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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CORNER



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ROTARY MONTH THEMES

July	New Rotary Year Starts
August	Membership and New Club Development
September	Basic Education and Literacy
October	Economic and Community Development
November	Rotary Foundation
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment
January	Vocational Service
February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth Service
June	Rotary Fellowship Month

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR

My year as District Governor has been the roller coaster ride of a lifetime! I keep asking myself-- where did this year go?!

As the Rotary year wraps up, Rotary International is hosting a virtual convention June 20-26. Please take the opportunity to get a small taste of what an international convention is like. In two years, Houston, Texas, will be the Convention's site.



Greg Yank is sponsoring a matching point campaign for donations to the Annual Fund. Matching points will be awarded for gifts of \$100-\$500, giving Rotarians the chance to become first-time Paul Harris Fellows or to move up the Paul Harris “ladder” a bit faster.



Please reach out for support within the District if you have any questions.

My thoughts and prayers continue to go out to all of those involved in the medical field who are on the forefront of this pandemic. Everyone, please be safe and check on our older Rotarians as well as on others in our communities.

Gary Hamm, Rotary District 6510 Governor 2019-2020

This newsletter is a compilation of articles submitted by Rotarians like you. If you have an event you would like to promote or a Rotary moment or activity which you are proud to share please send it to the District 6510 Newsletter Editor, Matt Nikola, at nikolamp@charter.net – Note that the subject of your email must include the word “Rotary” and be submitted by the 25th of the month to be included in the next month's edition.

MAY IS



YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

“We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends.”
Mary McLeod Bethune

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TAKE ACTION:
Join Rotary, Be a People of Action

Please see District 6510's site on DacDB or at RI.org for articles on this month's theme



DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE

How are you guys doing? After several months of being home and playing poker with my cats I decided I was tired of losing money. I thought about how Rotary is going to look in the next few months. I think about how we can prepare our clubs for July 1st. I am going to bet we will be outside in one capacity or another but while we are at home, I am asking you to look at 3 tasks to help improve your clubs Public Image.

1) Fix your Social Media Presence.

Now is a great time to look at what you're putting out as the face of your club. Do you have a regular web page? Are you using Facebook, Instagram, or any other social media sites to promote your club? If so, is the content current? Take some time and see when your last post was. Was it before COVID started? If so, take a few minutes and post some new content.

2) 1 month to pick your Public Image Social Media Butterfly.

I am asking each club to find that 1 person who loves social media. That person who takes pictures of all their kids, trips, & daily lives. That should be the same person who is posting about all your service projects and fun activities. That person is your best Public Image Chair. Let that person run with getting your clubs' message out there. My hope is that we have a great representation across the district. This will help us as a collective share idea and make our District grow. Please send me that person's info.

3) Make a video and have fun doing it. We have found that the 30 second to 3-minute video can get more likes on social media. Make a video of your projects. Make a video that promotes your club. The 5th line of the Four Way Test "Is it fun").

By doing these 3 things I hope that by the time July 1st comes we will be ready to roll! We will have a large group of Public Image folks across the District that will share ideas and help show how awesome District 6510 is. If you need anything contact me at: ken.cooley@live.com. Stay safe everyone. Peace and Love to you all.

Follow District 6510 events on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict6510

Our Instagram Page is at: www.instagram.com/rotarydistrict6510

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DISTRICT 6510

EVENT	DATE(S)	LOCATION
Legacy Dinner	August 14, 2020	Cedarhurst, Mt. Vernon, IL

Charitable Giving Through Your IRA

If you are 70½ or older, you may rollover your IRA distribution for a charitable cause.

Benefits:

- Pay no income tax on your gift
- Help support the Foundation's mission
- Build your charitable legacy
- Use your IRA in the way you want



LEGACY DINNER PROGRESS

Due to the Coronavirus emergency the Legacy Dinner scheduled for April 24, 2020 has been rescheduled to August 14, 2020. We will still be gathering at Cedarhurst in Mt. Vernon to celebrate this \$1,000,000 + fundraising campaign. So, there is more time now to join us in this endeavor. If you have not donated yet please do so in the next 4 months. Contact PDG David Matthews for assistance.



The interest on these funds will be paid back to Rotary District 6510 long after we are all gone. Future projects in our district can be impacted greatly by this. Email or call PDG David Matthews if you would like more information. And thank you if you have already made this commitment.

David Matthews, PDG 2016-17, Legacy Dinner Chair, demrotary@mediacombb.net - 618-534-5933

IDENTIFY YOUR CLUBS IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS

Rotary clubs around the world are mobilizing to fight COVID-19. Make sure your club gets recognized for its efforts to keep our communities safe by using your club or district logo in all your communications.

If you don't have a logo, you can create one using the logo template on the Brand Center. The Rotary club or district logo comprises the Masterbrand Signature *plus* the club or district name. The Masterbrand Signature should not be used alone on club or district communications.

Also, please do not adapt Rotary's End Polio Now logo or phrasing for use in communications your club is sending that relate to COVID-19. Manipulation of the End Polio Now logo can confuse our messaging about our polio eradication effort and weaken our branding for that work.



ROTARY MONITORS THE GLOBAL CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Gary and I hope you are all safe with the current COVID-19 situation and sheltering safely in place. Given this pandemic and its global impact, Rotary International has sent out the below guidance to all Zones, Districts and Clubs. Unfortunately, it appears that given the size of most, if not all, of our clubs we will need to function in a virtual world for quite a while as we adjust to the social distancing. In this regard, all District events through December 31, 2020 are looking at going virtual. Certainly, the District Changeover and Foundation/Membership Seminar will be virtual as well as my Governor Visits. The theme for 2020-2021 is Rotary Opens Opportunities. The first opportunity is to participate in Rotary events virtually which may allow greater attendance on a District level as it will limit your time commitment to allow you more time with your family and/or other opportunities - a better life balance.

We look forward to seeing you in the virtual world and encourage all to work together to get everyone to experience this virtual world at least with telephone participation if not by video.

Lorraine K. Cavataio, District Governor Elect, and Gary Hamm, District Governor

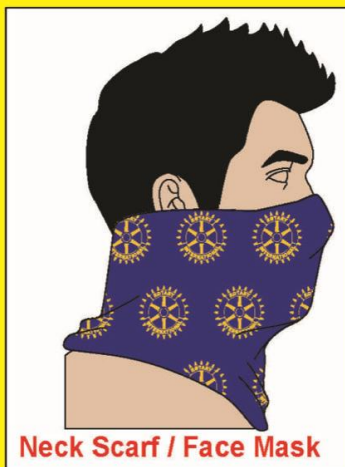
The Board

◆ Approved holding a virtual convention [on 20-26 June 2020](#);

◆ Agreed to the following general principles:

- The health and safety of all participants in Rotary programs, meetings, and events is of paramount importance.
- No in-person meeting or event shall be mandatory for any Rotary participant who may feel uncomfortable attending because of the pandemic.
- All conveners and organizers of Rotary meetings are strongly encouraged to consider all health concerns in deciding whether to hold in-person meetings.
- All conveners and organizers of Rotary meetings shall fully comply with all health and safety rules in effect in that location.

Rotary Masks To Support The Front Lines



Neck Scarf / Face Mask



For every Rotary Mask purchase, SCCE Rotary will deliver THREE disposal masks to the Front Lines in St. Clair County, Illinois.

Please join us today in the fight against COVID-19 by supporting not only Rotary, but the heroes working tirelessly on the front lines. These will go quickly - purchase your's today!

Go to [facebook.com/Rotary Masks To Support The Front Lines](https://www.facebook.com/RotaryMasksToSupportTheFrontLines) and see the link to purchase, then you will receive an email to reply with your mailing address.

Supplies are limited and will be mailed in 3-5 weeks.



BELIZE CHILDREN'S PROJECT**News & Needs for MAY 2020****News:**

With the demands of “Stay at Home” in place, we found wonderful cooperation from Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis. When they chose to close the residential house on West Pine, rather than relocate our girls to the West County house -- 45 minutes from Shriners -- they allowed our two patients and their mothers to move into one of their fully-equipped and furnished two-bedroom apartments on the West Pine campus. Keeping the girls within minutes of Shriner’s for their physical therapy sessions, multiple times per week, was critical!

With the close of the house, however, that meant that the volunteer meals that had previously been provided would not be available. With the generosity of our Chairman, Tim Gutknecht, and the members of the Columbia Rotary Club, we are able to purchase food for the families to prepare in their kitchen. Thank you to Tim and Columbia Rotary Club for answering the need.



Joycelyn (JOY) is working hard with physical therapy. Slowly but surely, she is regaining her ability to walk.

Jeanelli – Two sets of body casts finally complete, now into braces and the challenge of learning to walk again with a repaired hip.

**SPECIAL Needs:**

We have a special need this month. We need to raise \$400 in directed funds to BCP to purchase a specialized walker for Joycelyn. She currently is using a borrowed walker from Shriner’s that will have to be returned. She will need a walker for mobility for the rest of her life. If any Rotarian has the ability to donate towards this need, please send your directed donation to **Belize Children’s Project - FOR JOY**, C/O Marilyn Hogan – Treasurer, 819 South Drury Ave., Carbondale, IL 62901. A walker like the walker shown in the photo above will expand to serve Joycelyn’s needs for many years to come. We hope to be able to raise the funds to purchase her one.

If anyone is able to help us out with hosting, donations, or transportation, please contact either of the care coordinators and help us “Make a Difference in the Life of a Child”

Thank you,

Charlene Brennan 618-691-9120 or Christine Lashley 618-691-9523,
or Chairman Tim Gutknecht 618-281-7626.

On the Web: <http://thebelizechildrensproject.webs.com/>

Like us at: <https://www.facebook.com/BelizeChildrensProject?fref=ts>



WANT TO OFFER A SCHOLARSHIP?

Rotary clubs can apply to The Rotary Foundation for district and global grants to support scholarships. Global grants are for graduate students studying abroad in one of **Rotary's six causes**:

1. Promoting peace
2. Fighting disease
3. Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
4. Saving mothers and children
5. Supporting education
6. Growing local economies

Scholarships last from one to four years and can include an entire degree program. Global grant scholarships are funded using cash or District Designated Funds matched by the World Fund.

District grants can be used to sponsor secondary school, undergraduate, or graduate students studying any subject, either locally or abroad. The scholarship may cover any length of time, from a six-week language training program to a year or more of university study.

Rotary members are essential to recruiting qualified candidates for Rotary Peace Fellowships. You can advance peace in troubled areas around the world by promoting peace fellowships and supporting peace fellow candidates through the application process.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

As told by Dr. Dee Boswell, PDG (1980-81) District 6510

The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary International, funding thousands of humanitarian projects of Rotary Clubs around the world through Rotary International. "The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through improvement of health, the support of education and alleviation of poverty."

High impact projects of The Rotary Foundation funded by generous gifts of Rotarians and others, make the world a better place for all humanity. Improving access to water, health care, education, housing, peaceful coexistence, and self-esteem are the end products of gifts of The Rotary Foundation.

Established in 1917 by Arch Klumph, the 6th President of Rotary International, who paved the way for Rotary to build an endowment for the purpose of doing good in the world, The Rotary Foundation assets of the initial \$26.15 have grown to a multi-million dollar charity funding humanitarian projects of \$281 million annually – doing good in the world.

The humanitarian projects of The Rotary Foundation include those in six Areas of Focus as follows: 1. Disease prevention and treatment, 2. Water and sanitation, 3. Economic and community development, 4. Basic education and literacy, 5. Maternal and child health, 6. Peace and conflict prevention and resolution.

In the year 2018-2019, The Rotary Foundation awarded 1,403 global grants totaling \$87 million for high-impact projects throughout the world within the Areas of Focus.

Ambassadorial scholarships were the primary focus of earlier Foundation projects and were awarded for students studying abroad to promote international understanding and goodwill. Group Study Exchanges were designed to exchange business, professional, manufacturing and management individuals from one country to another to build international understanding. Each team was funded by The Rotary Foundation, hosted for 30 days by Rotary clubs and participated in the day-to-day operations of businesses, schools, manufacturing plants, hospitals and other establishments across the spectrum of the hosting culture.

Matching Grants through The Rotary Foundation provided funding for meaningful projects to build goodwill and make the world a better place. Local Rotary Clubs would partner with Rotary Clubs in another country, each providing funds for the project with additional funding provided by The Rotary Foundation to complete the project.



Restructuring of The Rotary Foundation in 2013 allowed for more efficient funding of humanitarian projects, created more impactful and more sustainable projects associated with a new Grant Structure. Previous Scholarships, Group Study Exchanges and Matching Grant programs morphed into Global Grants and District Grants to be granted within the 6 Areas of Focus, as mentioned above.

The signature project of Rotary International is the PolioPlus Project, a worldwide initiative committed to the eradication of poliomyelitis. This colossal effort spearheaded in 1979 by the then President of Rotary International, Clem Renouf, grew out of his new 3-H program, Health, Hunger and Humanity, that was to take projects of Rotary in a new direction, huge international projects initiated by Rotary International itself, rather than smaller projects initiated by local Rotary clubs. The Board of Directors approved a \$760,000 project to vaccinate the entire children population of the Philippine Islands with oral polio vaccine in hopes of eliminating polio among the children of the Philippines. This would correspond with the International Year of the Child. IT WORKED!

Dr. John Sever, a Rotarian and a research Pediatrician, urged Rotary International to accept the challenge to commit to the eradication of polio worldwide! To be sure, the experience in the Philippines foretold the feasibility of such an effort. IT WOULD BE ROTARY'S GIFT TO THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD.

Exhorted by Dr. Albert Sabin, inventor of the oral polio vaccine, Rotary accepted the challenge and has been the leader of this worldwide effort to eradicate polio over the past 40 years. Vaccination of children with oral polio vaccine by Rotary International began in 1980 with astounding reductions in polio cases. In 1988, the United Nations World Health Organization (WHO) reported 350,000 new cases of polio each year worldwide. As a result of oral polio vaccinations, in the year 2000, polio cases had dropped worldwide to 2000. As of April 8, 2020, the WHO reports 37 cases of Polio in the world. One year ago, there were 146 cases.

As a result of the enormous effort and leadership of Rotary International, the PolioPlus Project was joined by WHO, UNICEF, the CDC in Atlanta, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in the conjoined agency – the GPEI, or Global Polio Eradication Initiative which is committed to the eradication of polio in the world!

Rotary funding of PolioPlus is through The Rotary Foundation which to date has contributed over \$2 billion toward the total eradication of polio and is committed to funding of the project until polio has been completely wiped out.

The enormity of the PolioPlus Project cannot be over-stated! The deliverance of the vaccine to each child throughout the world has been the result of millions and millions of volunteers, the support of governments, corporations, religious organizations, local health departments, youth organizations -- an untold effort!

EARN DOUBLE POINTS!

As District Governor Gary mentioned in his remarks, Greg Yank is offering 25,000 Foundation Points to Match any **Annual Fund Contribution between \$100-\$500** between now and **June 8th**.

How do Foundation Points work? An example:

- Suppose you give \$500 to the Annual Fund. You automatically receive 500 Points for your donation.
- Then, I will process paperwork that will give you an additional 500 Points from Greg.
- Those 1000 Points will move you up to your **next Paul Harris Fellow** pin (or your **first** – what a great way to get started on the Paul Harris Ladder!)
- Any donation, \$100 or more, is eligible for Point Matching.
- **Major Donors and PHF+8:** You have already ‘maxed out’ your Matching Points. Your donation will earn Foundation Points, but Greg can’t give you any Matching Points.

Why give to The Rotary Foundation?

- Because you are helping ‘Do Good in the World’
- Because The Rotary Foundation has been Top-Rated by charitynavigator.org for 12 consecutive years. That means that your donations are ‘Doing good in the world.’

Why give to the Annual Fund?

- Because 3 years from now, half of your donation will be ‘Doing Good in Southern Illinois’ through District Grants and Global Grants.



How do I take advantage of this Point Matching Offer?

1. **Write a check** to The Rotary Foundation (\$100-\$500)
2. In the **Memo** line, write **Annual Fund**
3. **Mail the check** (no paperwork needed) to Lanis Lenker, 1515 Lafayette Ave Unit 207, St Louis MO 63104
4. I will take care of the donation paperwork before June 30.
5. I will take care of the Point Matching Paperwork in early July.

If you would rather **give directly online** at the [Rotary](https://www.rotary.org) website, Rotary will send you an email receipt. Email a copy of that receipt to lannyrotary@charter.net

Thanks for helping Rotary and The Rotary Foundation, particularly in this time of heightened needs.

RI CONVENTION 2020

RI Convention and Zone Luau have both been cancelled due to the ongoing quarantine related to COVID-19. All luau registrants will receive a full refund as will all RI Convention registrants. If you had registered please cancel your own hotel reservations and work with the airlines to cancel as airlines allow.

However, please mark your calendars for 20-26 June for an exciting opportunity to gather online with the family of Rotary for our **first online convention**. [Now More Than Ever, Rotary Connects the World: The 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention](#) will join you with Rotary participants around the world during a time of unprecedented challenges.

Together, we'll still experience the spirit of Rotary, be inspired by innovation, celebrate our resilience, and explore how clubs are addressing COVID-19. Experience Rotary in action during our Flag Ceremony, witness the power of connection during our general sessions, learn new ways to engage with Rotary during our breakout sessions, find inspiration from our global speakers, and much more.

We have never needed Rotary — and we have never needed each other — more than we do now. We hope to see you online, because Now More Than Ever, Rotary Connects the World.



Information about the agenda may be found at: <https://www.riconvention.org/en/current-convention>



DISTRICT CLUB EVENTS

Is your club planning a special event this year? Let us know and we will publish it.

Over the course of the next ten years, half the clubs in District 6510 will celebrate the centennial of their founding.

Rotary Club Name	Centennial Date	Rotary Club Name	Centennial Date
Benton	July 15, 1922	Herrin	March 1, 1922
Cairo	April 1, 1920	Lawrenceville	March 13, 1923
Carbondale	May 1, 1920	Lebanon	May 17, 1926
Carlyle	April 3, 1927	Marion	April 7, 1923
Centralia	May 20, 1920	Mascoutah	May 8, 1928
Chester	January 28, 1928	Metropolis	September 1, 1921
Eldorado	August 9, 1923	Mt. Carmel	April 1, 1920
Fairfield	October 13, 1925	Mt. Vernon	May 1, 1920
Flora	April 1, 1922	O'Fallon	May 19, 1925
Golconda	April 4, 1929		

What about your club?

Now I hope all of you are doing well during your isolation due to COVID-19. And, as Ken Cooley has stated previously during his Public Image remarks, broadcast what is happening in your club. Hopefully, your club has begun using one of the wonderful teleconferencing services available on the Internet or in the Cloud such as Zoom, GoToMeeting, Skype, Microsoft Teams, or whatever suits your fancy. If so, we would like to hear from you and what you have been doing. In my club we meet weekly to take care of the necessary Rotary business, but we often just enjoy each other's virtual company for the remainder of the hour that we meet. Several of us are either cooking or eating dinner during the meeting so we keep life going as we just let life happen as well as the meeting. If you have something you would like to share, please send me an article about your Rotary Club's isolation experiences. Simply send in your article to me at nikolamp@charter.net and include the word, "Rotary" in the subject line.

INTERESTING NEWS AND LINKS:

ROTARY MONITORS THE GLOBAL CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Rotary is closely monitoring updates and recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to ensure the safest and most appropriate actions are taken for our members. [Read the latest](#) on how the COVID-19 outbreak is impacting Rotary operations, events, and members.

Consider giving to the [Disaster Response Fund](#) to help Rotary clubs lead disaster recovery efforts, including projects related to COVID-19.

WHAT'S NEW

The Rotary Foundation has approved more than \$4.7 million in disaster response grants to address the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read a short description of each grant.](#)

Together we serve! Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International commit to helping communities respond to COVID-19. [Read more.](#)



FEATURED LINKS

- [Action Plan](#)
[Read](#) Rotary's plan for the next five years.
- [Institute for Economics and Peace](#)
Read about [our partnership](#) with the Institute for Economics and Peace.
- [Rotary Global Rewards](#)
Find discounts on travel, hotels, dining, and entertainment.

Subscribe to Rotary International Newsletters such as End Polio Now Newsletter at: <https://my.rotary.org/en/news-features/newsletters>



POLIO CASES – 32 CASES IN 2020

AFGHANISTAN	PAKISTAN	NIGERIA
<u>TOTAL 2020 CASES</u>	<u>TOTAL 2020 CASES</u>	<u>TOTAL 2019 CASES</u>
12	47	0
<u>TOTAL 2019 CASES</u>	<u>TOTAL 2019 CASES</u>	<u>TOTAL 2018 CASES</u>
29	146	0

POLIO THIS WEEK AS OF 13 MAY 2020

- The GPEI has released an [updated guide](#) that synthesizes and references new evidence and recommendations to help ensure continuity of the program's operations in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic – certain countries are facing stock-outs of bi-valent Oral Polio Vaccine (bOPV) for their essential immunization services. To address this, the program has circulated a [Statement](#) on the use of bOPV supplied for Supplementary Immunization Activities (SIAs) in routine immunization activities.
- The WHA took place on 18-19 May over a video conference. While discussions will focus on COVID-19 and items essential for business continuity, reports on [Polio Eradication](#) and [Polio Transition](#) have been made available to Member States. The polio report provides an overview of the epidemiological situation and highlights the Executive Board (EB) decision adopted earlier this year on the [Strategy for Control of cVDPV2 2020–2021](#), including the roll-out of nOPV2 under Emergency Use Listing (EUL).



- Summary of new viruses this week (AFP cases and environmental samples):
 - Afghanistan: one WPV1 case
 - Pakistan: four WPV1 cases, 13 WPV1 positive environmental samples
 - Somalia: three cVDPV2 positive environmental samples
 - Chad: two cVDPV2 cases
 - Cote d'Ivoire: One cVDPV2 case

See the whole report at: <http://polioeradication.org/polio-today/polio-now/this-week/>

TOASTMASTERS

As part of our alliance with Toastmasters, we're offering new communication courses to help you grow your networks, improve your skills, and increase your impact in the community. Visit [Rotary's Learning Center](#) on a personal computer or iPad tablet to take the first two courses (Note: courses can't be accessed on mobile devices):

- [Develop a speech](#) — Learn how to write compelling speeches that take into account your topic, audience, and goal.
- [Deliver a speech](#) — Explore the effect your voice and body language can have on your audience.

These courses were developed by Toastmasters International; they include assignments to help you put your new skills into practice and peer evaluations to help you grow through collaboration. It may take a little longer to complete these courses than some of the courses in the Learning Center, but we believe it's worth it. And as many of us are staying home due to the global COVID-19 epidemic, you can take the courses and complete assignments from home. To learn more, watch our [new video](#).

These courses are just one of the many ways we're investing in Rotary and Rotaract members. Practicing and improving your skills can help you succeed in your personal and professional endeavors. And using your skills within Rotary and Rotaract strengthens our clubs and increases our impact.

Please note that all Rotarians and Rotaractors with My Rotary accounts will have access to these courses. If you don't have a My Rotary account, learn [how to create one](#).

Share your feedback by completing the evaluation at the end of each course. Your input helps us develop new and better courses. And watch for more courses to be available later this year.

Learn more about Rotary's alliance with Toastmasters at rotary.org/toastmasters. If you have any questions, write to toastmastersalliance@rotary.org.

HOW TO PROPOSE RESOLUTIONS AND ENACTMENTS

Resolutions and enactments may be proposed by clubs and districts and may be endorsed by District 6510. On the next several pages you will find two documents for your information – Council on Resolutions: How to Propose Resolutions and Council on Legislation: How to Propose Enactments. Resolutions are considered annually and the deadline this year is 30 June 2020. Enactments will be considered at the Council on Legislation which will be held in 2022. The deadline for enactments is 31 December 2020. Both proposed resolutions and enactments will need to be endorsed by the clubs in our district, therefore, clubs may submit these to Cathrine Taylor Yank, PDG as soon as possible. Please contact her with any questions or comments. Please visit rotary.org for information on the 2019 Council on Legislation.



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COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS: HOW TO PROPOSE RESOLUTIONS

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Council on Resolutions

Rotary International's Council on Resolutions meets online each year to vote on proposed resolutions submitted by clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the general council or conference of RIBI and any urgent enactments proposed by the RI Board. Adopted resolutions are then considered by the RI Board or the TRF Trustees. Every district designates a representative to the Council on Resolutions, and every club and district may propose resolutions. If your club or district is considering proposing a resolution for the Council on Resolutions, please follow the guidelines below.

Deadline to Submit Resolutions

Proposed resolutions from clubs and districts for the Council on Resolutions must be received by Rotary International on or before **30 June** prior to the Council on Resolutions, including the governor's confirmation of endorsement. There are no exceptions to the deadline.

Proposing Resolutions

Resolutions are expressions of opinion of the Council. They can be submitted to the Council on Resolutions by clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the general council or conference of RIBI. However, a resolution proposed by a club must also be voted on, or endorsed, by the clubs in its district at its district conference, a district legislation meeting, or through a ballot-by-mail, before it can be submitted to Rotary. Resolutions must be submitted by **30 June** through the online form found on the [Councils page](#) of My Rotary.



Drafting a Resolution

Resolutions are made up of two parts. First is the supporting information, which uses preambulatory or whereas clauses as the proposer's argument for the resolution.

The second part to each resolution is the action or resolved clause. Resolutions may contain any number of supporting information clauses, but they always have only one resolved clause. The resolved clause states the action that the proposer wishes the RI Board or TRF Trustees to consider. For examples of resolutions, see the 2018 Council on Resolutions [results](#).

Endorsing a Resolution

For a club to propose a resolution, the club's board of directors must first submit the proposed resolution to the club members for adoption, before sending it to the district. A district conference or a district council in RIBI may also propose a resolution directly to the district. Any resolutions proposed by clubs or districts are then voted on, or endorsed, by the district at a district conference, a district legislation meeting, or through a ballot-by-mail.

If a district does not have enough time to vote on a proposed resolution in person, the governor may conduct a ballot-by-mail. Such ballot should follow as closely as possible the balloting procedures set forth in the RI Bylaw section for electing a governor-nominee through ballot-by-mail.

Once endorsed, the proposer may submit the resolution to Rotary through the online form found on the [Councils page](#) of My Rotary by **30 June**. The district governor must also confirm the district's endorsement by **30 June**.

District Governor Confirmation

The governor can confirm endorsement in one of two ways:

1. Submit the proposed resolution him or herself and confirm the district's endorsement in the online form found on the [Councils page](#) of My Rotary.
2. If the proposed resolution is submitted by someone other than the governor, the governor will receive an email letting him or her know that the resolution has been submitted. The governor should then reply to Council Services at council_services@rotary.org, along with his or her confirmation that the information submitted is correct and that the district has endorsed the proposed resolution.

Duly Proposed Resolutions

The submission must include the following by 30 June in order to be considered duly proposed for the Council on Resolutions:

1. Name of the proposing club or district
2. Confirmation from the district governor that the resolution was endorsed by the district
3. Text of the proposed resolution



In addition, all proposed resolutions should be submitted within 45 days of being endorsed by the district.

Defective Resolutions

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee reviews each proposed resolution to determine if it is correctly drafted or whether it is defective. A proposed resolution will be deemed defective if

1. it would request an action, or express an opinion, that is in conflict with the letter or spirit of the constitutional documents;
2. it would request an action that involves administrative or management matters within the discretion of the board or trustees;
3. it would request an action which has already been implemented by the board or trustees; or
4. it is not within the framework of the program of RI.

If a resolution is deemed defective, it may be corrected and submitted to a future Council on Resolutions.

Tips for Proposed Resolutions

- **Review past resolutions.** Resolutions for the previous Council on Resolutions are posted on [My Rotary](#). Take a look to see if 1) your idea has been proposed before and 2) how a resolution is written.
- **Ask for help.** Past representatives, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and Council Services staff are all knowledgeable about drafting resolutions. If you need help drafting a resolution, please let us know.

Should you propose a resolution?

Resolutions are a great way to propose ideas that will impact the Rotary world; however, the Board only reviews adopted resolutions. To guarantee that the Board reviews your proposal, submit it instead as a petition to the Board as described below.

In addition, if you are proposing a resolution requesting the Board to draft a future enactment, please consider drafting the proposed enactment instead. This will help ensure that your idea is considered by the Council on Legislation using your intended language and that it is submitted in a timely manner.

Petitions to the Board

Instead of proposing a resolution to the Council on Resolutions, a club may wish to consider submitting a petition to the RI Board, which is a request for action on a specific matter. Items that have a limited scope, rather than impacting the whole Rotary world, are better to submit as petitions.

The process allows clubs to bring issues of concern to the Board for consideration and possible action at its regular meeting. The RI Board hears petitions at every meeting, and you may receive a more rapid response through this action than by submitting a resolution to the Council on Resolutions.



Petitions to the Board may be submitted directly by clubs or may result from a district conference. They must also be signed by either the club president or district governor. The intent of the petition should be clearly explained in a letter either to the Rotary president, Board of Directors, or the general secretary. The petition can be formatted as a proposed resolution or simply as a letter.

Additional Information

If you have questions about Rotary's legislative process, please email Council Services at council_services@rotary.org. Additional information can also be found in the following resources:

- Council on Legislation article of the RI Constitution
- Council on Resolutions article of the RI Bylaws
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COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION: HOW TO PROPOSE ENACTMENTS

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Council on Legislation

The Council on Legislation is Rotary's governing body that amends its constitutional documents. Every three years the Council on Legislation meets to debate and vote on proposed enactments. Each district sends one representative to the Council on Legislation, and any club and district may propose enactments. If your club or district is considering proposing an enactment for the Council, please read to learn how.

Deadline to Submit an Enactment

Proposed enactments from clubs and districts for the 2022 Council on Legislation must be received by Rotary on or before **31 December 2020**. There are no exceptions to this deadline. Enactments received after the deadline are not duly proposed and will not be considered.

Types of Legislation

There are two types of legislation:

- **Proposed enactments** seek to change Rotary's constitutional documents (the [RI Constitution](#), [RI Bylaws](#), and the [Standard Rotary Club Constitution](#)).
- **Position statements** seek to state a position of Rotary International and are only proposed by the Board of Directors.

Proposing Enactments

Clubs, districts, the RI Board, the general council or conference of RIBI, or the Council on Legislation may propose enactments to the Council on Legislation. However, an enactment submitted by a club must also be endorsed by the clubs in its district at a district conference, a district legislation meeting, or through a club ballot, before it can be submitted to Rotary.



Drafting an Enactment

Enactments amend the constitutional documents:

- [RI Constitution](#),
- [RI Bylaws](#), and
- [Standard Rotary Club Constitution](#)

To begin, consider impactful changes. Constitutional documents are an organization's foundation and define its structure. When proposing changes, try to address the structure and organization of Rotary. Changes should be more permanent, not ones that can change as policies are updated. Enactments should not address process, policy, or procedures. These types of changes should be suggested through resolutions, so that the Board and Trustees can decide whether or not to update Rotary's or The Rotary Foundation's Codes of Policies. The Codes are more flexible and are changed more frequently.

Once you decide on your change, find the related sections of the constitutional documents that need to be amended in order to bring about the change. For example, if you are proposing a change to the Object of Rotary, you will want to mark changes in the RI Constitution and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. You can locate other related sections by:

1. Searching for keywords relating to the proposed change
2. Searching for references to the amended section in the constitutional documents

Be thoughtful about your changes and make sure that all related sections are properly amended. An enactment can be found [defective](#) by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee if they are not. A defective enactment will not be transmitted to the Council on Legislation.

To mark your changes in the constitutional documents, please use the Word versions found at the links above or find them on the [governance documents](#) page of My Rotary. The versions are set up to automatically mark your proposed changes. You will want to save a copy of your amended version of the constitutional documents, before submitting it to Rotary.

Tips for Proposed Enactments

- **Review past enactments.** The legislation book for the 2019 Council on Legislation is posted on the [Councils](#) page of My Rotary. Take a look to see 1) if your idea has been proposed before and 2) how an enactment is written.
- **Ask for help.** Past representatives, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and Council Services staff are all very knowledgeable about the constitutional documents. If you need help drafting an enactment, please let us know.
- **Submit enactments early.** The earlier you submit an enactment, the earlier the Constitution and Bylaws Committee can review it. If defects are found, you will have more opportunities to correct them and have your enactment considered by the Council on Legislation.



Endorsing an Enactment

For a club to propose an enactment, the club's board of directors must first submit the proposed enactment to the club members for adoption before sending it to the district. A district conference or a district council in RIBI may also propose an enactment directly to the district. Any enactments proposed by clubs or districts are then voted on, or endorsed, by the district at a district conference, a district legislation meeting, or through a club ballot.

If a district does not have enough time to vote on a proposed enactment in person, the governor may conduct a club ballot. Such ballot should follow as closely as possible the balloting procedures set forth in RI Bylaw section 12.050. for electing a governor-nominee through club ballot.

Once endorsed, the proposer may submit the enactment to Rotary through the online [form](#) by **31 December 2020**. The district governor must also confirm the district's endorsement by **31 December 2020**.

District Governor Confirmation

The governor can confirm endorsement in one of two ways:

1. Submit the proposal themselves and confirm the district's endorsement in the online form
2. If the proposal is submitted by someone other than the governor, the governor will receive an email letting them know that the enactment has been submitted. The governor should then reply to Council Services at council_services@rotary.org, along with their confirmation that the information submitted is correct and that the district has endorsed the proposed enactment.

If a proposed enactment does not receive the governor's confirmation by 31 December 2020, the item will be considered not duly proposed and will not be considered by the 2022 Council on Legislation.

Purpose and Effect Statement

The proposer must provide a statement of purpose and effect, 300 words or less, in order for the proposed enactment to be considered duly proposed. If a statement is not provided, the enactment will be considered not duly proposed and will not be considered by the Council on Legislation. This statement should identify the issue or problem that the proposed enactment seeks to address and explain how the proposal addresses or resolves the problem or issue.

Duly Proposed Enactments

Proposed enactments must include the following by 31 December 2020 in order to be considered duly proposed:

1. Name of the proposing club or district
2. Confirmation from the district governor that the enactment was proposed or endorsed by the district
3. The proposer's statement of purpose and effect, 300 words or less
4. A Word document with the proposed changes marked

In addition, all proposed enactments should be submitted within 45 days of being endorsed by the district.

[How to Propose Enactments \(May 2019\)](#)

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Limit on the Number of Enactments

The RI Bylaws encourage a district, and its clubs, to submit no more than five proposed enactments. Districts should submit a separate [form](#) for each proposed enactment.

After the Proposed Enactment is Received by Rotary

The general secretary reviews the proposal to ensure that it is duly proposed. A proposed enactment that is not duly proposed will not be considered by the Council on Legislation.

The general secretary then prepares the proposed enactment for review by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The Committee reviews each duly proposed enactment to determine if it is correctly drafted or if it is defective. The Committee, working with the general secretary, also develops a Financial Impact Statement for each proposal.

When proposals are identical or substantially similar, the Committee will combine the enactments and all proposers will be listed.

Where proposals are similar, the Committee will recommend a compromise proposal to proposers. The work of the Council is greatly facilitated when proposers agree to compromise proposals, as this allows the Council to examine a proposal in depth.

Defective Enactments

Proposed enactments will be deemed defective if they:

1. are subject to two or more inconsistent meanings;
2. fail to amend all affected parts of the constitutional documents;
3. would violate governing law;
4. would amend the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to conflict with the RI Bylaws or the RI Constitution;
5. would amend the RI Bylaws to conflict with the RI Constitution; or
6. would be impossible to administer or enforce.

If a proposed enactment is deemed defective by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, it is the proposer's or the Council representative's responsibility to submit an amended proposal before the amendment deadline. Enactments that continue to be defective after the amendment deadline will not be considered by the Council on Legislation.

Additional Information

If you have questions about Rotary's legislative process, please email Council Services at council_services@rotary.org. Additional information can also be found in the following resources:

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Rotarians are improving lives in communities around the world every day through thousands of service projects. Browse projects to explore the good work that Rotary clubs are doing locally and globally. Share your own with the Rotary community and your Facebook friends. To learn more about projects around the Rotary world, visit:

https://map.rotary.org/en/project/pages/project_showcase.aspx

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A ROTARIAN

As an international organization, Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities unlike those of other groups one might join. Although each Rotarian has first responsibility to uphold the obligations of citizenship of his or her own country, membership in Rotary enables Rotarians to take a somewhat different view of international affairs. In the early 1950s a Rotary philosophy was adopted to describe how a Rotarian may think on a global basis. Here is what it said:

A world-minded Rotarian:

- looks beyond national patriotism and considers himself as sharing responsibility for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace
- resists any tendency to act in terms of national or racial superiority
- seeks and develops common grounds for agreement with peoples of other lands
- defends the rule of law and order to preserve the liberty of the individual so that he may enjoy freedom of thought, speech and assembly, and freedom from persecution, aggression, want and fear
- supports action directed toward improving standards of living for all peoples, realizing that poverty anywhere endangers prosperity everywhere
- upholds the principles of justice for mankind; · strives always to promote peace between nations and prepares to make personal sacrifices for that ideal
- urges and practices a spirit of understanding of every other man's beliefs as a step toward international goodwill, recognizing that there are certain basic moral and spiritual standards which will ensure a richer, fuller life."

