

# Rotary



## District 7730

### Message from Dawn

Monday, July 27, 2020

Last week of the first month of your Leadership for your Club! Congratulations and I hope this finds you doing well. I know that August provides some movement forward and still some uncertainty, especially around the care and education of our children. Rotary is 115 years strong and has evolved and pivoted so many times in that span. Use your network and your resources outside of the Club to support your Club members.



To have on your radar this week:

- Deadline to apply for District grants is August 3rd. Steve Hellersperk and Lin Kelly are your go to people. To generate some ideas, simply look in DACdb for previously approved grants. Learning from each other about what is possible is what Rotary is all about.
- Cancellations are a reality and there are some things that we cannot hold this Rotary year. In person meetings that you would have budgeted for are potentially that will not be held are: the District Conference, the Foundation Banquet in November (May be rescheduled for later dependent on COVID) and RYLA. Attached is an updated listing from your PETS manual. Check DACdb for offerings Zone wide and District wide as there are a lot of virtual options right now for your Rotarians and strengthening their knowledge and your Club infrastructure. I am committed to continue to look for a partnership with other Districts for a virtual offering in lieu of RYLA for students. I am most concerned about our students right now and they need these offerings that Clubs support. Stay tuned. [Click here for calendar.](#)
- With money potentially in your budget for the events above, I would ask that you consider exploring with your Boards and members how to meet the needs of your members with cost of dues depending on impact they have felt and The Rotary Foundation goals I messaged you last week: Our members are our greatest asset as they give of their time, their talent and their treasure. Some Clubs have offered dues relief; while others have invested more in Club projects and giving to The Rotary Foundation. It is an individual Club decision how to structure dues. Refer back to your District PETS manual to look at Rotary International dues and District dues. Educate your members on what their money goes to pay and encourage questions. Let me know if I can help and will do my best to answer and connect you to someone who can help.

Opportunities to connect:

- July 29th at noon EST, you have the opportunity to educate your Club membership and Community members on Rotary and its work to eliminate Polio in this world. Disease prevention and virus elimination is a timely topic. Thank you to those following our Facebook page as I am highlighting the speakers in preparation. I am so honored and so humbled at the caliber of speakers that are willing to spend an hour with us this Wednesday. Just spend a moment reading one of the bios. Just incredible. [Click here to register.](#)
- August 10th 4pm ♦ 5pm, District wide Virtual Check In. Look for email from Lin as we get closer. August is Membership and New Club Development Month and will be the focus of our call to hold dialogue around options and what Clubs can do and have done.

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. Have a great start to your week!

Dawn District Governor 2020-21

cc: Governor Line, Area Governors, District Chairs