



Happy Rotary New Year

By Doreen Fox Kelsey on Monday, August 5, 2024

(Editor's note: I was supposed to publish this in July, as per Doreen's request. Somehow failed)

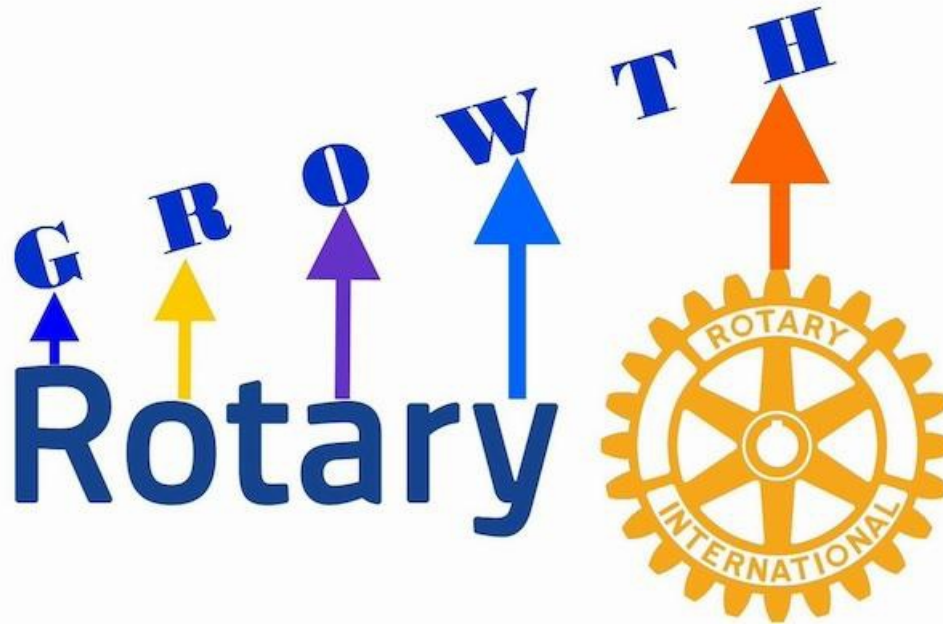
As I ride off into that Rotary sunset, Iâ€™m grateful for the hard work and dedication of all the district and club leaders who served alongside me and made this a great experience during my term as district governor. Iâ€™m proud of all the Rotarians who engaged in service to their communities and helped to make this a vibrant district. You are People of Action and you have great results to show for it!

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District 5080 Salutes Todd Shepard for Membership Development Success

By Doreen Fox Kelsey



An historic event occurred on July 1, 2024. For the first time since the 2008-2009 Rotary year, when Allan Davis served as District Governor, Rotary District 5080 did not experience a loss of membership. On July 1, 2024, District 5080 started the new Rotary year with 2,035 members, exactly the same number as it had on July 1, 2023. The district was

just one member shy of being able to report an *increase* in membership, and that will be for another day.

The 2008-2009 year produced a net increase in membership of 56, and District 5080 had at that time a total of 2,975 members – nearly a thousand more than it has today. This is something to strive for – a return to a membership base of nearly 3,000 Rotarians. Just imagine how much more we might accomplish with that strength in membership.

Is this an impossible dream – absolutely not! Several clubs in our district had membership growth for the first time in decades during this past year, and they have demonstrated that with the proper focus and the right amount of effort, membership growth is a reachable goal for all clubs.

Iâ€™m proud to share with you the clubs that achieved membership growth in 2023-2024...

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Magic Is Happening in Zones 26 & 27

Say goodbye to high temperatures and hello to Spokane during one of the most beautiful times of the year. The Pacific Northwest has so much to see and do, and picturesque Spokane, Washington, with its winding rivers and hiking trails, is the perfect setting for this yearâ€™s Zone Institute.

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Escape the Summer Heat at Zone Institute
Spokane September 11-14, 2024

Call of Interest in Group Friendship Exchange to New Orleans!

By Alexia Turner

First, I have received a number of emails asking me about Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE). This is thanks to the Call of Interest that was sent (thanks to Lynn) to all Rotarians in our District.

I am so excited that we have an exchange happening with D6840 which includes the Southeastern corner of Louisiana and the lower 1/3 of Mississippi, along the Gulf Coast. If you are interested in this exchange, then you should be looking at completing the application form that was emailed out (on August 2nd). (Lynn will try to get the application updated on the website as soon as she can. Help!) [Read More](#)

A great reason to visit Glacier National Park in September



COME TOGETHER IN EAST GLACIER , MONTANA- SEPT. 19th- 22nd, 2024

The Annual Assembly of the Waterton-Glacier Peace Park Association will be held in East Glacier, Montana from Sept. 19th-22nd at the Glacier Park Lodge.

To Register EVERYONE MUST CLICK ON [GUEST REGISTRATION](#) AND SPOUSES MUST BE REGISTERED SEPARATELY. We look forward to seeing you in East Glacier in September.

Registration, the Agenda Information and the Assembly Agenda are also on the [WGIPPA Website](#).

For information on the [Assembly and Annual General Meeting](#), and the [Assembly agenda](#)

Below is the latest information on booking from the Glacier Park Lodge.

For Reservations – Please call the call center (see number below) and quote the name of the group (Waterton Glacier Peace Park Assembly). *Credit Card info will be put on file & 1st night stay will be charged at time of booking. Extended stay group rate is honored, please advise at time of booking if you would like to extend your stay. Rate is valid 3 days pre/post event based on availability at time of booking. It is recommended that guests wishing to extend stays be booked early.*

FCA Airport shuttles are available and can be added to reservations when calling in to book rooms - please include flight info (airline-flight #, arrival/departure dates/times)

Local: 406.892.2525 / Toll Free: 844-868-7474

Reservations can be made Monday-Friday 8 AM-5PM MT.

Please note: The Glacier Park Lodge can no longer accept reservations via email, so book by phone only.

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Eight Clubs Achieve EREY Status in 2023-2024

By Doreen Fox Kelsey

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) published its Foundation Banner Recognition Status Report recently, and District 5080 has eight clubs that achieved Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) status in the past year. These clubs will receive their Foundation Recognition Banners from District Governor Lorne Westnedge after TRF mails them.

EVERY
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 EVERY
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To qualify as an EREY club, each active member enrolled as of June 30 of the previous Rotary year must donate at least \$25 USD to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation, and the Rotary Club overall must achieve a minimum of \$100 USD per capita giving to the Annual Fund.

To learn which clubs received this award, read on! [Read More](#)

PolioPlus Society: What You Need to Know



Musa Muhammed Ali, a farmer in Borno state, Nigeria, has been impacted by polio in many different ways, some unexpected. For instance, he used to have to pay for transportation when he needed to buy feed for his animals. But after receiving a hand-operated tricycle funded through Rotary's PolioPlus grants, Ali (pictured

above) can now spend that money on other necessities. His life was changed by the "plus" in PolioPlus.

When we talk about PolioPlus, we know we are eradicating polio, but did you realize how many added benefits the program brings? The "plus" are additional services that are provided as a part of the polio eradication campaign. It might be a hand-operated tricycle or access to water. It might be additional medical treatment, bed nets, or soap. A 2010 study estimates that vitamin A drops given to children at the same time as the polio vaccine have prevented 1.25 million deaths by decreasing susceptibility to infectious diseases.

Our District has a PolioPlus Society. To belong, please contact our PolioPlus Chair Dr Ed Kowitz at ehkowitz@hotmail.com. The qualifications are: to commit to \$100 or more per year until polio is eradicated.

If you just want to donate straight to PolioPlus, click [here](#).

The History of RYLA in District 5080

By Debi G Dockins on Thursday, August 1, 2024

RYLA has been encouraging young people in D5080 for the past 47 years! It has moved around some, changed curriculum some, graduated more than 1,800 campers, and engaged many Rotarians. Pay particular note to how long each of the Directors have served. *These* are dedicated people! [Read More](#)

Who wants to go to LA with us and decorate Rotary's Rose Parade entry?

By Linda Kay Bauer on Saturday, August 3, 2024

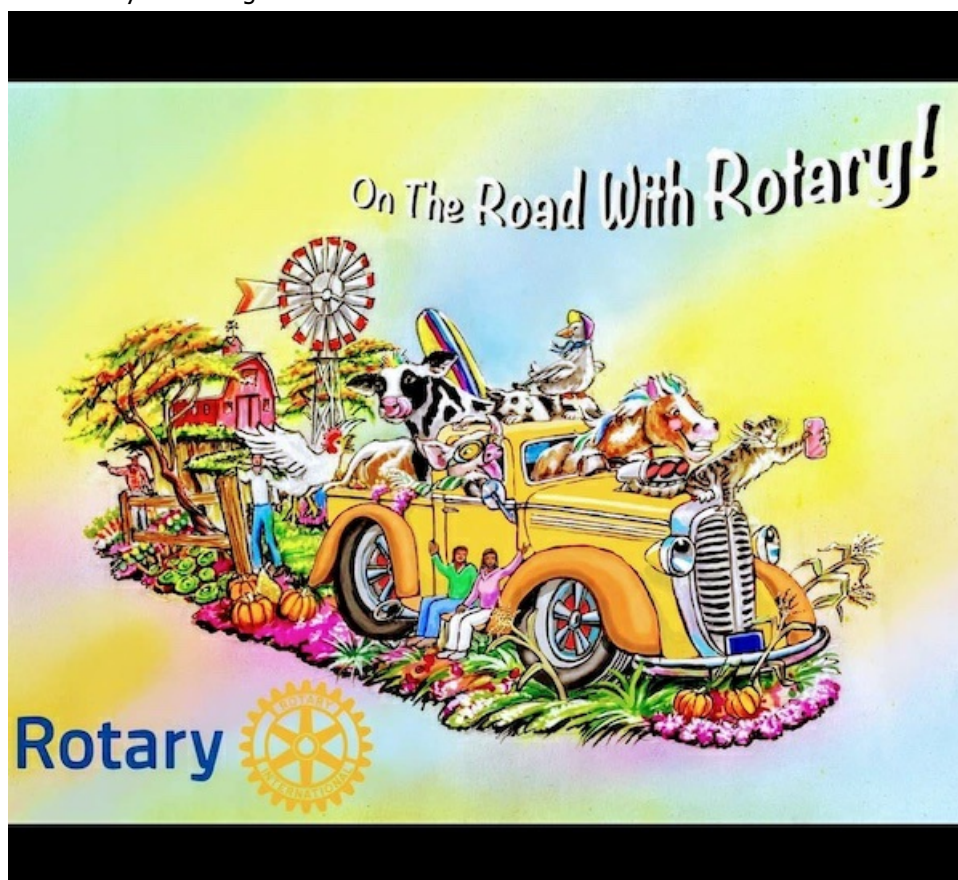
This was the one we worked on last year, and it was a hoot!

We plan to volunteer again this year, and it would be a lot more fun if some District 5080 Rotarians went along. We are looking at Dec 28 or 29. Interested? Let me now and when registration opens I'll get you the link.



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Here's this year's design:



Opportunity: International Rotary Service Projects in Bolivia

By Anthony James Kelsey

From time to time, we receive communications from other districts that seek assistance with projects. And from time to time, I receive requests from clubs in our district seeking projects to support. In the hope of bringing together clubs that might benefit from these partnerships, Iâ€™m pleased to share the following communication that was directed to Grants Sub-committee Chair Karen Cook, who shared it with me.

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Give Your Local Project Generator a Hug!



A message from Zone Director Dan Himelsbach
Rotaryâ€™s stock-in-trade are the projects we generate and complete. Collectively, we strive to make the communities of

the world better places to live by doing projects. Rotary projects exemplify the power of collective action in addressing some of the worldâ€™s most pressing issues. Not only addressing immediate needs, but contributing to long-term sustainable change. Thereby establishing Rotary as one of the worldâ€™s premier organizations.

In the **2022-23 Rotary year, The Rotary Foundation funded more than 1,100 global grants, 470 district grants, and 310 disaster response grants and in the process, invested \$427 million.** These statistics are not complete because they do not include projects funded and completed by thousands of Rotary Clubs outside the Rotary Foundation â€” vexingly, we have yet to develop a system to reliably keep track of the number and investment value of such Club efforts.

But it is not enough! The need and demand to improve our communities greatly exceeds Rotaryâ€™s efforts.

Every Rotary project started in a Rotary Club â€” including our quest to eradicate polio. Each was created by â€œRotary Project Generatorsâ€” that reside in almost every Club around the world. While originating, planning, and completing a Rotary project is multi-faceted, our Project Generators are the motivating force that leads to Club projects. They are the Rotarians who enjoy Rotary and life and always project that wonderful Rotary positivism that is so appealing. This does not mean they have an easy task, but it certainly means they are doing satisfying work.

At your next Club gathering tell those Project Generators how much they are appreciated and encourage them to train other Rotarians how to generate projects, perhaps including you. The key to more projects is more Rotary Project Generators. We need both!

The Club Experience & Prospective Members

We all know that having a positive, fun, effective, and efficient club experience resonates with our members and creates a vibrant club. Is your club struggling in these areas or are there opportunities for improvement? What does your club experience



convey to prospective members and, more importantly, are your current members inviting prospective members to share in our Rotary experience? If not, why not?

Meeting with prospective members and setting appropriate expectations is also important in order to explore whether your club and the prospective member are a good fit for each other. For more information, take a look at the “Creating a Positive Experience for Prospective Members” guide, which can be found [HERE](#).

Big West Webinar Series - great for Foundation Chairs

A promotional graphic for the Big West Webinar Series. The title "BIG WEST WEBINAR SERIES" is at the top in a large, blue, serif font, with "Creating Your Rotary Legacy" in a smaller, cursive font below it. The text "Register for each session today!" is in the center. Below this are six yellow buttons with black text, arranged in two columns. The left column contains: "Three Easy Ways to Give" (Monday August 26th), "Gifts that Pay You Back" (Wednesday September 25th), and "Year-End Giving Strategies" (Friday October 25th). The right column contains: "Plan Now, Give Later" (Monday January 27th), "Maximize Your Retirement Assets" (Tuesday February 25th), and "Three Easy Ways to Give" (Tuesday March 25th). At the bottom, it says "All webinars are at 11AM Pacific Time". The graphic also features a collage of photos showing people at various events and the Rotary Foundation logo in the bottom right corner.

Register Today! All Webinars are 11:00 am - 11:45 am Pacific Time

Monday 8-26-24 - **Three Easy Ways to Give** ([Register Here](#))

Wednesday 9-25-24 **Gifts That Pay You Back** ([Register Here](#))

Friday, 10-24-24 **Year-End Giving Strategies** ([Register Here](#))

Monday, 1-27-25

Plan Now, Give Later ([Register Here](#))

Tuesday, 2-25-25, **Maximize Your Retirement Assets** ([Register Here](#))

Tuesday, 3-25-24, **Three Easy Ways to Give** ([Register Here](#))

A Rotary International Project

By James David Bauer

Being on a Rotary International Project Team is a great way to travel the world, meet new people and do good work in the world. Recently I was on a District Rotary team that went to Belize to install playground equipment for a school.

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Sangkoo Yun selected as Rotary International President 2026-27

Sangkoo Yun, from the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea, has been selected as the Rotary International President for 2026-27.

His nomination will be confirmed on September 15 if unchallenged.

Yun holds degrees from Syracuse University and an honorary doctorate from the University of Edinburgh... [Read More](#)

