

Rotary



District 7730

Message from Dawn

Good morning to Rotary District 7730!

I hope that this email finds you and your family well. Many thoughts as families transition to whatever school options are available in your area. This is always a time of transition and know that we are all thinking of our children. As I am unable to meet in person with the majority of Rotarians at this time, I take these moments via email to communicate opportunities and reminders to Clubs. This is longer than I typically write, but I have had emails and calls about these topics and felt email a good way to distribute the information to everyone at the same time. Thank you for taking the time to read and refer to the resources included.



Reminders:

- While we are all Rotarians, your Club is a separate entity and is up to your Club and Club membership whether to hold in person and congregate gatherings with attention to public health guidelines and current NC Executive Orders. My role provides connections, guidance and education to the Clubs. My recommendation is to ensure that all Rotarians are communicated with and involved with your decisions. I have seen some Clubs be very successful at both in person and virtual meetings and events. Because this is a pandemic and NC continues in Phase 2, check with your local health officials so that you are clear about risk and safety measures as the Health Department is who you will have to engage should any positive cases be connected to your meeting or event. An Area of Focus internationally is disease prevention so regularly engage community members with this focus in your meetings and invite them to be a Rotarian.
- There are no in person District Level trainings or events currently scheduled for this Rotary Year due to uncertainty with the pandemic. These events all involve contractual obligations and large congregate situations that I and others felt best to create certainty by cancelling at this time. This may change after the beginning of the calendar year and remains a fluid situation. What has been cancelled and will definitely NOT be held in person is the District Conference, the Foundation Luncheon and RYLA. RLI is also not holding in person training at this time; however, if you are looking for a Club meeting or Club Assembly speaker to train on any Rotary topic, RLI Faculty and District Leadership are available as speakers. The plan currently is that we will know by October 1st more about President Elect Training scheduled for March in Greensboro and what options will be in place.
- RYLA is of particular interest to many Clubs as we love RYLA and this is the first time since we began holding it in our District that we will not convene one. We are looking for virtual options to partner with other Rotary Districts and will send what we decide on if a virtual option can be found. We think it could be very exciting if we could partner with a RYLA in another country or different part of North America. If you know of options or if your Club develops a virtual option for student leadership, please share and consider partnering with other Clubs.
- Check DACdb for trainings and calendar updates to share with your Club regarding meetings and trainings that they can join or ask someone in your Club to help you with this information. DACdb is our virtual space for centralized management of the operational side of what we do. Have questions? Your Club Secretary or Lin Kelly at the District Level.
- Our District has convened a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Taskforce that will provide recommendations to myself and other leadership by October. Attached is the statement by Rotary that was provided to all who attended President Elect Training (PETS) in March. I also wanted to share what another Rotary District has already convened virtually in their District. It is a candid and well done 45-minute virtual assembly. I hope that you will take the time to watch it and consider the conversations. <https://youtu.be/mvM83didwN8> I have attached some education materials that are found on Rotary.org to review areas for a Healthy Club and an Assessment in Diversifying your Club membership. The Rotary Learning Center has a course and many other tools to aid discussions.
- In this election season in the United States, I encourage each Club to continue the Rotary tradition of being a space that is nonpolitical, non-judgmental and unifying. As Rotarians, we stand on a foundation of being a part of the establishment of the United Nations. <https://www.rotary.org/en/history-rotary-and-United-nations> As community leaders, we absolutely have our thoughts and opinions AND we represent being able to unify even in hard and difficult conversations towards peace and conflict resolution. Many elected officials are Rotarians. Elected officials are needed in solutions in communities, working alongside business, community, nonprofits and government. Ensure that they are aware of the value of Rotary in convening and brokering peace and resolution to real issues. Ensure that all voices are heard and all voices are welcome. That is the family of Rotary.

Opportunities to raise funds:

- Thank you to all that have already given individually and as Clubs to help me reach the goal in our District of a minimum of \$50 per Rotarian towards ending polio. District Governor Nominee and our Polio Plus Chair Jeff Mount has worked with Rotarian Perry Ditch to offer a solution to Clubs to raise funds for Polio. World Polio Day is October 24 internationally and it is not too early to plan to meet your Club giving goal for Polio by this date. A creative solution is being offered in creating Popcorn Tins with the Rotary Polio graphics filled with delicious sea salt caramel popcorn from Perry's Gourmet Popcorn.

Individual orders must be made online by September 1; on Oct. 1, Perry's Gourmet Popcorn will start deliveries to distribute the Popcorn orders to whomever serves as the Club lead for Polio.

The online price is \$35, with a profit of \$20. The Club lead for Polio will receive a check with the Rotarian's names to ensure proper credit by the Club towards the Member with rotary.org to end polio. We want to ensure that each Rotarian that participates receives proper credit with Rotary, which ensures that the reporting to the District is accurate.

You can order by clicking: <https://www.perrysgourmetpopcorn.com/rotary-polio-plus-fundraiser>.

For disclosure, it should be noted Rotarian Perry Ditch is not profiting from the sale of the tins. The \$15.00 that the business earns is to cover the cost of the production.

- We also know that everywhere you look, you see need and you are concerned about raising money. We do have Clubs that are actively raising funds by following the 3Ws and eliminating the gatherings associated with these events. But, not everyone can. Here is a virtual website for fundraisers: <https://assetlab.us/22-virtual-fundraising-events-for-rotary-kiwanis-and-main-street-organizations/> Considering partnering with other Clubs to increase leverage and exposure. If you believe that there is an idea that could be shared District wide, let's consider it. We are a network and we know that our communities need us.

Thank you to everyone inviting me to your virtual meetings. Please continue to do so. If you are holding in person events, I will continue to decide on a case by case basis whether I can attend but always let me know so that I can celebrate your events on our District Facebook page.

Stay safe ~ Dawn
District Governor 2020-21

ATTACHMENTS:

[DEI Guidance](#)

[Member Diversity Assessment](#)

[Rotary Club Health Check](#)