

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Price Finley, District Governor

Why are we here? Last month, in my newsletter article, I answered this existential question by suggesting that our life's purpose aligns directly to Rotary's motto, Service Above Self. As I shared, "I have felt my deepest emotional connection to Rotary during service projects that provide meaningful contributions to our communities."



Shortly after proclaiming that I had locked in on the meaning of life (drop the mic), I was forced to confront the fact that my simplistic answer to such a profound question was incomplete. My moment of realization came during the recent District 6690 leadership training when Dana Vogelmeier, past District Training Committee Chair and current President of the Rotary Club of Columbus, quoted Dr. Brené Brown:

"Connection is why we're here. We are hardwired to connect with others, it's what gives purpose and meaning to our lives, and without it there is suffering..."

What? Wait a minute... Dana and Brene are right! So much of the good in our lives comes as a result of our connections with others. Much of the negative comes from a lack of connection.

So...

Who Am I? Why am I here? - Part 2

If, as Brené suggests, we're here to form connections with others, what does that do to the singular focus of last month's article? Perhaps the concepts of

service and connection as our existential purpose can co-exist. When we serve others, we become more deeply connected, not only to the people we are serving, but also to the people we're standing beside to provide that vital service - our fellow Rotary members. That's the human connection Brené is talking about.

I have been reflecting on the times in my life when I have felt a connection and sense of belonging by becoming a member of a group. I was a member of a Boy Scout troop when I was young. My family was a member of a church for as far back as I can remember. In college, I was a member of a fraternity, a football team, and a men's chorus. When I finished law school, I joined Bricker with a goal to become a member (partner) of the law firm. And, of course, since 2005, I've been a member of a Rotary club - the Rotary Club of Upper Arlington. So, "joining" a group has always been a part of my life. Being Governor of District 6690 this year has given me a glimpse of our 58 unique Rotary clubs and I've loved making so many new connections with other members. These are relationships that I would never have formed if not for Rotary.

I realize, however, that the idea of "membership" is not as appealing to others. For example, Millennials and Gen Zs who represent more than a quarter of the world's population, are generally characterized as being groups that are passionate about making a difference in the world, but are not as likely to join a service organization.

In order for Rotary to continue being a large and impactful organization throughout the world, let's consider how best we can provide opportunities for meaningful connections AND serving others... today and for generations to come. Below is a list of initial ideas that may inspire clubs in making Rotary welcoming and IRRESISTIBLE* for prospective and current members:

- Considering ways to make the cost of membership accessible for all
- Intentionally creating meaningful opportunities for all members to participate and lead
- Focusing on new members by immediately getting them involved in service projects and leadership roles
- Having fun!

We are stronger together. As you can tell by my article, I learn and grow every day from my connections with each of you. My list above is just a start. I will be posting this article to Facebook; please grow our collective impact by sharing your comments to the post. What ideas do you have to make Rotary welcoming and IRRESISTIBLE for prospective and current members? Let's keep the conversation going!

* If you're interested in getting some ideas on how to make your club "irresistible" to members, I commend to you

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an approximately 90 minute video recording of a recent "Club Transformation and Membership Summit" held on January 21, 2023, which was led by Rotary International President Nominee Stephanie Urchick and Past District Governor Tom Gump and moderated by Past Rotary International Director Jeffry Cadorette <https://youtu.be/5NMXML39cXg>) and/or a three-part webinar series from Rotary titled "[From Insight to Action.](#)"

We would like to thank those who have made the 125 Club commitment!

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Recognizing Rotarians who contribute \$100 or more to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund and \$25 or more to PolioPlus for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year.

Two Options to Give

1 Log into your My.Rotary.org account using your Rotary ID and contribute \$100 or more to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund and \$25 or more to the PolioPlus Fund;

or

2 Use the District's giving app by going to https://givebutter.com/125_club or scanning this QR Code

(Note: Givebutter applies a \$5.33 credit card convenience fee)



- When you receive your District 6690 125 Club pin, WEAR IT PROUDLY!
- Encourage fellow Rotary members to join the 125 Club! Last year, over 800 Rotarians in District 6690 joined the 125 Club - will you join this year?



(Pins will be distributed by Assistant District Governors periodically throughout the Rotary year)

Progress toward District 6690's Foundation Giving Goals

Here's how we're doing so far this year -

Foundation - EREY



Foundation - Polio Plus



[Rotary Direct](#) allows you to help year-round by automatically giving each month, quarter, or year.

Donating to Rotary means clean water and sanitation. Health and hope in areas that were once ravaged by diseases like polio. Economic development and new opportunities. Your financial help makes all this happen, and more. 90.8 percent of donations go straight to supporting our service projects.

Invite New Members!

Thank you to the following Rotarians who sponsored new members in February!

- Aleece Dye
- Carly Neff
- Chuck Freeman
- Donald R. McIlroy
- Drexel Poling
- Hala Zahreddine
- Jason Given
- Jennifer Vincent
- Larry Harris
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- Peggy Shumate
- Rob Joseph
- Robert B. Sneed
- Roxanne Amidon Red
- Sarah Barickman
- Susan Bibler
- Tim Colburn

With an extra-special thank you to Tina Stroud who sponsored **TWO** new members last month at Wellston Rotary.

Want to make your Rotary Club Irresistible?

AUGUST 24
FROM INSIGHT
TO ACTION

5 Attributes of
Successful &
Agile Clubs

Louisa Horne Herb Klotz Doug Logan Terry Weaver

The graphic features a purple-to-teal gradient background. On the left, the text 'AUGUST 24 FROM INSIGHT TO ACTION' is stacked. On the right, the title '5 Attributes of Successful & Agile Clubs' is displayed. Below the title, four speaker names are listed, each with a corresponding headshot in a small square frame.

Check out this 3 part webinar series "[From Insight to Action.](#)"

One Day, One Workshop.

The **Frankenstein** Session

SAVE THE DATE
April 15
more details soon!

One Day, One Workshop.
"Build your own" new member
orientation and mentorship
program that matches your
club's unique identity.

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The graphic has a dark blue background. On the left is a stylized illustration of Frankenstein's head with bolts in his forehead. The text 'The Frankenstein Session' is at the top, with 'Frankenstein' in a large, bold, orange font. Below it, 'SAVE THE DATE' is in white, followed by 'April 15' in a very large white font, and 'more details soon!' in a smaller white font. A white, torn-edge paper graphic contains the workshop description. At the bottom left is the Rotary logo and 'District 6690'.

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Membership Engagement Bingo

This round of Bingo ends **March 31**.

- Your club has the chance to win all cash for a service project of your choosing.
- Every time you mark **Bingo**, you earn an entry into our quarterly drawing.

Events

District Assembly and Conference

- **District Assembly** - Friday, April 28, 2023 Noon
Columbus State Community College, Mitchell Hall
- **District Conference** - Friday, April 28, 2023 5:30PM – 8:30PM

Saturday, April 29, 2023 – 9:00AM – 5:00PM

National Veterans Memorial and Museum

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!

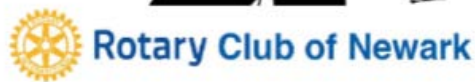


Rotary Club of Newark Presents...

Bourbon and Blues

Saturday March 18th, 2023 5:00pm – 9:00pm
Reese Center on the OSUN/COTC Campus

BOURBON and Blues



Music By the Sean Carney Blues Band

- **Tickets** can be purchased for \$75 each from any Newark Rotary Club member
 - Corporate tables are \$2500 and include a private table of 8 plus 8 tickets. *See details below
 - Sponsorships are \$1000 and include 4 tickets (not a table or reserved seating)
 - Make checks payable to: **Newark Rotary Club Foundation, P.O. Box 8705, Newark, OH 43058-8705**
- Adult beverages, beer, wine and soft drinks provided
- Bourbon tastings available with additional charge
- Bourbon Pull - Raffle for special and rare bottles Of select Bourbon
- Silent auction of special offerings
- BBQ southern style food provided by Licking Memorial Hospital

Gary Baker (garydbaker0711@gmail.com) & Susan Leithauser (sleithauser@gmail.com) Event Chairs

Events

March

- 10th - [Pre PETS session for PEs](#)
- 18th - [Bourbon and Blues](#)
- 21st - [Official DG Club Visit - Sunbury Galena](#)
- 21st - [District Grant Training](#)
- 29th - [Official DG Club Visit - Ironton](#)
- 29th - [Dublin-Worthington Rotary After Hours](#)

April

- 6th - [District Grant Training](#)
- 17th - [Official DG Club Visit - Granville](#)
- 22nd - [Chillicothe Rotary Buck Fifty checkpoint](#)
- 28th - [District Conference](#)

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