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## October in Rotary is Economic and Community Development Month

By Michael T. Owsley on Friday, October 5, 2018



October in Rotary is Economic and Community Development Month. As Rotarians, we have a special role as business leaders in our communities. Through the myriad programs across the district for community outreach our members have been growing their local economies through their personal efforts and by working through district grants. Additionally, we have several projects working across the globe to inspire others as they grow economies. We also sponsor students from our district with \$45,000 scholarships to study abroad and many of these recipients have gone into fields related to micro-economics and have set about improving communities around the world and also right here in Kentucky.

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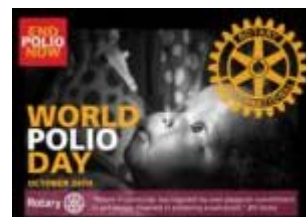
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## One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio

By Christopher Poynter on Wednesday, September 5, 2018

The 6th annual World Polio Day is coming soon... **October 24th, 2018**. Make plans to attend the official event in Philadelphia, PA, watch it live via streaming video, or plan your own event. We've included a proclamation template for your use, which is one way to promote this event.

For more information [CLICK HERE](#)



## 5 PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS IN SEPTEMBER

By Michael J. Kull on Sunday, October 7, 2018



Thanks to these five Rotarians who became first time, or multiple, Paul Harris Fellows in September. [The attached list](#) recognizes these Rotarians from clubs in Hopkinsville, Cadiz and Paducah.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of US\$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Each additional \$1,000 adds a "plus" to the Paul Harris Fellow. At a cumulative total of \$10,000 a Rotarian becomes a major donor-level one.

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## Letting our Communities Know About Rotary!

By Kevin Wardell on Friday, October 5, 2018

At a recent Rotary Zone Conference on membership growth, there

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was a major focus upon improving club communications with our communities. Why? Because effective outside communication about Rotary is an essential element of any successful growth strategy: When we approach a potential new Rotarian, the club's existing image in the community can help launch a favorable process. Without doubt, the club will be more attractive when it carries a favorable community image. Who wouldn't be proud to join such an organization?

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## District Grants Approved for 2018-19

By Sheila Stoke on Friday, October 5, 2018



Talking about being an inspiration!! We had 41 clubs send in applications for District Grants!! That is 75% of the district! What a great year! Of these, 20 submitted a second application and 12 a third. The committee was busy, and the great news is we were able to fund ALL the first and second applications!!! What a great year! These applications were for such fantastic projects: [Read More](#)

## Lunch with a (Rotarian) Legend

By Leonard Whalen on Friday, October 5, 2018

The Dawson Springs Rotary Club had lunch on September the 11th at the Western Kentucky Veterans Center with 96-year-old Dudley Riley, World War II prisoner of war veteran. Dudley was formerly a very active local Rotarian and is now an honoree with the club. Attending the luncheon along with Dudley was 92-year-old local Rotarian and honoree, Deward Stallins. Both of these "local legends" were significant contributors to the community and Dawson Springs Rotary.



At the luncheon, Dudley was provided a certificate and a Dawson Springs Panther pin by immediate past President Lenny Whalen. Other Dawson Springs Rotarians in attendance at the luncheon were Dave Cooley, Kristin Merrill, Jeff Smith, Anita Black, and Mary K. Norman. It was a great luncheon recognizing Dudley and reminiscing old stories. A great time was had by all who attended.

## What organization do we all belong to?

By Mark Norman on Friday, October 5, 2018



A common phenomenon in most every language is the use of acronyms, contractions, and other efforts to be concise. We say that we belong to Rotary. In fact, we belong to Rotary International. You might want to think about that and what it means.

We are blessed to have grown from a handful of people meeting in Chicago to a global organization impacting countless lives. Clubs large and small have the opportunity to make a difference. But how can an individual or club get started? There are numerous ways. The District International Service Committee is here to help you be the inspiration. Just reach out.

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## FIRST QUARTER ANNUAL FUND REPORT

By Michael J. Kull on Sunday, October 7, 2018

[Annual Fund SHARE](#) is the fund that drives good works here and



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around the world. From it comes matching district grants, global scholarships, global grants and vocational training teams.



[Attached is a ranking](#) by average contribution per club member for the four divisions of membership. Look at how your club is doing 25% of the way through the year. Remember the goal is \$100 per Rotarian per year. October is a good time to send in to The Rotary Foundation any contributions received in the first quarter that haven't already been sent in.

The leaders in each of the four membership divisions are:  
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## Interact Clubs Calendar of Events

By Beverly R. Clark on Saturday, October 6, 2018



Fall is in the air and District 6710 Interact Clubs are up and running in Kentucky schools. Here are some key dates for you to put into your calendar year. If you have any questions about Rotary Interact or are interested in forming a club, please contact Beverly Clark at [brclark905@gmail.com](mailto:brclark905@gmail.com).  
Rotary Interact Calendar 2018-2019

- **September - December 1st:** Create a video for the Interact Video Awards. Go to Facebook and like Interact or go to [rotary.org/2018InteractVideoAwards](http://rotary.org/2018InteractVideoAwards) for more details
- **October 24: World Polio Day** - Create an event/fundraiser to help eradicate polio from the planet. (Any day of the week will work as well. October 25th works better for our club.)
- **November 5-11: World Interact Week** - Plan a service project with your club.
- **March 2: Rotary Interact District Leadership Conference** in Louisville, KY at Indiana Wesleyan University - Louisville campus - We are privileged to have District Governor Michael Owsley and District Governor Elect Otha Ray Stearman speaking to us. There will be Leadership workshops, a Blessings in a Backpack service project, and a Leadership Award for each Interact Club in attendance.

## Congratulations Jo Ann Heppermann-New DGN

By Michael T. Owsley on Sunday, October 7, 2018

Congratulations to new DGN for District 6710 Jo Ann Heppermann! Jo Ann was selected to fill the recently vacant position and will serve as District Governor in 2020-21. She has been a member of the Prospect/Goshen Club since 2008, serving in various positions and as President from 2011-12. As a member of the International Committee, she chaired the club's initiative to help end cervical cancer in Haiti which included building and managing a consortium of Rotary Clubs to work on the project, culminating in a Global Grant of \$65,758 from Rotary International. Work continues on Phase 2, which includes possible additional locations and the vaccination of young girls and boys against the virus that causes cervical cancer. [Read More](#)



## Time to Start Planning Your Speech Contest!

By Stan Klausing on Sunday, October 7, 2018



Once again it is time for clubs to start organizing for their speech contest. Each club should appoint a Speech Contest Chair/Coordinator and begin contacting the high schools in their Club Service area. The theme for this year's contest is "Be the Inspiration". Last year 27 clubs and 103 students participated. This year's goal is 30 clubs and 110 students. We can make this happen if we all are the Inspiration. The following clubs are our 75% and above participants:

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### Club Anniversaries

Hardin County A.M. (Elizabethtown)  
October 28th

Springfield  
October 30th

# WHAT IS THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?

By Michael J. Kull on Sunday, October 7, 2018

First it should not be confused with a Paul Harris Fellow.

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants.

In 2017-18 forty-two Rotarians of District 6710, from twelve different clubs, were members of the society who made \$1,000 or more in contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

As we say to all contributors to The Rotary Foundation, "Thank you."

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## 2019 Global Grant Scholarship Reminder

By Richard C Miller on Sunday, October 7, 2018



The 2019 Rotary District 6710 Global Grant International Scholarships are funded by District Designated Funds and a matching Rotary Foundation Global Grant. Two \$45,000 scholarships are available for the 2019-20 academic year. This is a REMINDER that applications from prospective scholars **must be endorsed by a local Rotary Club and submitted no later than Saturday, December 15, 2018**. Applications received after December 15th will not be accepted. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the District website for more information about Rotary's Global Grant Scholarship Program, eligibility requirements, documents and forms, and a description of the application process. Please send applications and supporting documents to:

[richard.c.miller@wku.edu](mailto:richard.c.miller@wku.edu)

## Join Us on a Rotary Friendship Exchange to Northern India!

By Susan Zepeda

Join fellow District 6710 Rotarians on a winter visit to Districts 3011 and 3110. We'll combine Rotarian homestays with visits to historic landmarks and Rotary projects in Agra (Taj Mahal), Jaipur and Delhi. Hotel stays are possible if preferred. Departure is tentatively set for January 29, 2019, with return home of February 9.



We are looking for a group of 10-12 Rotarians and partners. If oversubscribed, we will give preference to those willing to host District 3011/3110 Rotarians on their visit to Kentucky in May 2019. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Rotary District 6710 Friendship Exchange team members Susan Zepeda at [sgzepeda@aol.com](mailto:sgzepeda@aol.com) or Shyam Kumar at [syamkumar5005@yahoo.com](mailto:syamkumar5005@yahoo.com).

## Register NOW for Pre-PETS/District Grant Training

By Otha Ray Stearman



Calling all PEs! **Register NOW** for 2018 Pre-PETS meetings/District Grant training seminars. These will be held at 6 PM local time except for the Lawrenceburg location. Session will be hosted by DGE Otha Ray Stearman and District Rotary Foundation Chair, Rick Harned. To register, log into DACDB.

- October 22, 2018: **Louisville**, Indiana Wesleyan - 1500 Alliant Avenue
- October 23, 2018 **Lawrenceburg**, Anderson Co Library-114 N Main St (5:30-7:30 PM local time)

All clubs must send their PE to the President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)-the registration is paid in your district dues. Our district participates in the [MidSouth PETS](#) which will be held in Chattanooga, TN, **March 29-30, 2019** (AG Training is March 28 after lunch). The Pre-PETS meeting helps prepare our PEs for the conference. It is also a time to get your leaders District Grant certified in order to receive a grant in the 2018-19 Rotary year. Thanks for all you do for Rotary!!

## SERVE THE DISTRICT AS THE 2021-22 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

By Michael J. Kull on Friday, October 5, 2018

Applications are now being taken for the position of District Governor for the Rotary year 2021-22. The application form can be found on the District 6710 website under the "Resources" tab. The District Governor is the officer of RI in the district. The Governor leads and supports the clubs in the district by inspiring and motivating them and by ensuring continuity within the district. Applicants must be a member in good standing and have served as a Rotary Club President for a full term. The Rotarian must demonstrate willingness, commitment and ability, physically and otherwise to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of governor. By the time they become District Governor they must have been a member of Rotary for at least seven years.

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## District Seeks Volunteers for Committee Service

By Otha Ray Stearman



Just as in our clubs, our Rotary District depends upon the good work of volunteers to serve on our many committees. Unless otherwise stated in the District Operations Manual, the District Governor appoints the committee chairs, and then the committee members volunteer, are recommended, and are asked to serve.

Our goal is for committees to be comprised of 3-5 five individuals, including the chair, all of whom together represent the diversity of our membership. Committee work usually involves conference calls and in some cases a meeting or presenting at clubs, when requested. This is a wonderful opportunity to network with Rotarians from around the district, to learn more about the district level of Rotary, and to get more involved in our good work around the world.

[Click here](#) to review the list of committees and descriptions of their work, and to volunteer complete the [District Committee Volunteer Form](#).

## Election Season: Rotary Policy on Politics


By Michael J. Kull

In November the country will have what is referred to as the mid-term elections. As citizens of the United States hopefully we are all involved in exercising our right to vote.

Rotary began as an inclusive group for its day and time. Today it continues to strive to be inclusive of people in each community, and around the world. Rotary is also an organization that has used the 4-Way test for decades. Fairness and truthfulness are hallmarks of Rotary and the 4-Way Test.



At the end of this article are two portions of the RI Code Policies regarding politics. Each club approaches the handling of requests by political candidates differently. Whatever your club does,



stay fair and equal.

Let's keep Rotary's reputation of being "apolitical"— "politically neutral; without political attitudes, content, or bias."

Let's be active in the political process, but equally important let's stay friends inside our Rotary clubs and their meetings.

From the Rotary International Code of Policies (which in total is 466 pages):  
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