



# Rotary

## NEWSLETTER

### District 6890



September 2019

### Governors Message

By Darren Kipnis DG on Sunday, September 1, 2019  
Hello District 6890 Rotarians,

As we prepare for Hurricane Dorian, I wanted to extend a message to all of you to please take extra precaution to remain safe.

Although we don't yet know the exact areas which will be most affected by the storm, once we do know, we will be in touch with ways to assist. Also remember The Rotary Foundation has a new Disaster Response Fund with information found here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/disaster-response>

All of the Rotary clubs in the Bahamas, which are a part of our Zone, are likely to be severely impacted by Dorian. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Reach out to me and your fellow Rotarians if you need assistance. We are all here to help one another.

Stay Safe!



### District News: August 2019

By Craig Miller on Thursday, August 29, 2019

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## Rotary Leadership Institute Classes offered by District 6890



What is RLI? It isn't just another annoying acronym in Rotary! It stands for Rotary Leadership Institute and the purpose is to turn Rotary Members into Rotarians. Each District runs their own RLI sessions, which makes it easy to find a session to attend, since there are eight Rotary Districts in Florida.

If you believe in the premise that the more you put into something, the more you will get out of it, then you will surely benefit from RLI. If you are a newly inducted member it will help you understand the organization you joined and become more engaged. If you are a seasoned member, you can elevate your skills and understanding of Rotary. It can charge your Rotarian batteries and get you excited about new areas with which you may have been unfamiliar.

District 6890 right here in West Central Florida will be holding a Rotary Leadership Institute on September 28th at Keiser University, 2400 Interstate Drive, Lakeland FL.

Classes I, II and III will be offered as well as the Foundation Grad Class.

Check in begins at 7:00 a.m. and Classes begin promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast, Lunch and all class materials will be provided for only \$100.

Sessions end by 3:30 p.m.

Meet other Rotarians in your District. Have fun learning something new! Get ideas for projects and leadership you can take back and share at your own club.

[VIEW AND REGISTER HERE!](#)

For questions please contact Angela Cowden - 863-660-8535 or [ajcowden@yahoo.com](mailto:ajcowden@yahoo.com)

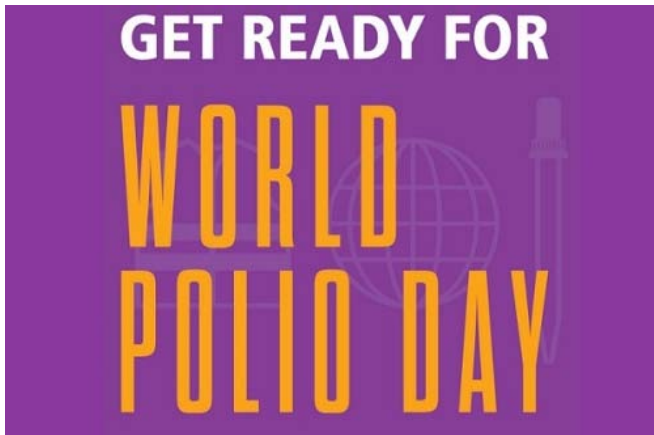
## Nominations for District Governor 2022-23 Now Open!



Please send applications directly to iPDG Nick Hall via email. You may send email to him directly from this site by clicking on his name in the District Leaders section on the left of the home page. Please click "See More" to read the details of qualifying and proposing candidates.

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## World Polio Day is October 24th



Start planning your World Polio Day event now



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World Polio Day is 24 October. Now it's the time to start planning events in your community. You will find resources to help you plan and promote your event, including a sample press release and social media messages and graphics, in the [World Polio Day Toolkit](#).

Last year, Rotarians hosted more than 4,000 World Polio Day events in 90 countries. Let's plan even more events this year to let the world know that the fight to end polio isn't over.

Join us on World Polio Day, and don't forget to [register your event](#).

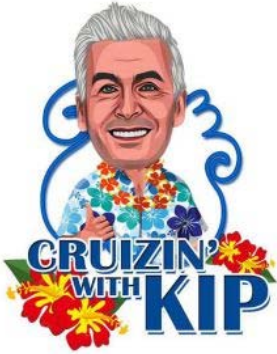
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## Polio News

- Bill Gates and Past RI President Barry Rassin were interviewed for [Forbes](#) about the importance of our partnership in the fight to end polio.
- Former U.S. Senator Mark Kirk wrote an opinion piece for The Hill to explain why it's important for governments to continue [funding the fight to end polio](#).
- As a podcast guest on [Voices for Vaccines](#) and the CDC Foundation's [Contagious Conversations](#), PolioPlus Director Carol Pandak offered a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to eradicate polio.
- As of 21 August 2019, [Nigeria](#) has gone 3 years without a case of wild poliovirus! What's next? The entire World Health Organization African region could potentially be certified wild poliovirus-free as soon as mid-2020.

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## Register Now For District Conference 2020



Royal Caribbean *Brilliance of the Seas*  
4 nights of sun, fun, service, and fellowship!  
Contact Jan Brown at [jan@cruisewhere.com](mailto:jan@cruisewhere.com) for registration!

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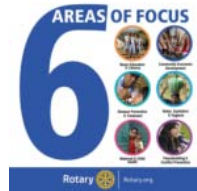
## 2019 Updates to the Six Areas of Focus

By Tom C. Wagner

The Rotary Foundation Trustees have recently made changes to Rotary's Six Areas of Focus. They've kept the existing six areas but adjusted three names (marked with asterisks) to better reflect the types of projects that Rotary members are carrying out. The areas of focus are now:

- Peacebuilding and conflict prevention\*
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene\*
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Community economic development\*

Some of the goals of the areas have also changed, and they've included activities that relate to the environment for most areas. The [Areas of Focus Policy Statements](#) (PDF) reflect these updates.



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## District Web-Site Now Live



Please be sure to add a book mark for the new and improved District 6890 Web-Site! Created by our own member, Lisa Hickey of the New Tampa Noon Club, the Web-Site has events, news, public District files and any important information you would need to know about our District. Please check it out today at: <http://www.rotary6890.org/>