

# Rotary District 6560

DISTRICT GOVERNOR, Jennifer Stanfield



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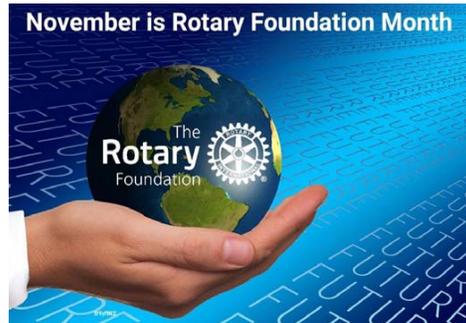
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## District Governor's Letter

By Jennifer L. Stanfield



What are the top two reasons people join Rotary? Research by Rotary International reveals members report overwhelmingly that they joined for friendships and to make a difference in their community. Are we creating those opportunities for the members of our clubs? The best way to build friendships is to do activities together. And if those activities we do together involve fulfilling a need in our community, even better the bond of friendship grows. I love seeing all the activities our clubs post on social media; it lets me know what's going on in our District. Thank you for all you do to make Rotary known in your corner of the world!

As we near November, Foundation Month, we traditionally offer a District Matching Points Campaign to build contributions to the SHARE program of the Annual Fund. This year will be different. I will be meeting with clubs who want to participate in a club-level matching points program via Zoom. First of all, your club needs to name a Club Foundation Chair in DACdb.com so they can receive the link to join the training. There will be no District campaign this year. Your Club President was advised of this at PETS last March. Having served as your District Annual Fund Chair for three years, I was able to see how the process works first hand... [Read More](#)

## SAVE THE DATE!



Join the District 6560 PolioPlus Society in Honor of World Polio Day

### District Leaders



**Jennifer L. Stanfield**  
District Governor



**Santos Salinas**  
DG-Elect



**Joseph R. Collings PDG**  
2020-21  
Vice Governor



**Demekya McAllen DG**  
2022-2023  
iPDG



**Jack Kreman**  
District Treasurer



**Janet L. Brewer**  
Assistant District Governor



**Royce Carter**  
Assistant District Governor



**Tracey Danner-Odenwelder**  
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**Stephanie Moran**  
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Assistant District Governor



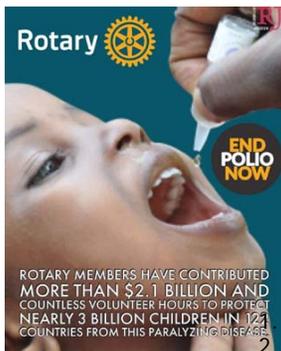
**Jan Roestamadji**  
Assistant District Governor



**David A. Strand**  
Assistant District Governor

**Max J. Ward**  
Assistant District Governor

By Ginger Scott



Did your club participate in World Polio Day on October 24? Did you miss your opportunity to support this amazing cause? Now is a great time to join the PolioPlus Society in honor of this day.

The PolioPlus Society (PPS) is a new District 6560 program to promote individual giving to the PolioPlus Fund of The Rotary Foundation. To become a member, all you need to do is to agree to make an annual donation of at least \$100 to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus Program until polio is eradicated. The pledge form to make your commitment is available [HERE](#).

For your pledge, you will receive:

- 1. District 6560 PolioPlus Society Pin
- 2. Charter member champagne flute
- 3. An official, frameable, displayable, unique and much-revered certificate

- 4. Paul Harris recognition points for your donation.
- 5. Donation match 2 for 1 from the Gates Foundation
- 6. An inclusive invitation to a PolioPlus Society Celebration in June.
- 7. The pride in knowing you've seized a great opportunity to do good in the world!

[Read More](#)

### It's District Speech Contest Time!



Do you have your 2024 Club Speech Contest scheduled? Are you promoting it in high schools in your area? It is a fantastic opportunity to share the power of Rotary through this year's theme, "Create Hope in the World."

The District Youth Speech Contest will be held at Anderson University on Saturday, February 10, 2024. For more information, contact District Speech Contest Chair, Debbie Webb at [debbie.webb@att.net](mailto:debbie.webb@att.net).

### Paul Harris Society Presentation Available

By David Anders



It's Rotary Foundation Month! District Paul Harris Society Chair, Dave Anders, has prepared a 15-minute PowerPoint presentation explaining what the Paul Harris Society is and promoting it for those who would like to make a donation of \$1,000 or more, annually, to the Rotary Foundation.

Dave is willing to speak at one of your club meetings or he will gladly send the presentation to the club president or club foundation chairperson. You can reach out to Dave by emailing him at [danders1121@yahoo.com](mailto:danders1121@yahoo.com). The presentation has proven to be effective.

### Fall Forum 2023-In Their Own Words

By Jennifer L. Stanfield



Zionsville Public Library was the location for our in-person Fall Forum 2023, on Saturday, October 14. Rotarians from 25 of the clubs in our District joined together to celebrate our successes of last year, get Grant Certified and learn about new tools available to assist with Membership Attraction and Engagement. We heard from several special guests in these targeted areas who are dedicated, knowledgeable Rotarians who shared from their hearts.

**Was it worth it?** Here's what participants said on the survey along with providing great suggestions on ways to improve our future events:

"It's a great way to get motivated and learn more about Rotary. The times I've attended previously were not inspiring or very informative, due to the length of time I've been in Rotary, but this was refreshing with new ideas and with the speakers speaking from their hearts makes a big difference!"

"I truly enjoyed the event and having a better understanding of the Rotary club."  
"Learned a lot at this Forum. Enjoyed meeting new people."  
"Thank you for the valuable information. As a new member I learnt a lot. It was so inspiring to learn about the strong contributions in the field of Polio and other areas."





**Lance Wonderlin**  
Assistant District Governor



**Mark McKinney**  
District Youth Protection Officer



**Leigh Perry**  
District Executive Secretary

Check out the photos in the Fall Forum 2023 Photos file on DACDB!  
Make plans now to attend the District Conference on Saturday, May 4 at the IMMI Conference Center in Westfield.

## All-Indiana Rotary Global Scholarship-APPLICATION OPEN

By Santos Salinas



The All-Indiana Rotary Global Scholarship deadline is less than 2 months away!

Do you know a graduating college senior from your area who can use \$40,000 to pursue a graduate degree at an overseas university? Tell them about the 2024-25 All-Indiana Global Scholarship. [CLICK HERE](#) for the application and all of the information. **Deadline to apply: Dec. 22, 2023.**

With all three Indiana districts' support, we've opened the application process to college seniors who will graduate by May 2024 – or who have already graduated -- from a four-year Indiana college (or who maintain a legal residence in the state). Rotary family members aren't eligible.

Applicants must commit to pursue graduate-level studies at a university outside North America in a program that aligns with one of [Rotary's seven areas of focus](#): Peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.

Our 2024-25 All-Indiana Scholar will be an ambassador for Rotary and for the state of Indiana. During the one to four years as a Rotary scholar, he or she will speak at clubs and districts overseas and in Indiana... [Read More](#)

## RYLA is back!

By James B. Thompson

**MAKE AN IMPACT!!!**  
ROTARY DISTRICT 6560  
Rotary District 6560 **RYLA** March 15-17, 2024

- Use dacdb to register your club interest in 2024 RYLA - NOW!
- \$225 per student with suggestion of 2 student minimum
- RYLA Chairs will contact you or contact Jim Thompson (jthompson@gibraltar-design.com)

**2023 SUCCESS!**  
Thank you to these clubs for sending over 40 students!

Carmel	Anderson Noon
Fishers	Indianapolis
Avon	Indianapolis NE

## Service Opportunity for all Central Indiana Rotary Clubs

By Susan J. Leonard



Is your club looking for a new project that will change someone's life in just one morning? Clubs like Fishers, Lafayette, and New Castle have found such a meaningful project by partnering with Servants at Work (SAWs). Learn more about SAWs, its impact, and how your club can participate in this life-changing project by [CLICKING HERE](#) to read the article.

## 4 New District Awards for 2023-24

By Jennifer L. Stanfield

We don't do it for the recognition.

"Members of the Rotary community help make clubs stronger, communities better, and peace possible." And, awards are a way to say, "THANK YOU"! Thank you for your dedication. Thank you for your valuable contributions of time and treasure. Thank you for always being there for others. Thank you for living our motto, "Service Above Self."

Awards are the way we recognize the amazing work our clubs and members do, in

### Club Anniversaries

[Noblesville MIDDAY](#)  
October 1st

Southmont Interact Club  
October 5th

[Danville](#)  
October 9th

### Events

November 1st  
[DG Official Visit - Indy Metro](#)

November 2nd  
[DG Official Visit - Zionsville](#)

November 3rd  
[DG Official Visit - Muncie Sunrise](#)

November 6th  
[DG Official Visit - Rockville](#)

November 7th  
[DG Official Visit - Noblesville MIDDAY](#)

November 8th  
[DG Official Visit - Plainfield](#)

November 9th  
[DG Official Visit - Greenfield](#)

November 9th  
[DG Official Visit - Shelbyville](#)

November 14th  
[DG Official Visit - Rushville](#)

November 14th  
[Club Presidents and District Leaders Chat on Zoom](#)

November 15th  
[DG Official Visit - New Castle](#)

November 16th  
[DG Official Visit - Noblesville](#)

November 16th  
[DG Official Visit - Grant County](#)

November 21st  
[DG Official Visit - Kokomo](#)

November 21st  
[DG Official Visit - Sheridan](#)

November 30th  
[DG Official Visit - Kokomo-Early Risers](#)

November 30th  
[DG Official Visit - Brownsburg](#)

December 1st  
[DG Official Visit - Lebanon](#)

December 5th  
[DG Official Visit - Avon](#)

December 6th

## DG Official Visit - Greencastle

December 7th

## DG Official Visit - Indianapolis Northeast

December 8th

## DG Official Visit - Fishers

December 12th

## Club Presidents and District Leaders Chat on Zoom

December 14th

## DG Official Visit - Frankfort

January 9th

## Club Presidents and District Leaders Chat on Zoom

January 11th

## DG Official Visit - Greater Lafayette Satellite

January 16th

## DG Official Visit - Union City

January 22nd

## DG Official Visit - Indianapolis Progressive

January 23rd

## DG Official Visit - Southport International

February 10th

## 2024 District Youth Speech Contest at Anderson University

February 13th

## Club Presidents and District Leaders Chat on Zoom

March 12th

## Club Presidents and District Leaders Chat on Zoom

March 15th

## Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA)

April 9th

## Club Presidents and District Leaders Chat on Zoom

May 4th

## 2024 District Conference

May 14th

## Club Presidents and District Leaders Chat on Zoom

June 11th

## Club Presidents and District Leaders Chat on Zoom



our clubs, our communities, and the larger world. This year, we are adding 4 new awards to recognize the clubs in District 6560:

- Service Hours: (1) greatest number and (2) highest per capita
- Biggest increase per capita to the Annual Fund/SHARE
- Highest % of Paul Harris Society Members
- Most NEW Paul Harris Fellows

What Awards do we already have? [Read More](#)

## Rotary & Knights of Columbus Special Chicken Dinner

By Janet L. Brewer



Mark your calendars!! The Anderson Rotary Club will be holding a special chicken dinner at the Knights of Columbus on November 4. Money raised will help the Club finance projects in the community. This is a real deal. Hope to see you there!

**MENU**  
Adult Meal: 4 pieces of chicken, baked potato or French fries, salad, garlic bread, iced tea or lemonade - \$13  
Children's Meal: 2 pieces of chicken, baked potato or French fries, salad, garlic bread, iced tea or lemonade - \$7  
Desserts made by Anderson Rotarians will be sold.



## Holiday Sales Idea: Founders 1905 Coffee Company

By Marti Gutwein



Now, for a friendly reminder: there are only **95 days left until Christmas**. The holiday season is approaching fast, so it's the perfect time to secure special gifts for your clients, colleagues, and board members.

Consider using **Founders 1905 Coffee Company's** exceptional coffee as a meaningful way to show your appreciation to clients, colleagues, and board members. Our coffee is not just any coffee; it's a testament to quality and purpose. By choosing our coffee, you not only treat your recipients to a delightful taste but also support our commitment to philanthropy and community development. Here's what we offer:

- **Premium Coffee:** Our handcrafted, ethically sourced coffee beans offer a unique and unforgettable taste experience. It's a perfect way to express your gratitude.
- **Branded Mugs:** Complement your coffee gifts with branded mugs featuring your club or business logo. This adds a personal touch and ensures your gift remains memorable.
- **Supporting a Cause:** By choosing Founders 1905 Coffee Company, you align your gift-giving with a mission to make a positive impact on communities worldwide.

[Read More](#)

## Helping the Homebound Inspires Fishers Rotarian of the Year

Wednesday, October 25, 2023



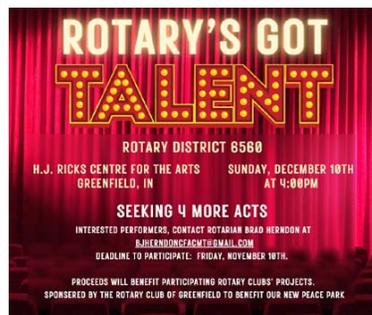
Scott Tornquist was chosen Rotarian of the Year for 2022-23 by fellow members of the Rotary Club of Fishers, largely due to his tireless work with SAWS (Servants at Work) for the past 8 years.

SAWS was founded in 2003 by Rik Haggerty, a member of Second Presbyterian Church (Indianapolis). His goal was to build ramps to allow those with wheelchairs and walkers to easily leave their homes. Rotarian and church member Wayne Brown then bridged the connection with Fishers Rotarians, and now Scott Tornquist, a Project Manager with SAWS, coordinates builds by Fishers Rotarians, other corporate and non-profit teams, and SAWS volunteers.

That position means visiting each prospective client, creating ramp drawings and materials lists, and setting up a volunteer sign-up. Scott led eight projects in 2022, while still working full time. Now semi-retired, he hopes to lead 20 ramp projects in the 2023 season. [Read More](#)

## Rotary's Got Talent - Search!

By Monica Price Kowaleski



Celebrate the Season and promote Peace on Earth as the Rotary Club of Greenfield hosts a district-wide event called "Rotary's Got Talent". Join us on Sunday, December 10th at 4pm at the historic and beautifully remodeled H. J. Ricks Centre for the Performing Arts located in downtown Greenfield. We are currently recruiting talent and acts from District 6560. If your club participates, a charity of your choice will benefit from your ticket proceeds. We are seeking at least 4 more acts- Performers should contact Rotarian Brad Herndon at [bjherndoncfacmt@gmail.com](mailto:bjherndoncfacmt@gmail.com) for more information. **The deadline to submit your act is Friday, November 10th.**

Tickets will go on sale in early to mid November. It will be FUN for the whole family! Come early and check out the new Peace Park, being built by the Greenfield Club-which was recently named a "Peacebuilder Club" There are also several great restaurants nearby and within walking

by the [Rotary Action Group for Peace](#). distance.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [CLICK HERE](#) to check out our website. For more information on the event, contact our Peacebuilder Club chair, Ronald Torok [torokdc@comcast.net](mailto:torokdc@comcast.net) or co-chair, Monica Price Kowaleski [priceyecare@gmail.com](mailto:priceyecare@gmail.com). Let's come together to build a more peaceful world - one talent at a time!

## Dr. Godby Walk Across the US Stops in Lafayette

By Renee Figueroa



Rotarian [Dr. Dennis Godby is walking across the USA](#) and was in Lafayette on September 16th. What is the reason for this 3200-mile walk? He believes America's healthcare strategy should be focused on every person having the opportunity to live up to his or her health potential and encourage healthy lifestyles to prevent and reverse disease and optimize health.

Godby, who is 67 years old, from Sacramento, California, completed the first fifth of his 3200-mile walk across the USA on October 10, 2022, from Myrtle Beach, SC, to Knoxville, Tennessee, a 29-day, 605-mile journey. The second fifth of the walk, from Knoxville, TN to Milwaukee, WI, was completed on September 27, 2023.

Lafayette Rotary Club secretary, Renee Figueroa, accompanied Dr. Godby as he walked through Lafayette to arrive in West Lafayette on September 16th. That evening, members of Lafayette Rotary shared a meal with Dr. Godby and were able to speak with him about his experience and the importance of health equity.

The photo shows Rotarians Gordon Coppoc, Harriet Copoc, Dennis Godby, Renee Figueroa, Katie Nielsen, Betty Tonsing, and Dennis Figueroa.

## Noblesville Rotary Scholarship Breakfast

Wednesday, October 25, 2023



The Rotary Club of Noblesville held its annual scholarship breakfast on October 5 at Ginger's Café in Noblesville. For the past six years, the club has dedicated the proceeds from its primary fundraiser, the BrewBQ, to support students at IvyTech. Marking its biggest contribution ever, the Rotary Club presented a check for \$20,000 to the Ivy Tech Hamilton County scholarship fund. This money will cover the **full cost of one semester of tuition for up to eight students**. "We believe in the power of education to transform lives. To us, this isn't a donation, but rather an investment in the future of Hamilton County," said club president Carrie Dixon. "Our BrewBQ exceeded all expectations and we are humbled to be able to support so many of our local students."

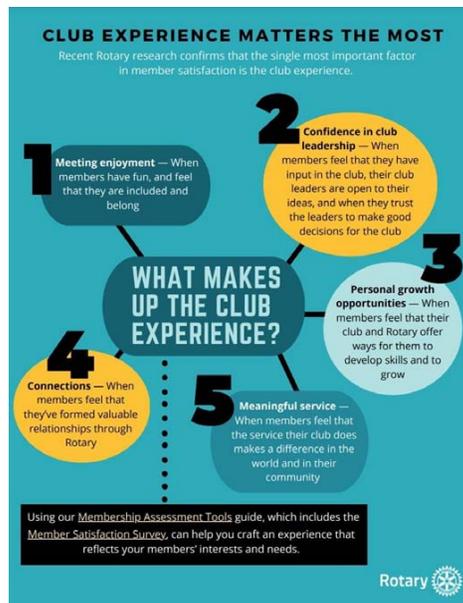
The 2023 BrewBQ was attended by more than 500 local residents. The single largest amateur barbecue competition in Central Indiana, the BrewBQ has become the highlight of the summer schedule for many grillers. The 2024 BrewBQ is already scheduled for August 17, 2024. To enter a grill team or learn how you can support the scholarship fund,

please email [noblesvillerotary@gmail.com](mailto:noblesvillerotary@gmail.com)

## How is Your Club Experience?

By Jennifer L. Stanfield on Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Recent Rotary research confirms that the single most important contributing factor in member satisfaction is the club experience. [CLICK HERE](#) to take the survey. For more information, check out the Learning Center on [rotary.org](http://rotary.org).



## 2023-24 RI Presidential Initiatives & Theme

Wednesday, October 25, 2023



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

### **From the July 2023 Rotary Leader Newsletter:**

"Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally is passionate about mental health and helping remove the stigma that sometimes prevents people from getting quality care. During this year, Gordon will focus on three initiatives that Create Hope in the World: prioritizing mental health, building peace through virtual exchanges, and empowering girls." Read on for more insight and links to resources. [Read More](#)

## ShelterBox Responds to Crises

By Diane & Ron Crawford on Wednesday, October 25, 2023



**ShelterBox** is an organization founded by Rotarians that brings emergency aid to victims of disasters all around the world. ShelterBox kits are ready to be air-lifted to trouble spots anywhere on the globe when disaster strikes. Since 2000, ShelterBox has provided aid to 2.5 million victims.



Find out how your club can support disaster victims who have lost everything in an instant. To learn more, or to schedule a presentation for your club, contact Rotarians [Ron or Diane Crawford](#).

## Election Season: Rotary Policy on Politics

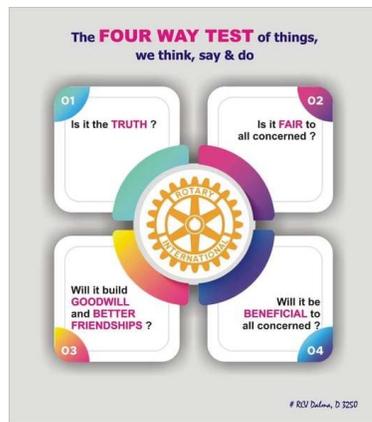
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As we enter the election season, it is important to remember that Rotary began as an inclusive group for its day and time. Today, it continues to strive to be inclusive of people in each community, and around the world. Rotary is also an organization 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 meetings.



From the Rotary International Code of Policies:

2.090. Clubs and Politics RI and its member clubs must refrain from issuing partisan political statements. Rotarians likewise are prohibited from adopting statements with a view to exerting any corporate pressure on governments or political authorities. (October 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 31) Source: February-March 1983 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 288

34.040.1. Use of Name or Emblem for Political Means Clubs shall not use the Rotary name or emblem or other of the Rotary Marks for the purpose of furthering political campaigns. Any use of Rotary fellowship to gain political advantage is foreign to the spirit of Rotary. (January 2020 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 85) Source: February-March 1983 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 289; Amended by September 2016 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 28; January 2020 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 85

*By guest author, PDG Michael J. Kull, 2015-16 (D6710)*

## Help Your Club Earn the Rotary Citation

Tuesday, August 29, 2023



**The Rotary Citation** is an award that recognizes the hard work clubs do throughout the year. Taking action toward achieving the citation goals helps clubs engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and run more efficiently. A welcoming and engaging club also reflects the values of Rotary. When clubs work to achieve these goals, they also contribute to the overall health and culture of Rotary for generations to come. To earn the citation, clubs must report achievement of 13 or more goals in Rotary Club Central by 30 June. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the Rotary Citation.

## District Newsletter Changes

Tuesday, August 29, 2023



We are trying something a little different to share information across the district. As you know, the District newsletter is sent via PMAIL (personalized email through DACDB) to all Rotarians in the district for whom we have a good email address in the database. We will be using a new format that you may be familiar with because it is the EZ Newsletter found in DACDB, which uses EZ Stories. Why the transition?

- Speed/turnaround-It will now be produced monthly
- Ability to collect information from all District Chairs and Officers
- Ability to hear from all clubs who want to share information about programs, projects, progress and success, or look for partners and support
- Minimal expense

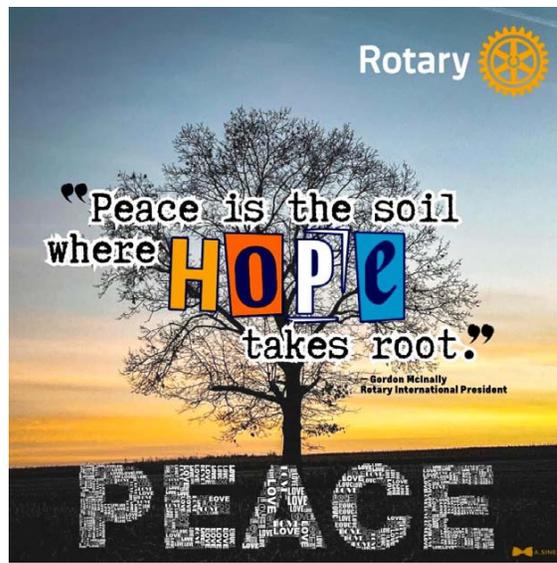
The limitation is that the format is proscribed and doesn't have many options.

**The new process to include your information in the newsletter is to submit articles by the 1st of the month using this form: [CLICK HERE](#).** The form is also available in the FORMS file in DACDB. You can complete the form at any time and it will be included in the issues for the months you choose on the form. Reminders to submit the form will be sent around the 25th of the prior month to all District Officers and Committee Chairs, Club Presidents, Secretaries, Executive Secretaries, Communication Officers, Public Image/Relations Chairs, Bulletin Editors, and WebMasters.

Here are some guidelines for articles... [Read More](#)

## Peace is the Soil Where Hope Takes Root

By Jennifer L. Stanfield on Wednesday, October 25, 2023



## Events

February 10th, 8:00-4:00 PM  
[2024 District Youth Speech Contest at Anderson University](#)

March 15th, 10:00  
[Rotary Youth Leadership Academy \(RYLA\)](#)

May 4th, 9:30-4:30 PM  
[2024 District Conference](#)