

Rotary



District 6670



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Events

September 5th
**Assistant
Governor's
Meeting**

September 29th
O-E Fall Meeting

September 30th
**PETS Zoom
Training -
Introduction**

A Message from Your District Governor - September 2023



Greetings Rotarians!

I hope all of you had a wonderful Labor Day weekend. Hard to believe summer is winding down, especially with these 90 degree days...

September is the "Basic Education and Literacy Month" in the Rotary world. How appropriate with schools starting up for the new school year. There are many different approaches your club can take to support education and literacy. My home club of Springboro gives every third grader in the Springboro and Waynesville school districts the RI dictionary (which is more like a mini encyclopedia). The teachers have told us they utilize the dictionary throughout the year's lesson plans. Some say giving a dictionary is "old fashioned" due to Google, but you would be amazed by how many children say this is their only book they own. Speaking of books, your club can support literacy by giving your local school district summer reading bags of books that can be distributed to the identified weaker readers as they graduate from Kindergarten. Children that have received the bag of books have shown marked improvement in reading skills upon arriving for first grade.

On a global scale, literacy is a major issue, significant portions of humanity are illiterate. Many current and former global grants have been directed towards education and literacy. The Dayton Club has for many years worked to build and maintain a school in Africa. I am sure they would be willing to give your club a "how to" information discussion.

District update: As we work out plans for the District Day of Service Bed Build, we have found out that we need to delay the event until sometime in the spring of 2024. Stay tuned for updates!"

Doug

Third Annual Celebrate Community Week



Dear Rotary leader,

I am excited to announce that we are collaborating with Kiwanis International, Lions International, and Optimist International for our third annual Celebrate Community Week!

During the week of 11-17 September, we're encouraging Rotary and Rotaract clubs to partner with local Kiwanis, Lions, and Optimist clubs on a service project that will have a long-term impact in your community. (Use the club finder tools to locate [Kiwanis](#), [Lions](#), and [Optimist](#) clubs near you.) To get started, work with a local social service organization or with local government officials to learn what your community needs and how you can plan the most effective project.

Tell your neighbors — and us — about your joint service project by [sending out a news release](#), posting on social media with #CelebrateCommunity, and adding the project to [Rotary Showcase](#).

We can do more when we work together. Let's harness the collective power of our four organizations' 3.4 million members and Celebrate Community together.

Sincerely,
John Hewko
Rotary General Secretary and CEO

Polio Eradication Donations - Matching Points Available

Good afternoon, Rotarians:

The Rotary Foundation and Rotary International are committed to Polio Eradication as a primary goal. We are down to two countries in this world, Pakistan and Afghanistan, that have Polio as an endemic disease.

Every year World Polio Day is October 24. It is a time when clubs bring to their members an awareness of the danger of contracting polio and its long-term effects. Often, clubs invite polio survivors to speak at club meetings.

This year your District leadership is sponsoring Pints to End Polio on Oct 6 (see the flyer). This is an opportunity to see fellow Rotarians at a social gathering for a worthy cause. You may have already heard about this event from your club President or President Elect.

You can also donate to Polio Eradication individually and this is a great time of year to do so.

Polio Eradication donations can lead to recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow. Any donations made between \$100 and \$500 will be fully matched with District points to accelerate your recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Donations from club members also help your club meet its Rotary goal of \$1500 from every Rotary Club in the world.

Thank you in advance for anything you can do to help with Polio Eradication.

Frank H Scott, District Rotary Foundation Chair, District 6670



Please plan to join us
for a pint or two at
SOB. We will raise a
glass to help the fight
against polio.



818 Factory Road, Beavercreek, Ohio

Rotary Foundation Dinner

ROTARY FOUNDATION DINNER
DISTRICT 6670
NOVEMBER 2, 2023
HEATHERWOODE GOLF CLUB AT 5:30 PM

We have invited a distinguished Rotary member to speak to us about the great work of our Rotary Foundation in the past and the future.

Our Speaker is Larry Lunsford, Rotary Foundation Trustee Vice Chair 22-23.

Larry serves as a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation. His term is 2021-2025.

He has been a Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri, member since 1991.

Larry and his wife, Jill, served as Aides for RI President Mark Daniel Maloney and his wife Gay for the 2019-2020 Rotary year.

Larry's Rotary activities include Club President, District Governor, District Shoes Cheerleader, Rotary Peace Centers Committee Chair, RI Membership Committee Chair, and Shaping Rotary's Future Committee member.

Larry and Jill support the Rotary Foundation as Level 2 Major Donor, Benefactor, Charter Member and Level 4 Member of the Bequest Society, Paul Harris Society member, and Polio Plus Society member.

Larry has been awarded the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service in 2005 and the RI Service Above Self Award in 2011. He served as Chair of his District's Legacy Dinner in 2017 which raised \$3.3 million for the Rotary Foundation in outright gifts and commitments.

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Suicide Prevention

==>Register here <https://forms.gle/CWbWowvrs9wsF89Y8> to receive Zoom link

Save the Date

Options Along the Prevention Continuum



An hour of ideas for action beginning at noon Eastern, September 9, 2023

Two great speakers

Ken Duckworth, MD
Chief Medical Officer
NAMI



David DeMaso, MD
Emeritus Psychiatrist-in-Chief
Boston Children's Hospital



Rotary Leader



2023-24 presidential initiatives

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.

- **Prioritizing Mental Health.** Rotary has long been involved in mental health and wellness initiatives. Our culture of Service Above Self builds community and promotes acts of kindness, two proven methods to build and maintain mental wellness. Gordon is asking clubs and districts to expand on our culture of care by erasing the stigma associated with emotional well-being, raising awareness of mental health needs, and improving access to quality preventive care and interventions. He also encourages members to work with the [Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives](#), a global community with expertise in helping people improve their mental health. [Other action groups](#) specialize in related topics, such as addiction prevention. [Watch a message from Gordon about prioritizing mental health.](#)
- **Peacebuilding Through Virtual Exchanges.** Rotary has a long history of working for peace through personal connections. Inspired by what we've learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, Gordon is encouraging districts to incorporate virtual components into more programs, events, and activities — especially Rotary Youth Exchanges and Rotary Friendship Exchanges. This will give people new ways to experience other cultures, make participation more accessible, and build understanding.
- **Empowering Girls.** Gordon is continuing this initiative that focuses on elevating the voices and unlocking the power of girls and women around the world. He is encouraging members to keep finding ways to improve girls' health, well-being, education, economic security, and self-determination. Empowered girls become empowered women who can change the world.

Learn more about Gordon's [presidential initiatives](#).



Hawai'i Rotary District 5000 established a relief fund for Maui through their District Foundation. Please consider donating by using the QR code below or visit rotaryd5000.org for more information. Mahalo!
[#RotaryInternational](#) [#RotaryDistrict6670](#) [#RotaryInHawaii](#) [#MauiStrong](#)



Help Wanted - RLI Coordinator



Wanted. RLI Coordinator. The successful candidate will have graduated from RLI and have good organizational skills and a growing passion for RLI. Interested candidates should submit their resume to the current DG. For more information, contact PDG Eric Marcus at: eric.marcus@mindspring.com

District Membership Committee met for August Membership Month

Each Rotary District has a District Membership Committee comprising of a District Membership Chair and other Rotarians that have expressed an interest in developing a Membership Action Plan for the District, under the guidance of the District Governor. Our 2023-2024 District Governor Doug Buchy (Springboro) invited past District Governor Carol Hughes (Springboro) to fulfil the role of District Membership Chair (DMC) for the next three years.

Rotary International challenges the District Membership Committee each year with a few goals:

1. Assist Club Membership Committee Chairs in carrying out their responsibilities of attracting new members and engaging existing members.

2. Manage prospective members that come to Rotary looking for a club to join through the RI Manage Leads system on RI's website
3. Assist in organizing, establishing and supporting new and different types of clubs in our District, either where Rotary is not present, or in existing areas where Rotary is already active
4. Communicate the Committee progress , challenges, and opportunities with our Rotary Zone Coordinator and District Governor regularly

District Governor Doug Buchy stated his personal membership goals for the committee at the beginning of July:

1. Increase membership numbers
2. Reconstitute Interact Clubs where they existed Pre-COVID
3. Add Rotaract (University based) Clubs at every University/College in our District
4. Reach out to past Rotarians (Pre-COVID) and invite them back
5. Look into new ways to do Rotary

Our initial meeting of our District Membership Committee was held on July 27, with 6 people in attendance, including District Governor Elect Dottie Meade (Fairborn) and District Governor Nominee Heidi Schiller (Oxford). Also on the call were Adam Horseman (Dayton), Ted Ramirez (Kettering) and April Walker (Springboro) and DMC Carol Hughes (Springboro).

We talked through the above goals and the roles of membership committee members. We would like to add at least 6 more Rotarians to our Committee, so if you saw tremendous growth in your club that you are willing to share, have seen progressive ideas emerge at your club level, have ideas, or just an interest in being involved, please reach out to DMC Carol Hughes at 937-251-3333 or carolhughes6@gmail.com. Committee meetings will remain on Zoom for the time being, but the hope is to offer a couple of seminars on Zoom or in person during the next 12 months while we continue to formulate our plan.

Please see the attached video for more information!

<https://rotary.webdamdb.com/embedvid.php?embedAssetId=M2bOaMPUCfe4&apm=0>