



All Rotarians Are Welcome!

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Training 2024

March 15 - Presidents-elect

March 16 - Presidents-elect and all Rotarians

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Membership for people we do not know



How does your club approve new members? We can and should embrace people we may not know but who are interested in joining Rotary.

When Rotary became more flexible on attendance a few years back, it also changed how we welcome new members. People can express their interest in joining Rotary at rotary.org. Members of several clubs joined by starting online.

Today, people can apply to Rotary on their own initiative. Having a sponsor invite someone to join is no longer required.

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What is RYLA?

Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, RYLA, is a leadership program assisting high school sophomores to gain needed

skills for success in their future endeavors.

RYLA seeks to create leaders who will eventually give back to their communities. The goal is to encourage participants to seek service opportunities through membership in Interact, Youth Exchange, Rotaract and, one day, by becoming a Rotarian.

Next year RYLA will be held April 12-14 at the beautiful Lake Williamson in Carlinville, IL. For more information including costs and target age for participants as well as the link for student registration, [CLICK HERE](#).



Make a lasting impact with the Paul Harris Society



At the heart of our commitment to service above self lies the essence of Rotary—the Paul Harris Society. Named after our visionary founder, Paul Harris, this society is made up of individuals who are dedicated to making a substantial impact on their communities and the world at large through generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

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Maize Improvement Project yields successful growth

Our district's Vocational Training Team (VTT) Maize Improvement Project in Zambia continues to grow and be successful five years after its start.

In August, team leader Eric Dolbeare traveled to Zambia to meet with administrators and farmers taking part in the Rotary Bees Cooperative to educate others on new methods of corn production. He provided this update.



- **Membership.** Thanks to new registrations after a membership drive, 64 new farmers joined the cooperative. Cooperative membership now stands at 121 farmers. Two new villages joined the project bringing the total to nine.
- **Training.** Fifty-two farmers from the new villages received training. About 227 farmers to date have gone through VTT training on modern production practices.
- **Cooperative profitability.** Improvements to the rental rate structure and increased coop

membership improves the coop profitability outlook. Sandra, an excellent local Ag professional who the VTT has known for 5 years, is joining the project. A well-qualified and recommended tractor driver was hired.

- **Staff.** Local agriculture professional Sandra joined the project. Sandra has experience in the retail seed and fertilizer business. Her primary responsibility is managing the coop's physical operations: tractor and implement rental. She also advises farmers and encourages them in the adoption of VTT farming methods. A new tractor driver, Edmore, also was hired.

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Report on 2023 Council on Resolutions



Rotary's Council on Resolutions meets annually in the fall. This is a process where members can propose Resolutions for the Rotary International Board of Directors or Rotary Foundation Trustees to consider.

Rotary's Council on Legislation meets every three years to discuss and vote on enactments that would change the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, the Rotary International Constitution or Rotary International Bylaws. The next Council on Legislation will meet in 2025.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can influence Rotary International leaders through these two processes, you can visit the Learning Center inside

[MyRotary](#). Look for the course "How to Propose Enactments and Resolutions."

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District secretary needed

District Secretary Megan Vose will complete her three-year term on June 30, 2024 so it's time to identify her successor.

Could you be the right person for this important position?

The district secretary keeps the minutes for the quarterly District Finance and Administration Council as well as the business meeting at District Conference and Spring Training. The secretary also attends, when available, and keeps minutes of the monthly District Meeting Council meetings. The secretary assists the District Governor (DG) and District Governor-elect (DGE) with record keeping in Dacdb and, in some cases, at Rotary.org. The DG and DGE may also ask the secretary to manage Rotary material acquisitions from Russell Hampton.



The person serving as secretary should be well organized and have good communication skills.

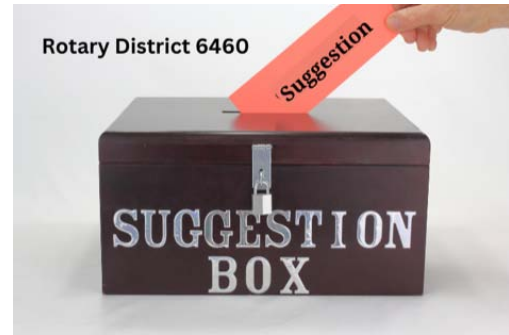
On average, the time commitment is less than two hours per month. The secretary should plan to attend the Saturday of Spring Training and District Conference. Expenses for attending those events,

including mileage, are covered by the district.

Should you have an interest in the position, please [click here](#) to email Neal Miller or call him at 217-741-0450.



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