



Rotary Opens Opportunities

September 2020



September is Basic Education and Literacy Month.

District 6690 Governor, Steve Heiser

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month. The Clubs in our District have an excellent record of donating dictionaries, stuffing backpacks, and feeding school children and we

should be proud of that.

Now is the time to see if the schools and the students have other needs that we can fill. Ask your local principal or school superintendent what beneficial role we could play during this time. We cannot handout dictionaries as we have done in the past, but is there another way for the students to receive them? Is virtual tutoring needed? I am sure that many other ideas will surface once we start looking for them.

We should also see if our Interactors could assist some of their fellow students, either high school age or younger. Interactors should be encouraged to find their own service projects, as they have their ears to the ground in the school system and might have a better idea of what help is needed.

Finally, review all your existing education-related projects and see if any of them need some refurbishing. Once Rotarians take a fresh look at things, good things usually happen.

Remember, Rotary Opens Opportunities for others and ourselves if we are willing to walk through the door.

Have a great month!

From Rotaract to Rotary

RI President, Holger Knaack

Rotary youth exchange — one of the many programs for youths and young adults that we celebrate this month — was my path into true



engagement in Rotary. My wife, Susanne, and I began hosting exchange students soon after I joined, and the experience helped me go from simply being a member of my Rotary club to being a true Rotarian. Now Rotary Youth Exchange is a family tradition, and a strong one: Over the past 24 years, we have hosted 43 students!

From the start, we loved it so much that, in addition to hosting students in our home, we became involved with the program by helping to organize student summer camps. During one such camp, I met Christine Lichtin, who was a German high school student at the time and whose father is a past president of my Rotary club. To try something new during this year of embracing change, I am turning this space, normally reserved for the president of Rotary, over to Christine so she can share her story.

[Read More](#)

Project Update: Polio Plus



WPV Cases, YTD 2020:

- **Afghanistan - 37**
- **Pakistan - 65**

[Contact David Uhl](#) to schedule a PolioPlus update and speaker at a club meeting this Sept, Oct, or Nov.

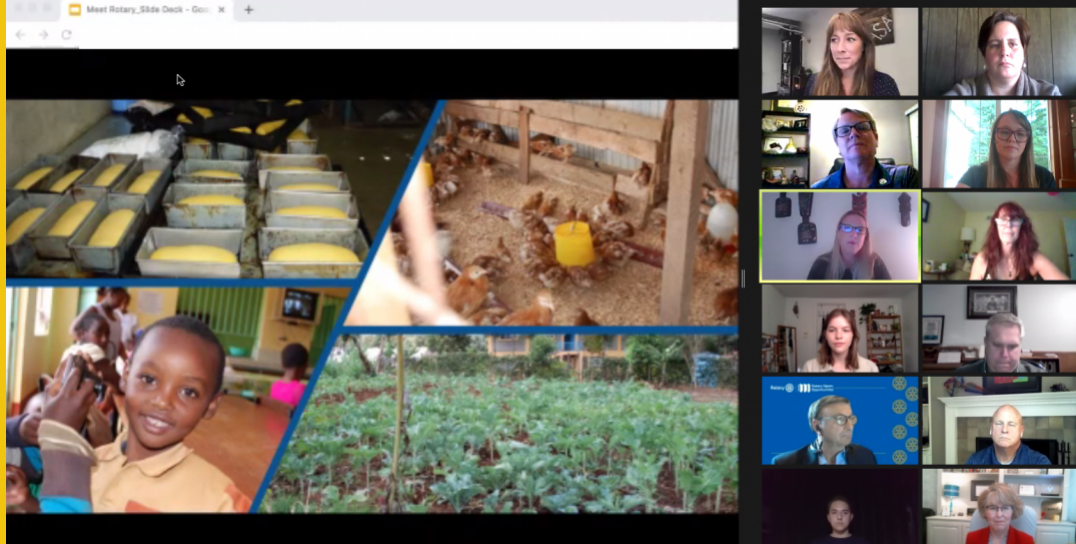
+Start planning your World Polio Day event now! - October 24

In case you missed it:

- **On 25 August, the Africa Regional Certification Commission certified the WHO African Region as wild polio-free after four years without a case.** With this historic milestone, five of the six WHO regions – representing over 90% of the world’s population – are now free of the wild poliovirus, moving the world closer to achieving global polio eradication. [Read more...](#)

Meet Rotary!

District 6690 held a successful **Meet Rotary** online event on August 24.



Twelve speakers presented various aspects of Rotary: the areas of focus, the fight against polio, Youth in Rotary, professional development, and of course - how fun and rewarding it is to be a Rotarian!

You can catch the replay on our YouTube channel:



Rotary is Engagement

Save the dates! Invite a friend! See below all of the Rotary events coming up in September and October!

District 6690 Fall Seminar

Saturday, September 12

9:00am

Service projects in the time of Coronavirus - get ideas for socially distanced service projects for your clubs and work with other non profit organizations.

We will hear from five non-profit organizations about their

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organization and how we can do socially distanced service projects with them:

1. Form 5 Prosthetics Inc.
2. After School All Stars
3. Habitat for Humanity
4. Gracehaven (to stop child sex trafficking)
5. Red Cross

Ohio Rotary Week of Service September 25 - October 4

Start planning now for the Ohio Rotary Week of Service: 9/25-10/4. During that 10 day period, Ohio Rotary clubs want to show off what Rotary does for communities all across the state. Plan to take photos and promote your events - but most importantly, engage as many people as you can!



MASTER CLASS SERIES

Save the Date! **October 5-6** will be the next Rotary Master Class.

Subject will be announced soon!

Rotary Virtual Summit

Zones 30-31

October 10

Save the date!

This year, since the zone summit is virtual, there will be no cost to attend.

That creates a new opportunity for Rotarians to take part in a Rotary event that includes participants from a wide area. Look for an informational email and invitation coming from the zone leadership - and register to attend!



2021 Rotary International Convention

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TAIPEI 2021

The 112th Annual Rotary International Convention is

June 12-16, 2021 [\[Register\]](#)

Don't miss your opportunity to secure the lowest hotel rates by booking in the Rotary 2021 room block!

Act fast to book one of the best hotel rooms in Taipei, Taiwan's capital city.

Book Your Room Today!



Earn reward points from your preferred hotel brand!



Networking opportunities with other Rotary attendees!



Complimentary 10-day Metro Rapid Transit (MRT) pass for all registered attendees.

TAIPEI FUN FACTS

- Taipei is situated on the Tan-shu River almost at the northern tip of Taiwan.
- Summers in Taipei are long-lasting, hot and humid.
- In 2013 over 6.3 million overseas travelers visited Taipei, making it the 15th most visited globally that year.



Booking Assistance: 1.800.650.6913

Newsletter Contributions

Tell the rest of the district what your club or committee is up to! Where do you need help? What successes can you share? What do you want to know more about? Send submission ideas to dave.ungar@gmail.com by the 25th of the month. (Newsletter publication is the first of each month.)

Social Media

Does your club use hashtags when posting on social media? Using **#RD6690** on your posts will enable the district to search and repost/retweet your messages. Let us help you reach a larger audience!

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