

Rotary



District 6670



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Events

July 10th
CANCELED--YEP
Outbound
Orientation
Otterbein O-E
Multidistrict

A Message from Your District Governor June

Rotary Fellowships Month how are we engaging with others?

(taken from Myrotary website) Submitted by Sigrid Solomon



Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

OVERVIEW

- Help participants make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country
- Advance Rotary's public image and identity
- Serve as an incentive for joining Rotary and for maintaining active membership
- More than 80 Rotary Fellowships are now officially registered with Rotary International
- Many fellowships also use their special interests to serve others.

ORGANIZATION

- Function independently of Rotary International by establishing their own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- Are open to Rotarians, their family members, as well as participants and alumni of all Rotary and Foundation programs.

Benefits of Rotary Fellowships

- Enrich the Rotary experience beyond a club or district.
- Encourage engagement with other Rotarians, Rotaractors, program participants, and alumni from a variety of cultures and regions.
- Unite people with a common interest from all over the world, which helps facilitate long-term friendships and a better understanding of the world.
- Fellowships also further vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession.
- They also allow individuals to explore new opportunities for service

EXAMPLES

- [4x4 vehicles](#)
- [Amateur Radio](#)
- [Antique Automobiles](#)
- [Bathhouse](#)
- [Beard and Moustache](#)
- [Bee](#)
- [Beer](#)
- [Bird Watching](#)
- [Bowling](#)
- [Canoeing](#)
- [Caravanning](#)
- [Chess](#)
- [Computer Users](#)
- [Convention Goers](#)
- [Corporate Social Responsibility](#)

- [Cricket](#)
- [Cruising](#)
- [Cultural Heritage](#)
- [Curling](#)
- [Cycling](#)
- [Doctors](#)
- [Doll Lovers](#)
- [Draughts \(Checkers\)](#)
- [E-Clubs](#)
- [Editors and Publishers](#)
- [Educators](#)
- [Environment](#)
- [Esperanto](#)
- [Ethics](#)
- [European Philosophy](#)
- [Executive Managers](#)
- [Fishing](#)
- [Flying](#)
- [Genealogists](#)
- [Go](#)
- [Golf](#)
- [Gourmet Cooking](#)
- [Hiking](#)
- [Home Exchange](#)
- [Honorary Consuls](#)
- [Horseback Riding](#)
- [Internet](#)
- [Italian Culture](#)
- [Jazz](#)
- [Latin Culture](#)
- [Lawyers](#)
- [LGBT](#)
- [Magicians](#)
- [Magna Graecia](#)
- [Marathon Running](#)
- [Metalhead](#)
- [Military Veterans](#)
- [Motorcycling](#)
- [Music](#)
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- [Past District Governors](#)
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- [Quilters and Fiber Artists](#)
- [Railroads](#)
- [Recreational Vehicles](#)
- [Rotary Global History](#)
- [Rotary Heritage and History](#)
- [Rotary Means Business](#)
- [Rotary on Pins](#)
- [Rotary on Stamps](#)
- [Rowing](#)
- [Rum](#)
- [Russian Culture](#)
- [Scouting](#)
- [Scuba](#)
- [Shooting Sport](#)
- [Singles](#)
- [Skiing](#)
- [Social Networks](#)
- [Strategic Planning](#)
- [Surfing](#)
- [Table Tennis](#)
- [Tennis](#)
- [Total Quality Management](#)
- [Travel and Hosting](#)
- [Triathlon](#)
- [Water Polo](#)
- [Wellness and Fitness](#)
- [Whisk\(e\)y](#)
- [Wine](#)
- [Yachting](#)
- [Yoga](#)
- [Young Rotarians](#)

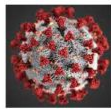
Rotary Fellowships consist of members who share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies,

or professions. These groups help expand skills, foster vocational development, and enhance the Rotary experience by exploring interests while developing connections around the world.

District 6670 Covid Reopening Considerations



District 6670 COVID-19 Considerations before resuming in-person meetings



As COVID-19 infections begin to level and government shelter-in-place and similar orders expire, Rotary Districts and Clubs are confronted with the complexities of determining how and when to resume in-person gatherings.

We must base our decisions on the health and safety of our members, while maintaining compliance with government and health regulations. COVID-19 will be part of our Rotary planning until a proper prevention or vaccine is readily available.

Challenges - Our Rotary organization is a compilation of autonomous clubs with cultural, social, and community-based values that preclude a "one size fits all" approach for club decisions about resuming in-person meetings.

This document is developed to help our Rotary clubs and leadership with considerations and resources for the discussions and decisions they undertake at this difficult time.

The primary goal of this document is to help Rotarians consider the safety and health of our members.



Additional Resources

Rotary looks for guidance from reputable organizations focused on health and safety. It's important to keep up to date on the latest

information from trusted sources, such as these, and incorporate their resources, tools, guidelines into your club leadership discussions regarding in-person meetings:

Global Resources:

- **World Health Organization (WHO)**
<https://www.who.int>
- **Center for Disease Control (CDC)**
<https://www.cdc.gov/>
- **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**
<https://www.fda.gov/home>
- **Rotary International**
<https://www.rotary.org>
- **Health Canada**
<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health>

Local Resources: Your local and state governments and health departments are authorities best placed to advise

about what people in your area should be doing to protect themselves. Review these resources so you are sure your club is in compliance for any in-person Rotary gathering.



Action Steps

- **Survey Your Members**
- **Develop a Decision Tree**
- **Write & Communicate a Plan**

I. Survey Your Members - This is a time of evolution where we could make changes to our club format and focus.

- How are our current virtual gatherings working?
- Would it work to continue virtual meetings for a time?
- What club business would require in-person gathering?
- How can we best serve our communities going forward?

If the survey supports not resuming in-person meetings at this time, leadership may still develop recommendations for the proper time to move forward.

Leadership Discussion following the survey-



- Have we reviewed all relevant resources for health & safety information?
- What restrictions apply to or are applied by our regular venue?
- Will food & beverage change due to health & safety concerns?
- What health & safety protocols should be instituted (e.g., temperature taking, hand sanitizer, masks, social distancing, no handshakes, hugs or other touching, alerting leadership & membership when a member becomes ill, refraining from singing, passing items including for Happy Dollars, liability waivers, etc.)
- How will protocols be communicated? (e.g., emails, phone calls, greeters, etc.)
- How can we make sure our protocols are inclusive of all members? (e.g. making all meetings voluntary, providing online & in-person meetings simultaneously, offering both 'in-person' or virtual meetings & clarifying the distinction in communications, etc.)

District 6670 COVID-19 Considerations for Resuming In-person Meetings – June 2020

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District Service Project - Bunk Bed Build Day



2020 DISTRICT ROTARY SERVICE PROJECT

ROTARY DISTRICT 6670 BUNK BED BUILD DAY

Volunteer with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build 200
beds for children in Ohio. No experience necessary.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

8 AM - 1 PM

BBQ LUNCH PROVIDED

WILMINGTON COLLEGE CAMPUS

For more information contact:

Rotary District Governor Sigrid Solomon (937) 725-5533

Sleep in Heavenly Peace President Carrie Zeigler (937) 728-0986

District 6670 Strategic Plan 2020

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Last Fall, DG Sigrid pulled together a diverse group of District Rotarians from clubs throughout the District. This group consisted of Past and future District Governors, current and past District Committee Chairs and current and past Club Presidents. Guided by Zone 31 Public Image Coordinator Elizabeth Usovicz, the group worked through the various challenges facing our district and Rotary International and determined five (5) areas of primary concern. The five (5) were narrowed down to three (3) that were identified as most important. Our three primary areas of focus are as follows: Identify and encourage disengaged clubs, advertise/market Rotary in our region, and membership attraction and retention. During the strategy session, the group established steps and tentative time-lines to begin the process of addressing these areas of focus.

As a follow-up to the strategy session, DG Sigrid began the process of recruiting district Rotarians to lead each of the areas of focus. The leaders were to assemble their respective committees, who would work with all of the clubs. PDG Mike Kelly and PDG Norma Berry were selected as Champions to assist and encourage each committee in their work. This process had begun, was underway and we expected to make great progress when

our world changed. COVID-19 occurred and as we all know, it significantly impacted our communities and Rotary clubs. Because of this, our normal way of interacting and working towards a goal changed. Face-to-face meetings and service projects stopped. Our Small Business owners faced business closures and employee layoffs. Club members had to stay at home in order to stop the spread of the virus and stay healthy.

- I. assessing the current state in the context of our strategic plan, where are we as a district and as clubs today? Many of our clubs have embraced ZOOM and are conducting virtual weekly meetings and social hours. Many have researched areas within their communities to find areas that became new service projects and focuses during this unique time. It appears that resuming face-to-face meetings is at least 4 or more weeks away and this might be optimistic.

So perhaps, this is the gift that we never saw coming. Use this downtime to re-evaluate your club, your meeting structure, time and your member involvement. Where, when and how do you meet? Do you need to re-invent yourselves in the new normal? As we face the real possibility of many of our fundraisers being eliminated or scaled down, how will clubs continue to fund scholarships and other service projects?

To borrow the corona virus mantra, ♦you are not alone.♦ The district leaders are here to assist each club as it navigates these unsettling times. We encourage you to attend virtual meetings and training sessions, encourage involvement with neighboring clubs on joint projects, and most importantly, reach out to your members. While social distancing may be a part of our lives for the near future, our clubs can continue to reach out to members, our communities and remain available to support those in our communities that depend on them. We encourage you to use the three (3) primary areas of focus, from the strategic plan, to re-assess your club and prepare to enter the New Normal that we will all face, better and stronger than before.

SUN Project Featured in July ♦s Rotarian Magazine



Look for the article on the Solarize Uganda Now Project (SUN) in the July issue of our Rotarian magazine. The article focuses on Nathan Thomas, the twenty-seven-year-old full-time engineer, SUN founder, Past President of Midtown Rotary Club of North Carolina and soon-to-be District Governor. The Rotary Club of Cincinnati, with continuing assistance from Rotarian Deborah Schultz and our World Affairs Committee, gave Nathan his first grant to install solar panels for LED lights in two schools and a woman ♦s center in rural areas outside Kampala, Uganda. Cincinnati Rotary has supported this project for the past six

years with the Midtown Raleigh Club, the Nateete Rotary Club in Kampala, and our respective Rotary Districts and the clubs (Middletown) in our districts.

Thank you District 6670 which contributed welcomed funding to a Global Grant to install three solar-powered wells in 2019. These wells provide clean water, much more than anticipated, to thousands of citizens in Uganda ♦s Butambala District. In addition to the wells and women ♦s center, the All We Are Foundation, Rotary, Nathan and his on-the-ground crew have installed solar LED lights in **27 schools while two medical clinics** have received solar-powered light and refrigeration for vaccines .

The work continues with the goal of **50 solar installations, in seventeen more schools, by the end of 2022.** Until an Environmental Focus for Global Grants is fully implemented by RI, SUN ♦ will continue to light the pathway out of poverty for K-12 students. Except for the Global Grant WASH project for the wells this project has been supported to date **only** by the generosity of clubs, districts and individuals.

If your club would like a Zoom presentation on this impactful project please contact Deborah Schultz, Rotary Club of Cincinnati, transborders1@gmail.com.

Rotary Club of Cincinnati Matches Cookie Money in Covid-19 Crisis

By Laura Erbaugh



The Covid-19 health crisis that is keeping people in their homes is also keeping Girl Scouts from selling cookies.

The result is a warehouse stacked with 100,000 boxes of unsold cookies, said Kay Ann Rutter, director of marketing and communications for the Girl Scouts of Western Ohio.

Meanwhile, LaSoupe, the non-profit that rescues excess produce and turns it into meals for food-insecure families is meeting more needs than ever before as it meets growing food needs including helping to replace the free school lunches that low-income children aren't getting now that school is closed.

The Rotary Club of Cincinnati put the two needs together with a plan to buy cookies from the scouts and give them to LaSoupe. "Being able to add Girl Scout cookies to our meals is fantastic," said Mimi Dyer of Hyde Park, president of the board of LaSoupe.

The project is a win-win-win, said Linda Muth, the Executive Director of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati.

The scouts sell the cookies. Those sales support the Girl Scout troops, which serve the community through troop projects and activities. The cookies go to LaSoupe, which will make them available to families through the agency's wide food distribution programs that include schools, food banks, social service programs and summer food programs.

Rutter said the truncated cookie-selling season means local scout troops will lose an average of \$900 each a big bite out of the money troops use for scout activities and community service projects. "The cookie sales fund the troops for the year," said Rutter.

The Rotary Club wrapped up the campaign at the end of May with over \$23,000 raised and almost 5,000 boxes of cookies purchased from local troops and donated to La Soupe to feed Cincinnati Public School families.

Franklin Carlisle Rotary Club Provide Masks to Students

When Franklin Carlisle Rotary member Franklin City Schools asked the community to help provide masks for 1500 students heading back to school in August, fellow club members Pat and David Edwards of Edwards Furniture, Springboro stepped up to help. They donated boxes of upholstery fabric samples that were cut to size, ready to be made into masks. Franklin students will have the most colorful, eye-catching masks around.



Hillsboro Rotary Golf Outing

Hillsboro Rotary

PAR 3

2 Person Team 9 Hole Challenge



July 14th (Tues)@ Hillsboro Elks

\$80 per Team (Lunch & Golf)

Lunch & Registration Noon & Tee Off at 1 PM

Sign Up in the Sandtrap Lounge - (@Elks)

Top 2 team Cash payout (70/30)

Split the Pot and Skill Prizes

Please make checks payable to Hillsboro Rotary Club

Mail to: 137 N High St, Hillsboro, OH 45133

Or we can invoice your business. Please advise.

Thank You from District Governor Sigrid Solomon



Wow, what a year! It has been full of opportunities, rewards, and challenges. Maya Angelou summed it up best in her poem, *Still I Rise*—instead of *I* it's *We*—as a District have lived out our mission of service above self, answering the call to action in our local communities, transforming our Clubs all in the wake of a national pandemic.

Thank you to the Past District Governors (PDGs) for laying a great foundation within the District for me to use as a springboard this year. To the Governor Line (G-Line- Bill Shula, Greg Birkemeyer, Carol Hughes, and Frank Scott) thank you for exhibiting a spirit of collaboration to ensure continuity within the District and being a great source of support.

Assistant Governors (AG-Frank Scott, Sue Taylor, Art Hupp, Sheila Hinton, Ron Hollenbeck, Lisa Crachiolo, Steve Naas, Laramie Jung, Megan Manuel, Beth Huber, Susan Wilkinson, Jim Perry, and Patti Parch) thank you for visiting with your assigned clubs quarterly if not more to provide guidance and support. District Leadership/Committee Chairs (Greg Birkemeyer, Carol Hughes, Don Stewart, Laura Erbaugh, Susan Bantz, Mike Brown, Bill Shula, Mike Kelly, Wendy Kissel, Peter Weiglin, Frank Scott, Sue Taylor, Patti Parch, Sheila Hinton, Ariel Miller, Heath MacAlpine, Shannon Graham, Beth Huber, Brad & Darcy Reynolds, Pat Edwards, Dottie Meade, Norma Berry, Mac Hickman, Heidi Schiller, and Eric Marcus) thank you for the countless hours of planning and preparation you've put forward with your respective committees or District responsibilities. To all the Presidents, thank you for leading your club through the many peaks and valleys this year presented.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve as your District Governor for 2019-2020 my hope is that you continue moving forward as critical thinkers, productive volunteers, globally conscious contributors, and passionate Rotarians. As you move on to the next Rotary year, I want to share a quote with you:

◆Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.◆ ◆ Warren Bennis

T- Transforming lives

H- Humanitarian superheroes

A- Answering the call to action- always

N-Never disheartened by challenges

K-Kindness and compassion lead our hearts & actions

Y-Yourself, after service to others

O-Our causes, our mission, truly makes a difference

U-Unwavering commitment