

# Rotary

## District 6980



June 2019



BE THE INSPIRATION

## Message from District Governor Ron Janssen

The Rotary year is rapidly drawing to a close and I can only say, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for giving me this opportunity to be your governor. I can only hope you have enjoyed this year half as much as I have. It has been the best year of my life.

When President Barry announced the theme, "Be The Inspiration," our assignments as Governors was to go out and be the Inspiration to all of you, but, I must confess, it turned out the other way, you have been the inspiration to me.

As Rotarians, we tend to know what our own clubs are doing, and maybe a few highly visible things from the clubs around us but seldom much else. As Governors we are blessed with the unique opportunity to see what the clubs throughout the district are doing and it absolutely amazing the difference we are making in people's lives. When you stop to realize that we are but just one very small district in one very large world you begin to understand the true magnitude of the impact of Rotary ... of the good we are doing in the world.

What a year we have had.

In Public Image, **Don Harris** and **Bill Stack** started out the year with that great 16 page supplement and on-line ad-



District Governor  
Ron Janssen

vertisement in the Orlando Sentinel that made us all proud to be Rotarians and told Central Florida just a bit of the good Rotary does in the world.

Rotary Means Business made it debut in our District. Eighty percent of the people who join Rotary do at least in part for networking. For younger members, early in their careers, networking is critical yet we often forget about that and then wonder why our retention rate is so low. RMB is part of the solution. It is working.

After a in depth investigation, we began the Rotary Youth Exchange year under a new multi district, Ohio Erie and what a difference it's made. Lania Crouch and her team went to work developing a new program that went on to win the award for the most **Outstanding District In North America**.

To do good in the world, we need to raise money, and that we did. Our Million Dollar Dinner raised a zone record **\$3.173 million**. My thanks to all of you who gave to The Rotary Foundation this year, but a very special thanks to those who made that night so special.

I had no idea the magnitude of the bullying problems we have among today's youth until **Dave van de Velde** (recipient of the **District Service Above Self Award**) brought it to my attention, but he did more than that.

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# Message from District Governor Ron Janssen

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He brought forward a workable solution that is now expanding across not only the district, but the state and no doubt soon the country and maybe even the world.

**Rich Ungaro**, the district membership chair and the recipient of the **Rotarian of the Year** award has helped us turn the corner on membership. If you have not yet invited Rich to speak at your club, you are missing out. Combined with his work and the chartering of two new clubs, The **Villages Sunset South** and **Horizons West** in West Orange County, we should end the year with a membership increase.

Speaking of Awards at the just concluded District Conference, the following awards were given out:

**President of the Year:**

**Jeffrey Blydenburgh**

**Large Club of the Year Award:**

**Rotary Club of The Villages**

**Small Club of the Year Award:**

**Rotary Club of International Drive** and  
**Rotary Club of South Lake County Clermont**

**Assistant Governor of the Year:**

**Larry Dolan**

**Governor's Award for the Most Inspired Club:**

**Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips**

Clubs receiving the Gold, Silver and Bronze level Governor's Citation and the Rotary Citation will be identified later.

The District Conference marked the unofficial end of my year as your Governor. My thanks to our awesome speakers, including fellow District Rotarians, Duncan Dickson, Rich McAfee, and Dick Phoebus. If you didn't learn some valuable information, something that can make a difference in your life, you either weren't listening or you were not there. We had a lot of fun, great Saturday evening entertainment and so much more.

A very special word of thanks to Dawn Grigsby, Conference chair and her team, Sally Kamrada, Gay Ratcliff, Phyllis Tess, Jim Salisbury and Kari Williams,

And with that, a final word. As most of you know, I lost my wife Sue this year. You were there for me. You were a source of strength, of support, of love. What a difference Rotary made, what a difference YOU made. You turned my attention from languishing in sorrow, from something that I could no longer do anything about to something that I could. You, Rotary gave me the purpose in life that is so important, to go on living, to stay involved and make a difference.

Rotary does that, it gives us purpose in life. So while some might describe this past year for me as the worst of times, you turned it into the best of times and I will forever be thankful to all of you for that gift you gave me. I know Sue is looking down, smiling and thanking you as well.



"When love is infused into our actions, we do not stop to question the time or money we are sacrificing. We are inspired to do more, to give more. Love is the motivating force behind all of Rotary's best work."

— *Sow the Seeds of Love*, THE ROTARIAN, July 2002



June is

# FELLOWSHIP MONTH

Rotary Fellowships consist of members who share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions. These groups help expand skills, foster vocational development, and enhanced the Rotary experience by exploring interests while developing connections around the world.

## OVERVIEW

- ▶ Help participants make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country
- ▶ Advance Rotary's public images and identity
- ▶ Serve as an incentive for joining Rotary and for maintaining active membership

## ORGANIZATION

- ▶ Function independently of Rotary International by establishing their own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- ▶ Are open to Rotarians, their families, as well as participating and alumni of all Rotary Foundation programs.

## STARTING A NEW FELLOWSHIP

If your recreational or vocational interest isn't represented by Rotary's current Fellowships:

- ▶ Join a discussions group or start a new one on My Rotary. It's a great way to share your interest with other members.



- ▶ Use Rotary's presence on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn to promote your idea.
- ▶ Attend the Rotary International Convention or other Rotary events to network and find others that share your interest.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Visit [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships) for additional resources Rotary Fellowships.

Contact [rotaryfellowships@rotary.org](mailto:rotaryfellowships@rotary.org) with questions.



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[www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships)



# FOUNDATION

## Foundation News for June



By Jo Weber  
District 6980 Foundation Chair

During the last month of this Rotary year, the question has been asked as to **WHY** give to The Rotary Foundation and **HOW** does it assist my community? Well, The Rotary Foundation and Rotarians have a motto of “Doing Good In The World”. Let’s start as to **WHY**.



- ▶ The Rotary Foundation is Four Stars by Charity Navigator which means that at least \$.95 per dollar is used for Charity.
- ▶ Our District is one of two in Florida that returns to each club 40% of what is given to the Annual Fund Share. This is DDF (District Designated Funds) which can be used for District Grants and/or Global Grants There is no investment that gives that much after 3 years.
- ▶ Rotarians are “doing good in the world” including local.
- ▶ Rotary should be the charity of choice for Rotarians.

### HOW? By using DDF for District Grants (local projects)

- Clubs have given over 3000 Dictionaries to local students.
  - Clubs have sent over 40 students to RYLA.
  - Clubs have sponsored 3 students on Youth Exchange.
  - Clubs have assisted Food Banks throughout our District.
  - Scholarships have been awarded.
  - Assistance with a Dental Mobile unit for Veterans.
  - Assistance with a Habitat For Humanity home.
  - Sponsored the Annual Paralyzed Veteran Wheelchair games.
  - Assisted in a Bullying program.
  - Spent over \$50,000 in local projects.
- All this is possible due to generous contributions of Rotarians.

**WHAT** we need is for every club and member to donate to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund Share program this year. We have 10 clubs that have not given anything to The Rotary Foundation so far. It is **IMPORTANT** that all donations be given by June 15, 2019 so that Rotary has time to process all the checks.

### POSSIBLE WAYS TO GIVE:

1. A check to your club treasurer payable to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund Share.
2. Sign up on [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), my rotary, contribute- You may have monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or yearly donations set up.
3. Be a Sustaining member –donate \$100 per Rotary year
4. Be a Paul Harris Society member– donate \$1,000 per year

Support The Rotary Foundation to continue to do good work locally and internationally. As you know, we are still funding the Polio project until Polio is eradicated in the World.

### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

To all who have given---THANK YOU !!!



**Our Million Dollar dinner raised over 3 MILLION DOLLARS. What an outstanding achievement for us. Special Thank You**



**to SABAL Trust our Dinner sponsor. Our speaker was former Rotary International Vice President Jennifer Jones. It was an outstanding event. Thank you to all our Rotarians that participated. CHEERS!!!**

**We, Rotarians, have accomplished so much this year. We need to keep the momentum and INSPIRATION going. Please continue to support The Rotary Foundation to make the world a better place.**



# FOUNDATION

## Annual Foundation Giving



By Tracy Belton  
District 6980  
Annual Giving Chair

Annual giving is not only important for this year, it's also important for your club's DDF in three years.

Your club will have the opportunity to receive back 40% of this year's contributions to the Foundation in three years. This money can be used to fund projects like RYLA students, Dictionaries for students, Habitat for Humanity projects and more. You can also use your DDF to participate in Global Grants.

Your club gets credit for contributing to other clubs Global Grant projects. These projects build schools, provide needed medical surgeries, and water lines in foreign countries. These projects need all of our support.

Please check your reports and make your club aware of where they stand this year.

June is the last month to make your contribution to The Rotary Foundation for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Every Club's Foundation Chairperson needs to access their club's Foundation report on The Rotary Foundation's website, to see how close you are to making your goal for this year.

### Why Should I Donate to the Rotary Foundation?

Giving works because Rotary works. We are proud that 90.8 percent of donations go straight to supporting our service projects.

### How Does The Rotary Foundation Use Donations?

Our 35,000 clubs carry out sustainable humanitarian service projects. Using donations like yours, we've wiped out 99 percent of all polio cases. Your donations train future peacemakers, support clean water, and strengthen local economies.

### What Impact Can One Donation Have on the World?

It can save a life. A child can be protected from polio with as little as 60 cents. Our partners make your donation go even farther. For every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed \$2.



# POLIO PLUS UPDATE

## **We continue to make progress in polio eradication.**

- The entire African continent is poised to be certified polio-free in early 2020.
- There are three types of polio-types 1, 2 and 3. Type 2 was certified eradicated in 2015. Type 3 will likely be certified eradicated in early 2020.
- To date, 18 million people who would have been paralyzed or died are walking and alive because of polio eradication efforts.

## **We have challenges in Pakistan and Afghanistan.**

- There is a pause on polio campaigns in Pakistan and Afghanistan. In Pakistan, rumors about the vaccine's safety were spread online and by word of mouth, ultimately leading to protests and violence.
- In Afghanistan, the Taliban has concerns about some of the organizations that are implementing the program and there are rumors about the safety of the vaccine. We have experience dealing with situations like this before and solved the problem.
- In Nigeria: Misinformation and rumors surrounding the polio vaccine led to a nationwide boycott of vaccinations which lasted nearly 15 months. Through our efforts to address the issues behind vaccine hesitancy, build community trust and support for the vaccine, Nigeria has now gone almost 3 years without a case of wild polio.
- In India: Mistrust of the vaccine and polio eradication efforts in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh threatened our progress against polio. The GPEI implemented a transformational community-based vaccination strategy to build community trust and completely turned the program around. India has now been polio-free for 5 years.

## **What is being done to counter misinformation and false rumors?**

- Social media experts working for the GPEI counter negative social media messages online with a positive educational message about polio vaccination.
- The Government of Pakistan is calling on Facebook to take down offending posts and remove harmful and false polio-related content.



## **What else is being done to get the program back on track?**

- We're working to deliver more than polio vaccines. We're providing complementary services to address community needs (water, sanitation, nutrition, other vaccines) beyond polio eradication in the highest risk communities that are the most deprived.
- We're establishing new partnerships with other public health actors like Gavi to improve immunization coverage.
- Pakistan is establishing more permanent vaccination points in transit areas to ensure children on the move are reached with the vaccine when immunization activities resume.
- To allay community concerns, Pakistan is retooling its polio team and strategies.
- True to the name Polio Plus Rotary is at the forefront of providing these important complementary services so multiple needs are met beyond polio immunizations.

## **We are optimistic.**



# Council Broadens Membership To Include Rotaract Clubs



By Arnold R. Grahl  
Photos by Alyce Henson  
Source: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)

Every three years, representatives from Rotary districts around the world meet in Chicago, Illinois, USA, to consider changes to the constitutional documents that govern Rotary International. This year's Council on Legislation meeting considered more than 100 proposals.

Among the most important, the Council elevated the status of Rotaract clubs. The change broadens the definition of membership in Rotary International to include Rotaract clubs. The change is intended to increase the support that Rotaract clubs receive from Rotary International and to enhance their ability to serve.

"We need to be an inspiration to our young partners, so they will continue doing the great service that they do," said RI President Barry Rassin when he presented the measure. "This sends a strong message that they are truly our partners in service."

In many ways, the Rotaract experience will not change. Rotary clubs will still charter and sponsor Rotaract clubs. Rotaract clubs will still have their own standard constitution and their



Members of Council at this year's Council on Legislation meeting.

own unique club experience. Members of a Rotaract club will not be called Rotarians. And Rotaract clubs will not immediately pay dues or receive other benefits, such as the official magazine that Rotary members receive. The Board will determine a dues structure over time.

The measure simply expands the definition of membership in Rotary International to include both Rotary and Rotaract clubs.



Past RI President K.R. Ravindran and Ian H.S. Riseley listen to representatives debating a proposal.  
Photo by Alyce Henson

## About the Council of Legislation

Every three years, Rotarians meet at the Council on Legislation to review and vote on proposed changes to the legislation that governs Rotary. They consider enactments, which change Rotary's governing documents, and position statements by the RI Board. Each Rotary district chooses a representative for a three-year term. These members represent their districts at all three meetings of the Council on Resolutions and at the Council on Legislation during their term.

Clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the RIBI general council or conference may submit legislation and resolutions to the Councils. Upcoming deadlines for submitting resolutions and legislation are

2019 Council on Resolutions: June 30, 2019

2022 Council on Legislation: December 31, 2020

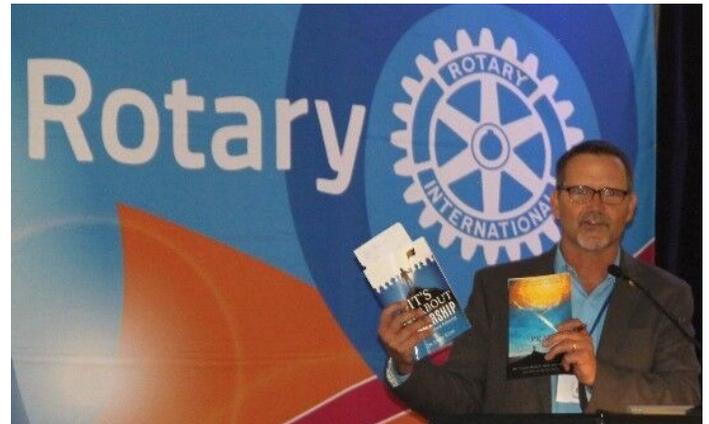
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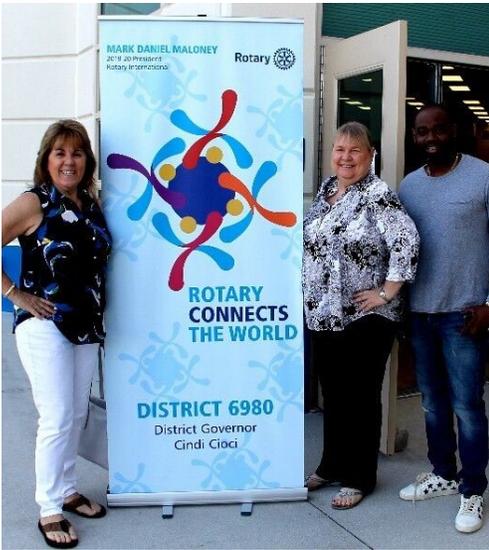


# Fellowship, Fun, Learning at District Conference

Photos by Harold Davis

Rotarians gathered for fellowship, fun, and learning at the District Conference held May 24-25 at the Marriott Orlando World Center. The conference wraps up the 2018-2019 Rotary year and signifies a new year is upon us beginning July 1, 2019.





## District 6980 Prepares for New Year

Photos by Harold Davis

More than 200 Rotarians from District 6980 gathered May 4th at the general assembly for food, fellowship, and training in preparation for the upcoming 2019-2020 Rotary year under the leadership of District Governor Cindi Cioci.





# HIKE

## ACROSS AMERICA 2019

*As seen in Forbes and USA Today*

### Join in This Inspiring Event

**Presented by The Rotary Club of Lake Buena Vista**

*On 9-11-2019, motivational speaker and founder of Hike Across America, TShane Johnson, will depart New York's Ground Zero area on a run down the East coast carrying a 100-pound backpack. Along the way, he will visit and speak to military and veterans' groups, veteran-owned businesses, homeless shelters, and Rotary Clubs from Rhode Island to Florida. His goal is to raise \$1 million for the Gary Sinise Foundation's R.I.S.E. program which builds smart homes for our severely wounded heroes. He will also gather and recount veterans' success stories. After reaching the Orlando area on Veterans' Day, he will continue his tour as he prepares to break the Guinness World Record for the fastest marathon carrying a 100-pound pack.*

*Hike Across America needs sponsors, donors, and Rotary clubs to help organize fundraisers and arrange TShane appearances. As the presenting organization, The Rotary Club of Lake Buena Vista is available to help you.*

*Our goal is success for all.*

**Contact: Project Manager, Lake Buena Vista Rotarian, Dianne Adcock  
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[hikeacrossamerica.com](http://hikeacrossamerica.com)**

SECOND ANNUAL

SATURDAY JUNE 8  
7:00 AM, LAKE MARY, FL

# Doughnut Day 5K

THE MORNING AFTER RUN  
A CHIP TIMED 5K RUN/WALK

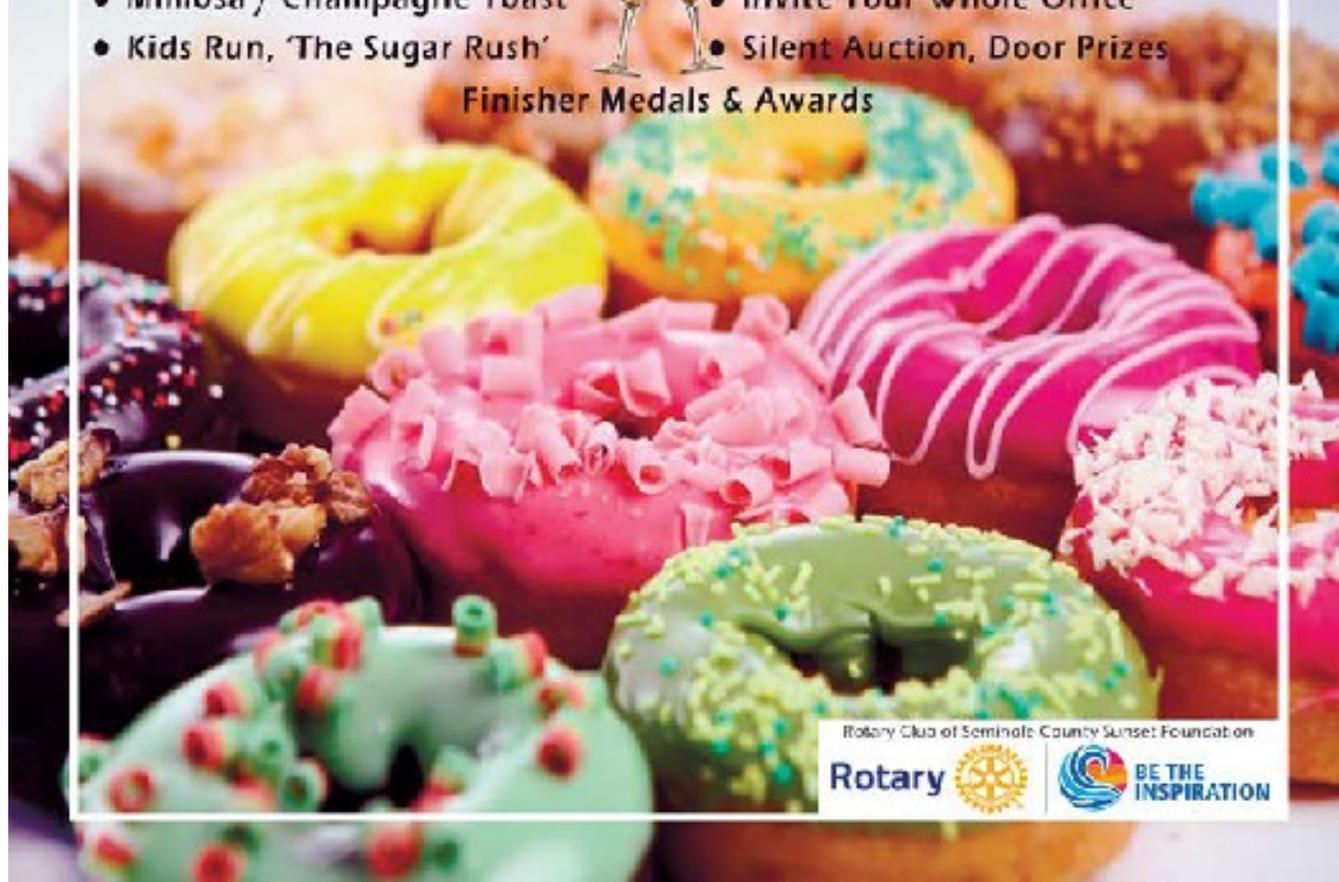
Online pre-registration \$35 adult / \$25 youth  
Register NOW [DoughnutDay5K.com](http://DoughnutDay5K.com)

PROCEEDS BENEFIT ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- Doughnuts, Lots of Doughnuts
- Mimosa / Champagne Toast
- Kids Run, 'The Sugar Rush'
- Finally A Race Your Boss Can Do
- Invite Your Whole Office
- Silent Auction, Door Prizes



Finisher Medals & Awards



Rotary Club of Seminole County Sunset Foundation





**Rotary Club of The Villages  
Installation Breakfast  
(Passing of the Gavel)  
June 27<sup>th</sup>  
Breakfast starts 8:00 AM  
Program at 8:30 AM**

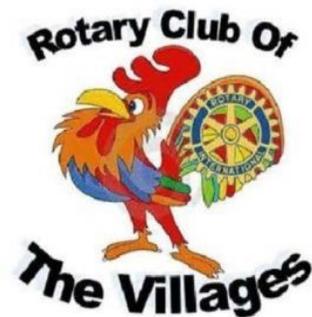
**Evans Prairie Country Club Restaurant  
1825 Evan's Prairie Trail, The Villages  
(intersection of Evan's Prairie and Buena Vista Blvd)**

**Buffet Includes:**

**made to order omelets  
muffins/English muffins  
bacon/sausage/ham  
pancakes/waffles  
scrambled/fried eggs  
coffee/tea**

**fresh fruit  
grits/oatmeal  
potatoes  
biscuits/gravy  
juice**

**Cost \$21 payable that morning,  
includes gratuity  
Reservations not required but  
sign-up suggested**





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Service Above Self