

Rotary District 6560

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District Leaders

What I did on my Summer Vacation

By Jennifer L. Stanfield on Wednesday, August 30, 2023



Greetings from your Governor!

Where did the summer go? So many opportunities for our district to connect this past summer. In July, I traveled to Michigan for the Central States Rotary Youth Exchange Convention. What a joy to see so many young people gathered in one place...and in person for the first time since the pandemic. July marked the start of my Official District Governor Visits to clubs.

The Indianapolis Club was first on my calendar. Such a vibrant and engaging club in our district! The next stop on my tour was to the Lafayette Daybreak Club. They have several events coming up in regards to the Mental Health Initiative. Then a trip to my home club in Crawfordsville. Two fundraisers for Crawfordsville in July and Summer Concerts are planned. Unofficially, I dropped in to visit the Indy Progressive Club to hear their speaker, Dr AgborBaiyee give an update on African University. At the end of July, several Club and District leaders joined me in Columbus, Ohio for the Zone Summer Leadership Seminar.



In August, I visited the Anderson Club; thank you to the many Rotary friends from that club in attendance. I was invited to sit in on the Fishers Club board meeting. I've been meeting virtually with our club presidents and district leaders and will end this month with a visit to the Danville Club and the All-Indiana Rotary Youth Exchange BBQ. The Kendra Scott Jewelers Fundraiser for the Empowering Girls Initiative was a fun night. For a zero dollar investment, we were able to raise over \$300 as seed money for ongoing fundraising throughout the year.

Be sure to put your club events on the DACdb Calendar, so that your District Governor, Assistant Governor and other members of the Family of Rotary can attend your events. We want to support your club and your community.

Exciting News!! Our District has been invited to attend a Multi-District Club Officer Training Assembly on September 14th. Our very own DGN Ryan Henry is one of the facilitators and a huge appreciation to our District Administrator Leigh Perry for procuring an invitation for our members to participate.

I look forward to visiting your club as we work to Create Hope in the World together.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Jennifer Stanfield
District Governor 2023-24



September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

Wednesday, August 30, 2023



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District Governor



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Trainer, Assistant
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Governor



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Governor



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Assistant District
Governor



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Assistant District
Governor



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Governor



David A. Strand
Assistant District
Governor



Max J. Ward
Assistant District
Governor



Creating Hope Through Action: World Suicide Prevention Day

Tuesday, August 29, 2023



Suicide is a major public health problem with far-reaching social, emotional and economic consequences. It is estimated that there are currently more than 700 000 suicides per year worldwide, and we know that each suicide profoundly affects many more people.

"Creating Hope Through Action" is the triennial theme for **World Suicide Prevention Day**, held this year on September 10, 2023. This theme serves as a powerful call to action and reminder that there is an alternative to suicide and that through our actions we can encourage hope and strengthen prevention.

What can you do? Join the **Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives** on September 9th to hear two remarkable speakers deliver an hour of ideas for action in Mexico, USA and Canada. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

SPECIAL INVITATION: LEADERSHIP & ROTARY

By Leigh Perry on Tuesday, August 29, 2023

[CLICK HERE TO SEE A SPECIAL VIDEO INVITATION!](#)

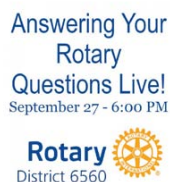
Be our guest at District 6710's Annual Training Assembly and Club Leadership Training to be held on **Thursday evening, September 14th, from 5-8 PM CT/6-9 PM ET**. We've invited some great facilitators from around the Heart of America to zoom in with us for training and discussion. There's something for every Rotarian!

What will the evening hold? We have Pre-session club officer trainings scheduled for club Secretaries, Treasurers, Public Image Chairs, Foundation Chairs, or those who are interested in these positions, an amazing keynote speaker for everyone, **The "Accidental CEO", Rotarian Stephanie Stuckey**, as well as your choice of (2) 30-minute breakout sessions with your selection from 16 different sessions. [CLICK HERE](#) for the full agenda. The evening will move fast and include multiple drawings for great prizes. You won't want to miss this high-energy educational event that is FREE for all Rotarians! [REGISTER NOW!](#)



LIVE: Ask the DG All About Rotary

By Leigh Perry on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



Did you catch the first Live with DG Jennifer? She answered questions 'all about Rotary' on Wednesday evening, August 24. You can access it [HERE](#) if you missed it. One of the participants asked "how do we deal with conflict in our clubs?" She replied that Rotary clubs are made up of people. When people are involved, it is a given they will have conflicts.

The difference between Rotarians and the rest of the world is that we have guiding principles for ethical behavior and SELF evaluation that we use every day: **The Four-Way Test of the Things we Think, Say and Do**, and the **Rotary Code of Conduct**. The RI website states,

"These principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction. They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world." These principles are NOT about other people, they are about how we live OUR OWN lives.

While we are all familiar with the Four-Way Test, not everyone is aware of the **Rotary Code of Conduct**, and especially #4: *Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians...*

[Read More](#)



Lance Wonderlin
Assistant District Governor



Mark McKinney
District Youth Protection Officer



Leigh Perry
District Executive Secretary

TELL YOUR STORY: Thoughts from a Newbie

By Valerie Sue Helms-Mejia on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



I joined the Rotary Club of Muncie Sunrise in July of 2019. I did have a little background knowledge of the organization because my father was a Rotarian. Actually, that was the main reason I wanted to be a part of Rotary. Once I joined, I had a chance to learn a little about Rotary before the pandemic took over, but probably not as much as I normally would have learned in my first years as a Rotarian. Fast forward to the Spring of 2023, and I was the President-Nominee of the Muncie Sunrise Club and attending my first **LOL PETS**. Let me tell you, I was like a deer in headlights! There was so much more to Rotary than I realized! It truly is an international force! PETS sparked my interest in learning more about Rotary. An email from our 6560 District Governor opened up an opportunity to attend a **Zone 30-31** Leadership Seminar. I had just learned about my zone at PETS! I attended the seminar and was blessed to hear some amazing Rotarian stories. I was fascinated to hear all the global opportunities these Rotarians have been able to experience. You could tell by the emotion in their voices as they told their stories that they were truly life-changing experiences. At the seminar, I learned that District 6560 was having an Inaugural Polio Plus Society Gala in August. I went home and prepared "my fancy clothes" for the event. I attended the Gala with several other Muncie, IN Rotarians. We had a fun evening while supporting a worthy cause. While at the Gala, I learned more about the impact Rotary has had on eradicating polio. Some of the stories that were told brought tears to my eyes. All of these experiences in the last 6 months have made me realize how one Rotarian combined with other Rotarians can TRULY change the world! How blessed I feel to be a part of an organization made up of community leaders with servants' hearts! I can't wait to see what other exciting Rotary discoveries are just around the corner!



Club Anniversaries

- Muncie**
September 1st
- South Putnam Interact Club
September 6th
- Brownsburg High School Interact Club
September 19th
- Danville Community High School Interact Club
September 26th
- PCMS Interact Club
September 27th
- Southport International**
September 28th

Events

- September 6th
DG Official Visit - Anderson Morning
- September 8th
Pike Place Summer Concerts
- September 12th
Club Presidents and District Leaders Chat on Zoom
- September 13th
DG Official Visit - Attica-Williamsport
- September 18th
DG Official Visit - Connersville
- October 3rd
DG Official Visit - Richmond
- October 6th
DG Official Visit - Carmel
- October 10th
DG Official Visit - Lafayette
- October 10th
Club Presidents and District Leaders Chat on Zoom
- October 13th
Reception for the Paul Harris Society and Major Donors
- October 14th
District Fall Forum
- October 14th
District Grants Training
- October 17th
DG Official Visit - Indianapolis-East
- October 24th
DG Official Visit - Westfield
- October 24th
DG Official Visit - Muncie
- November 2nd
DG Official Visit - Zionsville

New Rotary Youth Exchange Year Begins!

By Jennifer A. Dale on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



District 6560 welcomed three new inbound students in August; Emmy (from Belgium and hosted by Carmel Club), Duda (from Brazil and hosted by Muncie Clubs), and Nadeen (from Thailand and hosted by Anderson Club). We also said farewell for now to our three outbound students, supported by District 6560, as they began their exchange year. Claire and Chloe will both be in Brazil and Evvi travels to Germany for the year.

If your club is interested in hosting an exchange student or you would like

additional information, please contact Jennifer Dale at youthexchange@rotary6560.org We also have future outbound interviews scheduled for October and if you know of a high school student who is interested in youth exchange, please contact us!



SAVE THE DATE: FALL FORUM

By Jennifer L. Stanfield on Tuesday, August 29, 2023

SAVE	FALL FORUM & DISTRICT GRANTS TRAINING
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DATE	Rotary District 6560 zionsville public library

The District Business Meeting and the Governor's State of the District Address will be held at the Zionsville Public Library on Saturday, October 14th. Join us for the 2023 Fall Forum to hear about all we've accomplished together last year and how we will continue to grow in 2024 and beyond. The 2022-23 *You are Appreciated Awards* will be presented by iPDG Mekey McAllen.

Our Membership Summit will be led by Katie Tocci, a co-presenter at Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, who will share with us some real world practical tips and research specific to membership.

Remember this is your club's opportunity to attend the grant training workshop for the 2024 grant application requirement- seating is limited to 100. Doors open at 9:00 AM, parking is free, and seating is limited to the first 120 registrants in the main room. Registration cost is \$35 per person. Watch your email for more details and registration to open.

WHO'S AFRAID OF A GLOBAL GRANT?

By Woody M. Collins on Tuesday, August 29, 2023

It may seem surprising, but many Rotarians are afraid to propose a Global Grant to their Rotary Club.

One seasoned Rotarian summed it up this way. "Global Grants can be a bit intimidating, even for those of us that have been doing this for a long time. If I have a choice, I'd always rather support someone else's than try to do my own!" Some say it probably requires a high tolerance for bureaucracy.

So, what's this beast that makes many shy away?

- First, they are large grants in the range of \$30,000 to \$400,000 in cost.
- Second, they should be completed in one year.
- Third, they find a joint project between a Host Club and International Club.
- Finally, they must be approved by The Rotary Foundation (TRF).



Global Grants fund large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's 7 areas of focus: peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; community economic development; and the environment. Global grants can fund humanitarian service activities, scholarships for graduate-level academic studies, and vocational training teams (groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local professionals about a particular field or to learn more about their own).

In summary, Global Grants are big impact projects. They are what Rotary is known for in the world and what Rotarians continue to do in the world.

Next month, we will start demystifying the Global Grant process.

ShelterBox Responds to Crises

By Diane & Ron Crawford on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



ShelterBox is an organization founded by Rotarians that brings emergency aid to victims of disasters all around the world. ShelterBox kits are ready to be air-lifted to trouble spots anywhere on the globe when disaster strikes. Since 2000, ShelterBox has provided aid to 2.5 million victims.



Find out how your club can support disaster victims who have lost everything in an instant. To learn more, or to schedule a presentation for your club, contact Rotarians [Ron or Diane Crawford](#).

Interact Club Leader Training

By Pam Lyons on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



On Friday, July 21, the Avon High School Interact Club's faculty adviser, Mrs. Heather Meunier, with the Rotary Club of Avon Liaison to Interact, Pam Lyons met with the 7 new student members of the Leadership Team at the Avon Town Hall Park for Leadership Training & pizza!

This training is an integral step toward keeping the promise of being a club that trains and nurtures student leaders. These two hours also ensure that when 100+ members show up for the first meeting on August 17, they are welcomed, engaged and ready to serve the school and the community.

Topics covered in the training included the following:

- Expectations of advisers for each leader
- Reviewing & signing the Leader Commitment Contract
- Explanation of the role of a meeting leader & the communication skills needed
- Coverage of each major annual event & clarification for the leader connected to each event
- Discussion of in-meeting service activities, so every meeting has purpose & generates service hours
- Discussion of the use of Event Captains to assist in carrying out and reporting on service activities
- Open discussion about changes the leaders would like to see or implement

This new group of leaders arrived with anticipatory energy, enthusiastic suggestions and a commitment to maintain the strong reputation of the Interact Club as a dedicated, reliable service group. We are excited for the new year to begin!



INAUGURAL POLIOPLUS GALA

By Ginger Scott on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



On Saturday, August 19th at the Murat Shrine Club, we celebrated at the Inaugural PolioPlus Society Gala and let our sparkle shine! It was a glorious evening and everything that is best about Rotary! Friends, laughter, dancing, photos, good food, adult beverages and all for a good cause: supporting the eradication of polio worldwide by recognizing those who have chosen to become members of the Rotary District 6560 PolioPlus Society.

The photo booth stayed busy! Groups of Rotarians and guests hammed it up taking pictures and receiving instant gratification when they saw their memento photos. Everyone enjoyed appetizers, beverages, and bidding on the silent auction baskets. Following a marvelous dinner, District Governor Jennifer Stanfield reminded us about the importance of keeping our promise to the children of the world and continuing until we completely eradicate Polio. Greencastle's President, Scott Monnett, then shared some different ideas they have used to conduct awareness and fundraising for World Polio Day. Polio Program Chair Ginger Scott led a champagne toast to our Charter Members and invited the attendees to become charter members of the PolioPlus Society, as well. The evening was complete with beautiful music from Him and Her of Greencastle and dancing the night away.

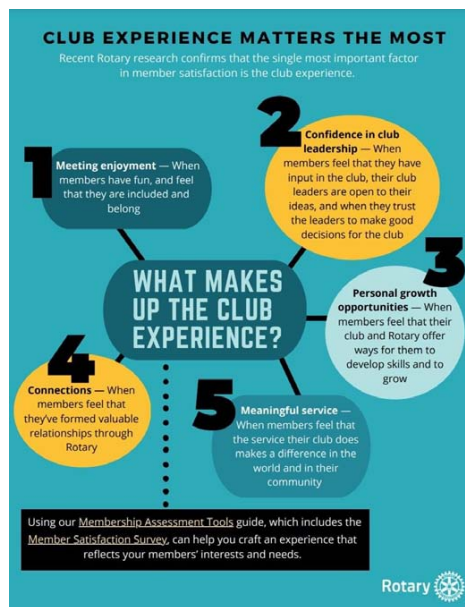


Many thanks to our attendees and our sponsors, Fishers Rotary Club, Greencastle Rotary Club, Lafayette Day Break Rotary, Dr. Thomas Graffis, Hoosier Heartland State Bank and Wabash Capital for helping make the event a wonderful and successful evening.

[CLICK HERE](#) to become a member of the D6560 PolioPlus Society, or contact Polio Program Chair Ginger Scott at gscott@wabashcapital.com for more information.

How is Your Club Experience?

By Jennifer L. Stanfield on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



Recent Rotary research confirms that the single most important contributing factor in member satisfaction is the club experience. [CLICK HERE](#) to take the survey. For more information, check out the Learning Center on rotary.org.

Election Season: Rotary Policy on Politics

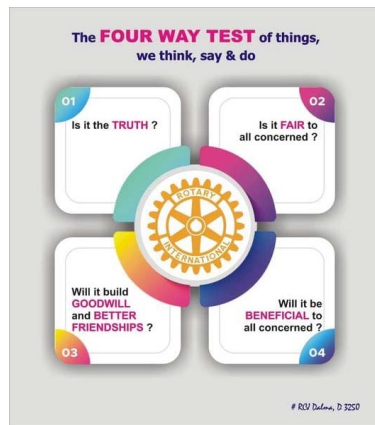
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As we enter the election season, it is important to remember that Rotary began as an inclusive group for its day and time. Today, it continues to strive to be inclusive of people in each community, and around the world. Rotary is also an organization that has used the 4-Way test for decades. Fairness and truthfulness are hallmarks of Rotary and the 4-Way Test.

At the end of this article are two portions of the RI Code Policies regarding politics. Each club approaches the handling of requests by political candidates differently. Whatever your club does, stay fair and equal.

Let's keep Rotary's reputation of being "apolitical"— "politically neutral; without political attitudes, content, or bias."

Let's be active in the political process, but equally important let's stay



friends inside our Rotary clubs and meetings.

From the Rotary International Code of Policies:

2.090. Clubs and Politics RI and its member clubs must refrain from issuing partisan political statements. Rotarians likewise are prohibited from adopting statements with a view to exerting any corporate pressure on governments or political authorities. (October 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 31) Source: February-March 1983 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 288

34.040.1. Use of Name or Emblem for Political Means Clubs shall not use the Rotary name or emblem or other of the Rotary Marks for the purpose of furthering political campaigns. Any use of Rotary fellowship to gain political advantage is foreign to the spirit of Rotary. (January 2020 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 85) Source: February-March 1983 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 289; Amended by September 2016 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 28; January 2020 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 85

By guest author, PDG Michael J. Kull, 2015-16 (D6710)

Richmond Rotarian Tai Muldoon Receives Athena Award

By Teri Grossman on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



Tai Muldoon, Past President of the Richmond Club, was presented with the 2023 Athena Young Professional Award at the dinner held at Forest Hills Country Club on August 10, 2023. Tai is the CEO/Executive Director of [Girls INC of Wayne County](#), an organization that inspires all girls to be Strong, Smart and Bold through direct service and advocacy. The Athena Awards honor leaders who motivate, inspire and create positive change in the community.

We are all so very proud of her and happy to call her a fellow Rotarian.

Congratulations, Tai!



Rotary and Music for Peace in Ukraine

By Robert G. La France on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



A member of the Dnipro City Rotary Club in Ukraine, living in Muncie, Indiana, leads a personal campaign of music for peace in her home country.

Olena Bondarenko, also known as Helena Hiraishi, was a resident of Hiroshima, Japan, at the time of the invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Together with her son, violinist Eishin Richard Hiraishi, and his friend, pianist Jundai Okano, they launched a series of concerts called, ["Let's Play and Pray for Ukraine."](#) At least one of the performances was televised and attracted public attention. Olena's extraordinary story and message of peace in the nuclear age is explained in English in a short film made for Japanese National Television that you can see by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Olena is now living in Muncie, Indiana, and is continuing her advocacy for peace. Richard and Jundai most recently played for both the Muncie Noon Rotary Club and at the David Owsley Museum of Art at Ball State University on Tuesday, August 1st. [Read More](#)

Rotary Sweet Corn in Hartford City

By Ruth H. Jennerjahn on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



Joyce and Louis Willmann have never been Rotarians themselves, but for several years have donated sweet corn to the Hartford City Club to sell. The club usually sells two varieties, the "Incredible" variety and the "Honey Selectt." During their first sale on Tuesday, August 8, they sold almost 200 dozen before they ran out! They hope to have similar success during their next three sales dates.

2023-24 RI Presidential Initiatives

Monday, August 28, 2023



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

From the July 2023 Rotary Leader Newsletter:

"Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally is passionate about mental health and helping remove the stigma that sometimes prevents people from getting quality care. During this year, Gordon will focus on three initiatives that Create Hope in the World: prioritizing mental health, building peace through virtual exchanges, and empowering girls." Read on for more insight and links to resources. [Read More](#)

District Newsletter Changes

Tuesday, August 29, 2023



We are trying something a little different to share information across the district. As you know, the District newsletter is sent via PMAIL (personalized email through DACDB) to all Rotarians in the district for whom we have a good email address in the database. We will be using a new format that you may be familiar with because it is the EZ Newsletter found in DACDB, which uses EZ Stories. Why the transition?

- Speed/turnaround-It will now be produced monthly
- Ability to collect information from all District Chairs and Officers
- Ability to hear from all clubs who want to share information about programs, projects, progress and success, or look for partners and support
- Minimal expense

The limitation is that the format is proscribed and doesn't have many options.

The new process to include your information in the newsletter is to submit articles by the 1st of the month using this form: [CLICK HERE](#). The form is also available in the FORMS file in DACDB. You can complete the form at any time and it will be included in the issues for the months you choose on the form. Reminders to submit the form will be sent around the 25th of the prior month to all District Officers and Committee Chairs, Club Presidents, Secretaries, Executive Secretaries, Communication Officers, Public Image/Relations Chairs, Bulletin Editors, and WebMasters.

Here are some guidelines for articles... [Read More](#)

Help Your Club Earn the Rotary Citation

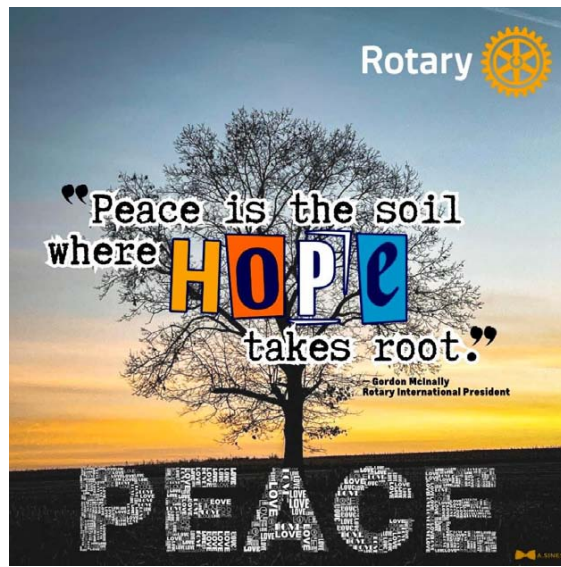
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The Rotary Citation is an award that recognizes the hard work clubs do throughout the year. Taking action toward achieving the citation goals helps clubs engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and run more efficiently. A welcoming and engaging club also reflects the values of Rotary. When clubs work to achieve these goals, they also contribute to the overall health and culture of Rotary for generations to come. To earn the citation, clubs must report achievement of 13 or more goals in Rotary Club Central by 30 June. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the Rotary Citation.

Peace is the Soil Where Hope Takes Root

By Jennifer L. Stanfield on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



Events

September 8th, 8:00-9:00 AM
[Pike Place Summer Concerts](#)

October 13th, 4:00-7:00 PM
[Reception for the Paul Harris Society and Major Donors](#)

September 12th, 7:30-8:30 PM
[Club Presidents and District Leaders Chat on Zoom](#)

October 14th, 9:30-3:30 PM
[District Fall Forum](#)

October 10th, 7:30-8:30 PM
[Club Presidents and District Leaders Chat on Zoom](#)

October 14th, 1:00-2:30 PM
[District Grants Training](#)