Tuesday evening, September 29th at Booneshine Brewery. After six (6) months of weekly Zoom meetings, the opportunity to see each other ♦face-to-face♦, albeit ♦masked♦ and ♦socially distanced♦, attracted eighteen (18) Club members.



Four Seasons Rotary Park Gets New Playground Equipment

By Tiffany Ervin on Thursday, September 10, 2020



The neighborhood surrounding Four Seasons Rotary Park saw some new playground equipment installed back in April. The installation came during a time when playgrounds across the state were closed due to COVID-19, but with the easing of the Governor♦s restrictions, children will now be able to enjoy new play areas.

The Four Seasons Rotary Club received a grant for the new equipment. Last year♦s Club President Melissa Johnson applied for a Rotary District 7670 Grant to improve the park, upgrade the playground equipment, and honor some former Rotarians in a way that benefits the entire community.

♦The Four Seasons Rotary Club has a long history with this park,♦ said Melissa Johnson. ♦Luther Smith, a former Rotarian, designed the park twenty years ago. Luther passed away last year, but his designs can still be enjoyed on Hendersonville♦s Main Street and other local parks.♦

Johnson explained their club wanted to honor another former Rotarian with new playground equipment.

♦We wanted to honor Dr. Jim Volk by upgrading the playground equipment in the park,♦ said Johnson. She explained Dr. Volk, who passed away in 2018, was a longtime Hendersonville pediatrician who served as a faithful Rotary member club president. ♦Dr. Volk dedicated so much of his life to improving the lives of children; we thought new playground equipment was a fitting way to honor his legacy.♦

The Four Seasons Rotary Club has partnered with the City of Hendersonville Public Works Department and Cunningham Recreation to make the project a reality. Cunningham crew members conducted the installation and the Public Works Department assisted with the facilitation of the project as well as site preparation and installing a border around the playground and fall protection mulch.

♦Even though the equipment couldn♦t be used when it was first installed, we are happy it is ready to go now that playgrounds have reopened,♦ said Melissa Johnson. ♦Life moves on and good things are still happening during this time. We are looking forward to this being a great addition in the community.♦



District 7670 Coat Drive

By George David Waechter on Friday, October 2, 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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Coming Soon to a Newsletter Near You!

By George David Waechter on Thursday, October 15, 2020

Please be tuned in for the Grants Management Seminar that is set for October 22nd!

We all know that November is Foundation Month...

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

Be sure to check out our mid-month edition of the Visionary Voice on November 2nd to see more upcoming events you won't want to miss!

