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District 5080



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District 5080 Conference Coeur du Rotary

By Steven Roberge



I would like to thank those who attended the 2024 Rotary Celebration in Coeur d'Alene!

I hope that you had a great time and made many new friends while enjoying the amazing speakers, fun events, and excellent entertainment. We opened the conference with the song "You've Got a Friend in Me." I truly believe that, as Rotarians, we have over 1.4 million friends around the world!

While the event was a great time to meet old and new friends, it also highlighted the many ways that Rotarians help to make the world a better place. Every. Single Day.

I am pleased to announce that the online auction raised close to \$16,000 while Margaritaville raised around \$900.

Funds that will be sent to the Rotary Foundation to help Smash Polio from the face of the earth!

During this event we shared laughter and tears and stories that will be passed on to our fellow Rotarians and friends throughout District 5080 and beyond!

Thank you to the many volunteers and speakers and sponsors that made the Rotary Celebration a reality. Your dedication to the Rotary cause is phenomenal!

Finally--we will meet again when I make my club visits during my year as District Governor. We will share our stories and laughter and tears once again my friends.

Steve Roberge
District 5080 Celebration Chair
District 5080 Governor 2026/2027

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Recognizing Excellence Among District Rotarians and Clubs

By Doreen Fox Kelsey on Thursday, May 9, 2024



During the Awards Ceremony at the District Celebration this past Saturday, RI President's Representative Demetress Harrell had the opportunity to recognize several outstanding Rotarians and Clubs for exceptional service and dedication to Rotary and the Rotary Foundation.

M. Karen Cook, a long-time Rotarian and a member of the Coeur d'Alene Sunrise Rotary Club received

Rotary International's highest award. The Service Above Self Award is presented annually to no more than 150 Rotarians worldwide. Karen has devoted decades of her life in service to Rotary and other humanitarian service activities including blood donation, serving as a volunteer senior companion, and participating in Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Foundation Grants, Rotary Group Study Exchange, Rotary Friendship Exchange, and many local and international service projects, just to name a few.

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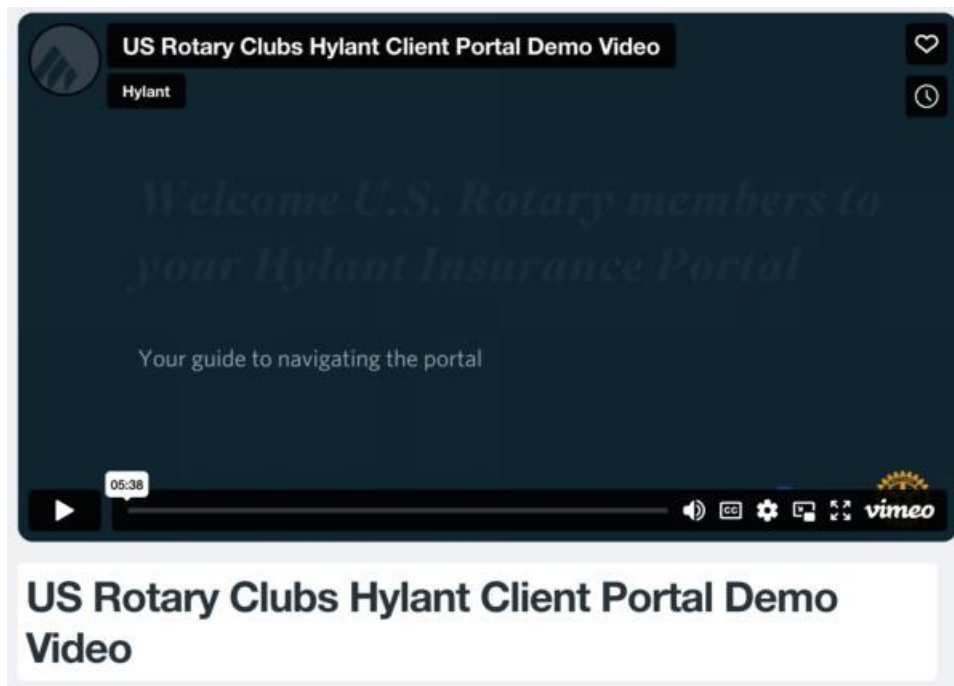
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New Rotary Insurance Portal



The
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Rotary Club & District Liability Insurance Program provides U.S. Rotary clubs and districts and Rotaract clubs with commercial general liability insurance and directors & officers/employment practices liability insurance, subject to policy terms and conditions. Effective January 1, 2024, the insurance broker of the U.S. Rotary Club & District Liability Insurance Program is now the **Hylant Group**. A new Insurance Portal has been activated for clubs to generate certificates of insurance and other necessary documents, and to access assistance from the Hylant Group.

Click [here](#) to view a short video with instructions how to navigate the new portal.

Zones 26 & 27 Institute Spokane! September 11-14, 2024



Registration and hotel reservations are now open for the Zones 26 & 27 Institute and Governor Education in Spokane, Washington! And incoming Governors Elect and Governors Nominee can register for Education and Institute at the same time.

All the information you need - including registration and hotel links - is on the Institute website at ZoneInstitute.org

Be sure to select the **Full Access Pass** to experience the entire Institute, including the welcome Mix & Mingle Wednesday evening, Peer-to-Peer Breakout Sessions, General Session Keynote Speakers, Plenary Sessions, Institute meals (two breakfasts and two lunches), House of Friendship, and Gala Dinner Saturday night. . If your partner or family members want to explore Spokane instead, they may want to consider the Select Access Pass (Mix & Mingle, Gala, & breakout sessions only), or a Celebration Pass (Gala ticket only).

[Register here!](https://ZoneInstitute.org)

Refer a New Member

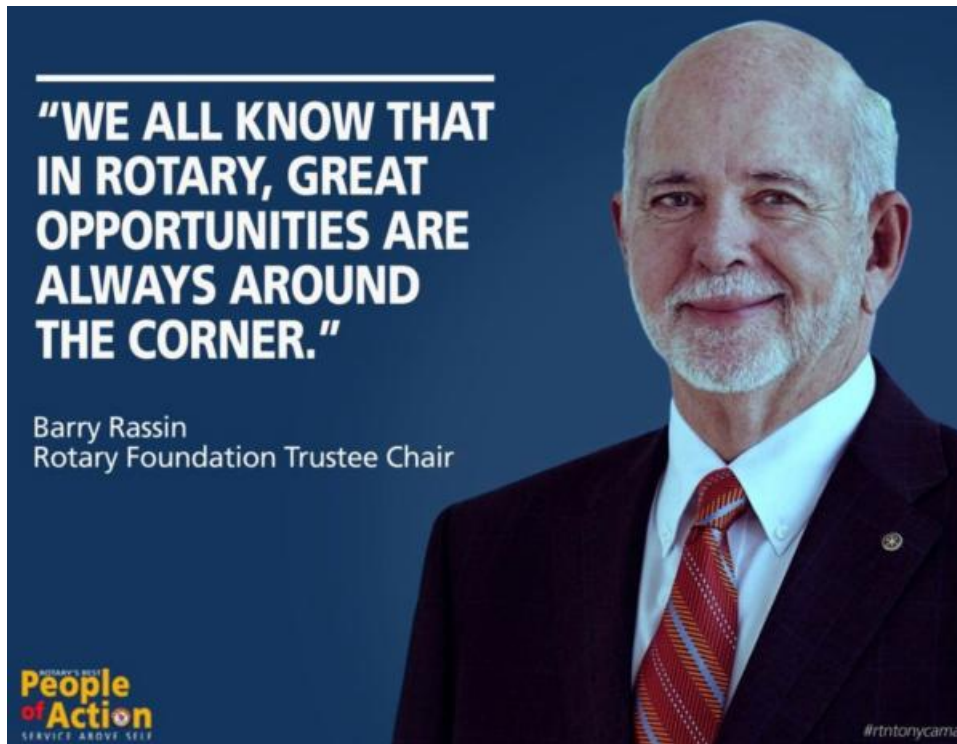
By Lynn Theresa O'Connor

rotary.org has a fun new button: **REFER**. If someone in our district fills this out, it's a good bet this information will come to Membership Chair Todd Shepard, and he'll be in touch with your club before the ink is dry (old school term)!

That's really fun, but we can get faster action closer to home. **You!** Invite a guest (potential member or Friend of Rotary) to your next activity, social, or meeting.

Then you can go to your club's website and encourage them to fill out an online contact or membership form, and voilà - maybe you have a new friend/member!

Revealing Rotary's Endless Opportunities: Insights from Barry Rassin, TRF Trustee Chair



(written by By Rtn Tony Cama, submitted by District Governor Doreen)

In the dynamic world of Rotary, the sentiment echoed by Barry Rassin, Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, resonates deeply: "We all know that in Rotary, great opportunities are always around the corner." This profound statement captures the essence of Rotary's spirit—a commitment to service, fellowship, and the relentless pursuit of opportunities to make a positive impact in communities worldwide.

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Your Rotary Foundation â€™ Volunteers Needed

Thursday, April 4, 2024

The



following committee positions, including chairperson, are vacant and available for volunteers interested in serving on a Rotary Foundation Sub-committee beginning July 1, 2024. Please contact

Doreen Kelsey, who will serve as Rotary Foundation Chair next year, to express your interest and review

a job description. [Read More](#)

5 IDEAS FOR YEAR-END FUNDRAISING



MATCH DONATIONS

Use your club or district Foundation Recognition Points for a year-end matching campaign, such as:

- A 1-to-1 match to help donors become Paul Harris Fellows
- A dollar-a-day \$365 match
- A Rotary Direct enrollment match



RALLY YOUR SUPPORTERS

Create a campaign that is tailored to your district's strongest supporters.

Hold a special event or do personalized outreach to:

- Rotary Direct members
- Paul Harris Society members
- Major Donors



USE VIDEOS TO INSPIRE

Share your own videos of projects, or videos from The Rotary Foundation, to inspire and educate members and to increase donor engagement.



SAY THANKS

Gratitude goes a long way! Thank new and long-term donors at the end of the year by:

- Sending them cards
- Writing an email
- Making a video
- Calling them



TELL YOUR STORY

Storytelling helps build connections with donors. Tell your own story or a story about a club or district project or global grant project. Stories of impact show donors the good their gifts can do and the lives they may change.



For more ideas, inspiration, or assistance, contact your annual giving officer.

A few tidbits from the End Polio Now newsletter



Thank
you to

everyone who has participated so far in World Immunization Week, 24-30 April. Whether you shared a social media post, hosted an event, or donated, you played a key role in helping us remind the world that vaccines work, and the progress we've made in ending polio is proof. You can still [donate!](#)

WHO South-East Asia Region celebrates 10 years certified polio-free

28 March marked 20 years since the World Health Organization certified the South-East Asia Region free of the wild polio virus. This milestone would not be possible without the tireless efforts of health workers, national and local leaders, our partners, and, of course, Rotary members all around the world. Thank you!

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The Plus in Polio Plus

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concentrate so much on the “two drops, but many Rotary members are not aware of the many “pluses” in Polio Plus.

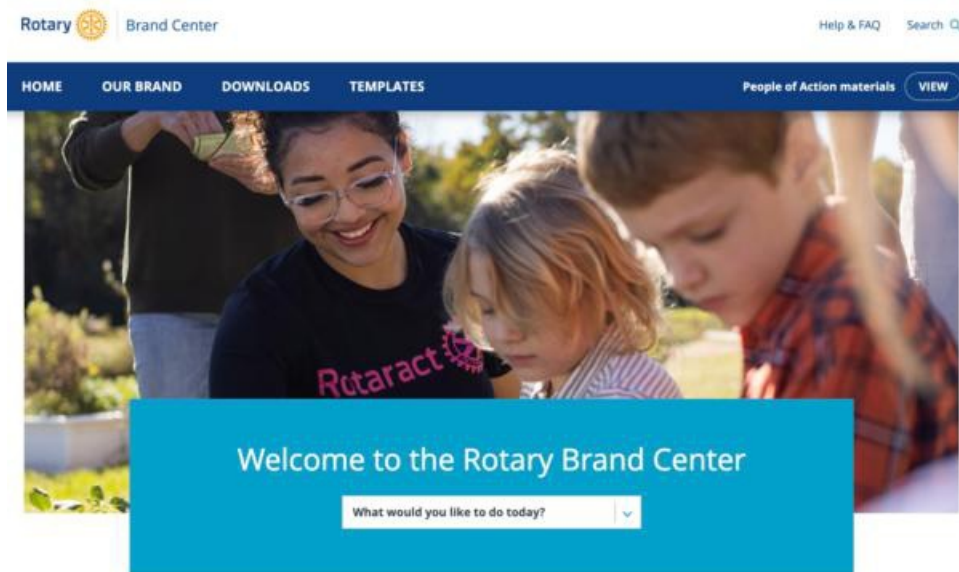
A 2019 Rotary Magazine article by Vanessa Glavinskas lists some of the pluses: *“It might be a hand-operated tricycle or access to water. It might be additional medical treatment, bed nets, or soap. A 2010 study estimates that vitamin A drops given to children at the same time as the polio vaccine have prevented 1.25 million deaths by decreasing susceptibility to infectious diseases.”* (and that number now is likely well over 2 million!).

Another very valuable plus, that doesn’t get as much press as it should, is that many health workers give up to 50% of their time to immunization, surveillance, and outbreak response for other diseases. The infrastructure that detects new cases of polio and traces where and how they originated can also be used to find people with symptoms of yellow fever or COVID or Ebola. Early detection and contact tracing kept Ebola from spreading beyond 19 cases in Nigeria in 2014!

Click [here](#) to read the article.

Check out the Rotary Brand Center

By Lynn Theresa O'Connor



"No
other

We are Rotary. We are People of Action.

organization is quite like Rotary. By using our voice consistently in all our messaging, we can ensure that our communications reflect our distinct character."

The Rotary [Brand Center](#) is a valuable resource for members and clubs, and I encourage you to check it out. You don't need to be your club's public image chair - this resource is for anyone who creates branded messages for your community or club - for your fundraisers, your work projects, and your stories!

You'll find a [guide on proper use of branding](#), images, videos, and other promotional materials in the [Downloads](#) section, [templates](#) for easy-to-create branding, including partnership branding (logo 'lockups'), and all the fun stuff you can do with the [People Of Action](#) campaign.

Super easy, super resource!

3-Year Rolling Goals & Action Plan

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Message from our Zone Director Dan Himelspace

Rotary is making a major change in how Club goals are set and how Club Action Plans (strategic plans) are developed. A shift from planning for one year to planning for continuity over three years is envisioned. The change is designed to encourage the pursuit of high value long-term goals that are best served by a sustained and collaborative effort over time. It should increase the number of significant projects and initiatives which will be easier to organize and complete.

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Seeds of Hope – Generous Hearts in Action



Thankfully, April 15th has come and gone for submission of our U.S. income taxes. If you're due a refund, please consider **The Rotary Foundation** as the recipient for some of your refund.

Remember!

Endowment Fund SHARE, like Annual Fund SHARE, splits the earnings evenly with the World Fund AND half returns to your district for both district and global grants.

Any contribution will help Rotarians address issues around the world! Here is the link to contribute today: <https://www.rotary.org/en/>

donate

Here is a link to the updated District Guide to Growing our Endowment Fund: <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/district-guide-growing-endowment>

Please feel free to reach out to your Endowment/Major Gift Adviser:
Jim Bauer: golfnjimb55@gmail.com

University for Peace Scholarship Sponsorship Opportunity Available



University
for Peace



* SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY! * Calling all Passionate Changemakers looking to improve the world! The UN-established University for Peace is offering full and partial scholarships for their online Diploma in Social Innovation, Global Leadership Diploma, and individual courses. One full scholarship is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plymouth, MA, and is destined for someone in the Rotary family. If you want to deepen your impact and join an incredible global community, this program is for you! Be a part of the drive for global good, get inspired, and start your journey! If you're interested in Global Leadership or Social Innovation, apply now to grab this opportunity. Deadline May 15th.

<https://upeacecentre.lpages.co/2024-upeace-diploma-scholarship-contest/>

Rotary Peace Scholarship Student. Ms. Mariam Sanikidze,

By Norman A. McCarvell

(Printed in the Nelson Star, April 2024. Article submitted by Norman McCarvell, PDG, The Rotary Club of Nelson)

The Rotary Clubs of Nelson and San Diego have partnered for the fifth time, to support a Rotary Peace Scholarship Student. Ms. Mariam Sanikidze, from the country of Georgia, has been admitted to the Master of Science degree program in Conflict Management and Resolution at the University of San Diego Kroc School of Peace Studies.



From Ms Sanikidze: “I have chosen to further my education by specializing in Conflict Management and Resolution at the graduate level since... [Read More](#)



Next Sunday, May 12 at 1:30 Eastern is the [Joint Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day Ceremony](#), which we know in the United States, also falls on Mother’s Day.

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Crown of the Continent Water Forum: WGIPPA

By Maria Kliavkoff



Here
is a
very

interesting video on the Crown Managers Partnership, which is all about ecological management on a large landscape scale involving federal, state, provincial, tribal, and First Nations agency managers and universities across Montana, Alberta, and British Columbia.

This interview involves members of the Environment & Conservation, and Indigenous People's Engagement Action Teams of the Waterton Glacier International Peace Park Association.

[Watch \(or listen\) to it here!](#)

Past RI President Herbert G Brown, a tireless advocate for polio eradication, dies at 100

by Arnold R. Grahl 1-May-2024

Herbert G. "Herb" Brown, the 1995-96 president of Rotary International who met with world leaders to advocate for polio vaccination and helped raise millions of dollars to fight the disease, died on 23 April at age 100.

A member of the Rotary Club of Clearwater, Florida, USA, Brown exemplified the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self and dreamed of a world that was free of polio, at peace, and where people were true to their word. [Read More](#)

