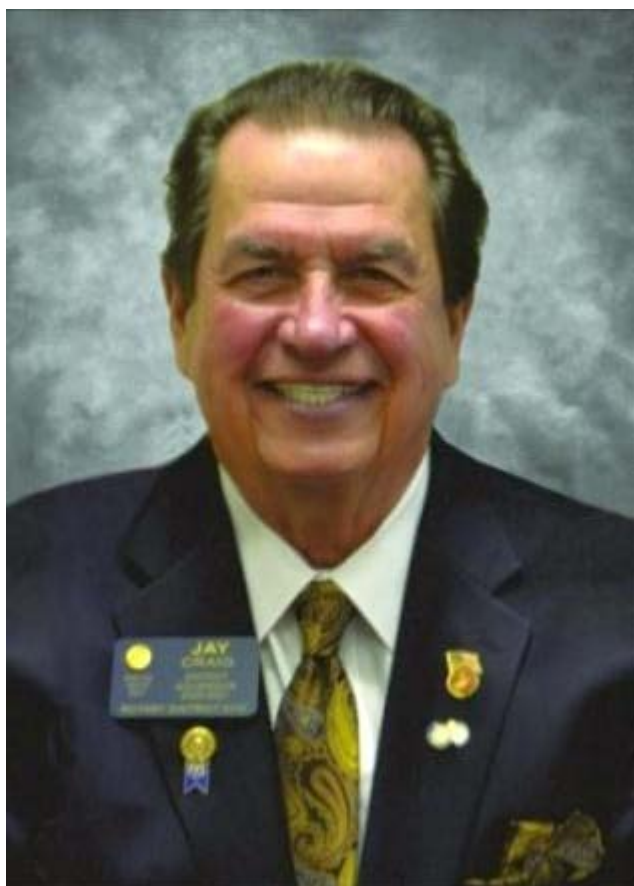


# Rotary



## District 6110 Newsletter

### Governor Jay Craig's February Message



The Rotary International Theme for the month of February is ♦Peace and Conflict Resolution♦. What a timely theme for this time in our lives. Throughout the history of the world, and certainly during the time since the inception of Rotary, there have been innumerable conflicts and breaches of peace. Most of them have been resolved by diplomacy, and/or, compromise. However, many of them have been resolved by war. We, as citizens of the world, can only hope that we never see another war. I am, and have been for much of my life, a warrior. Many of the great Rotarians in the world, and in our district, have been as well. I cannot speak for them, except to say that I would bet that most of them agree with me, that we do NOT want another war. War is an ugly word. It implies so many horrid thoughts and activities. We Rotarians, as benefactors to the world, should do everything in our power to ensure that not one more person dies in battle. That is a good cause.

It all starts right here, in our own lives, our own communities, our own neighborhoods, cities, states. We must learn to live with each other in harmony. We must strive to do so. We do not, and should not, agree on everything. Discussion, discourse, and debate are what lead us to great discoveries. However, we should have these discussions in a peaceful manner. We may not agree on every issue. But, that does not mean we should hate the person with whom we disagree. There is too much hate in the world today.

Maybe we should teach the world our wonderful Four-way Test. It is a great way to judge ourselves by the things we think, say, or do, all without malice. Let each of us replace hatred with love. We can do this. It all starts with us, and it can start now.

**WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Gov. Jay has some great thoughts on interpersonal peace. Let's make them work!**

**Peace - elusive or inside all of us?**



Each month Rotary has a theme to help focus our efforts. In February we consider Rotary's efforts in Peace and Conflict Resolution.

We can look at this from a few angles.

- First we think of the global idea of "World Peace." It seems pretty abstract and almost unattainable. But Rotary has been at the forefront of many peace efforts, from the establishment of the United Nations, to founding special Peace Studies Masters-Level degree programs. Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully-funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centers. Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers develop the capacity of peace and development professionals or practitioners to become experienced and effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

Since the program began in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,400 fellows who now work in more than 115 countries. Many serve as leaders in governments, NGOs, the military, education, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.

This training happens at five different Universities:

**Duke University**, North Carolina, USA

**International Christian University**, Tokyo, Japan

**University of Bradford**, Bradford, England

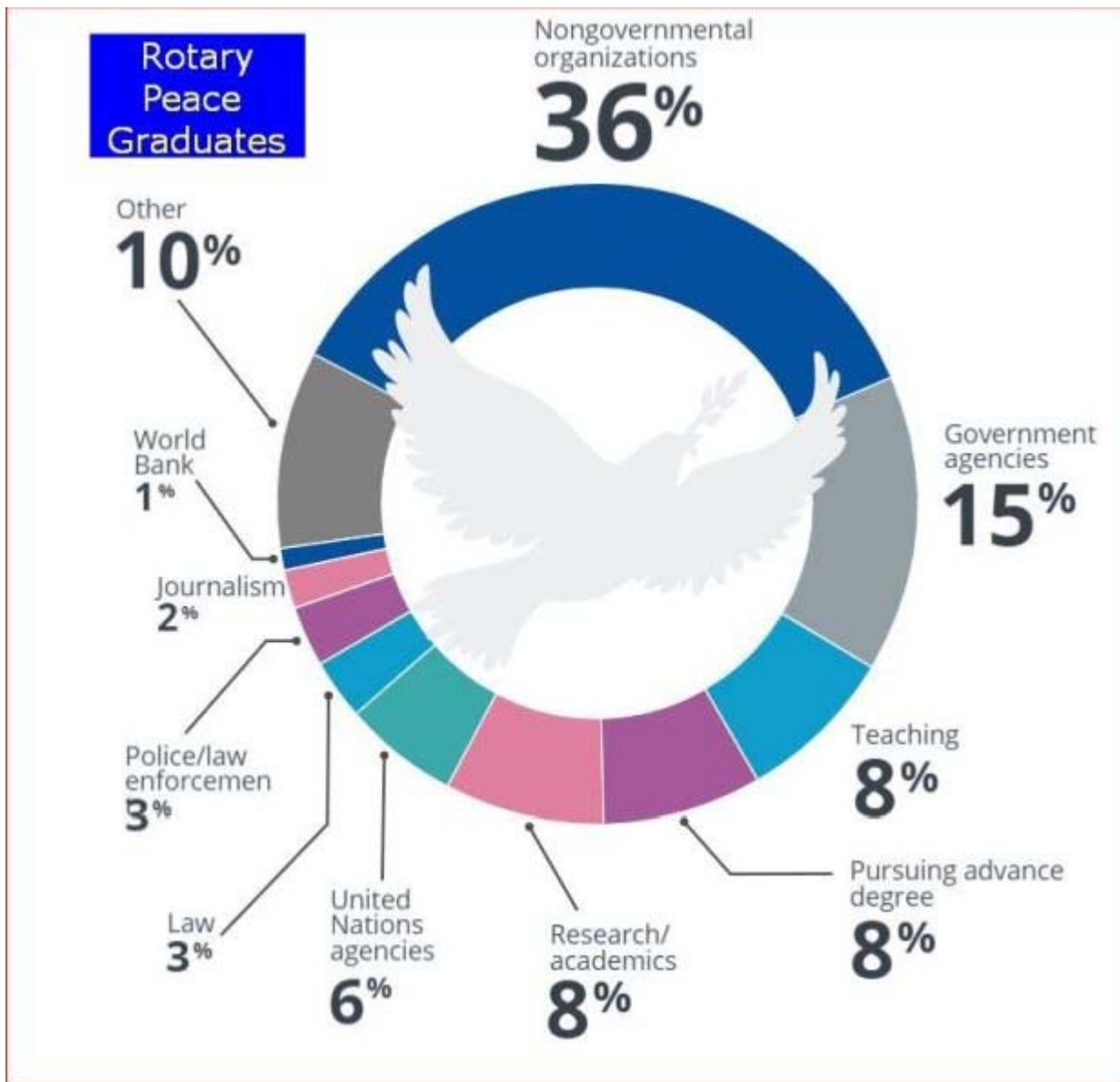
**University of Queensland**, Brisbane, Australia

**Uppsala University**, Uppsala, Sweden

Also, Rotary operates a professional development certificate program. During the one-year blended learning program, experienced peace and development professionals with diverse backgrounds gain practical skills to promote peace within their communities and across the globe. Fellows complete field studies, and they also design and carry out a social change initiative. This program is intended for working professionals. The program operates from these locations:

**Chulalongkorn University**, Bangkok, Thailand: This interdisciplinary program, a comparative global and Asia-Pacific regional focus, balances theoretical learning with practical skills building by capitalizing on the professional experiences of expert lecturers and global field practitioners.

**Makerere University**, Kampala, Uganda: This program integrates theory, research, and practice for peace and development leaders who are from Africa, have worked in Africa, or work with African communities or initiatives outside the continent. Fellows learn how to influence policies and initiate action to transform society through positive peace.



Admission to both of these programs is very competitive - a long and comprehensive application process is involved, and prospective students must have shown aptitude and experience in these fields. The "full ride" fellowship provides an excellent opportunity (remember, **Rotary Opens Opportunities**) and leads to well-trained professionals in the Conflict Resolution field.

- Second, we can look at peace in our community - are there issues causing conflict in our town, and can we help here? Some clubs have become involved in conflict resolution training at the middle school level - an excellent introduction to the concept. Other clubs have looked at Human Trafficking issues and used District Grants to supplement their budget.

- Third, there is inner peace. Not to be Zen-like, but looking at our inner thoughts and finding how to avoid conflicts and turmoil in our personal life is an exceptional growth opportunity.

**WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?** Finding common ground is second nature to Rotarians. We consistently set aside politics, religion, and other things that divide people to focus on service. If you know of someone who might qualify for these scholarships, the info is on the Rotary Website here: [Peace Fellowships](#)

## Rotary 101 - February 2021

By Wally Bloss

*Rotary 101 is a monthly column highlighting the many facets of our wonderful*



*organization.*

### **This month's installment: "How did \$26.50 provide more than \$4 Billion?"**

Let's look at "Our Foundation." Yup, the Rotary Foundation is really "ours"! We Rotarians started it over 100 years ago with just \$26.50, and since that time we have funded Rotary projects with more than \$4 Billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Pretty heady stuff - but we carry it off!

We Rotarians are encouraged to make donations to our Foundation every year - we even have an acronym for it: EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year). We want to encourage each of us to send \$100 annually to our Foundation - that's only \$8.33 per month, or 27¢ per day! Many clubs have a Foundation Chair who helps this process. Rotary even has a way to make it easy thru "Rotary Direct" where you send off your donation directly from your debit or credit card. Here's the form to do just that: [Rotary Direct](#)

So all this money we send to our Foundation goes all over the world - but can it help with our own projects here in District 6110? The answer is a resounding YES! Here are the details - stick with it, cause it's a bit involved - but you'll understand it all!

So you send off your \$100 to your Foundation to do good in the world. But someone needs to make sure it is used correctly. There's a whole office of people at the Foundation that review grant requests for great projects. This needed "overhead" is funded by investing your \$100 for three years. That interest (in most years) pays for the administration of the grants. After three years, half of the donated funds are then used for the Global Grants - minimum of \$30,000 for projects that make a difference in the world. Right now several clubs in our district are working on a \$76,000 grant to provide clean water to schools in Colombia, South America (see other story).

The other 50% of what the Rotarians in District 6110 donated comes directly BACK to our district after the three-year investing period, and we make District Grants with them. Clubs can receive up to \$3000 to do good in their own community. Clubs here use District Grants for Dictionaries to 3rd graders, for student scholarships, for Rotary Parks, for Thanksgiving baskets, for services to autistic students - whatever is identified by the local club. The District Grant process is competitive, and clubs that are 100% EREY (remember that?) go to the head of the line.

**WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Doing good in the world (and in your town) costs money. We support these efforts with a pledge to provide \$100 per year. Half of that helps all over the world, and half in our back yards. Not giving \$100? Fix that!**



## District International Service Update

*Beth Keck from the Bentonville club is District 6110's tireless International Service and Global Grants Chair. Here's an update on our International projects:*



Dear Fellow 6110 Rotarians,

With COVID-19, progress on the Colombia Clear Water for My Schools District 4271 WASH in schools projects was temporarily delayed. ("WASH", by the way, is a clever acronym for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) However, there is good news to report. The first phase for 13 schools in the Santander region is now underway. Our Rotary Foundation approved the project last year and our district received the \$78,650 grant last month to begin implementation.

Phase two is now in the planning stages. A global grant application for \$36,936 will be submitted to our Foundation in the near future. Phase two will improve toilets and sanitation at six schools near Barranquilla and Cartagena. Your clubs' 2019 donations to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund made it possible for us to designate \$10,000 (\$5,000 for each phase) in District Designated Funds (DDF) for these two projects. With all the global travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have to defer travel to review the projects to a time well into the future.

A dozen clubs in our district have made this happen by participating with amounts from

\$500 to \$4000. They are: Bella Vista, Bentonville and its satellite, Bixby, Bristow, Broken Arrow, Joplin, Joplin Daybreak, Pittsburg, Rogers Downtown, Rogers Noon, and Tulsa Sunrise.

Our District continues to support additional international service projects:

- We are partnering with the Rotary Club de Porto Alegre **Lindóia** to provide specialized **wheelchairs** to adults, adolescents and children with severe disabilities in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

- The Rotary Club of Bentonville is partnering with the Rotary Club of Jodhpur Padmini, India, for a second WASH in schools project to improve **sanitation and hygiene** conditions of 17 schools in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India, benefiting over 7,500 students.

- Our district continues to support the "Heart of America" (Zones 30/31) and "Heart of Mexico" (Zones 4170/4140) global grants that provide clean **water tanks at schools, kidney transplants, and pacemakers** in the Mexico City area and 100 miles adjacent.

If your club is looking to get involved directly in an international project, the Heart to Heart website lists some excellent projects in Mexico here: <http://bit.ly/3rAnUUb> Ed Hardesty, our District Foundation Chair from the Tulsa Southeast club, is on that advisory committee. Our Rotary partners in the Barranquilla and Cartagena, Colombia, District 4271 are seeking club partners for a water filter and eye surgery projects (see links below to PowerPoints and videos).

If you would like to learn more about these projects, I would be happy to provide an introduction. International Project Fairs are now underway, virtually here: [Project Fair](#) We are halfway through our Rotary year. Now is a good time to invest in international service, and demonstrate that we are part of Rotary International.

For more info, click on these links:

[Eye Surgery Video](#)

[Eye Surgery PowerPoint](#)

[Colombia Water Project](#)

[Colombia Water Video](#)

**WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?** Each Rotary club is a part of Rotary International. We provide service to our local community and to the world. With just \$500 (or more!) your club can join an International service project!

## **Four-Way Test - make it happen in your club**

As you are all aware by now, the **District** Four-Way Test Speech contest has been canceled for the 2020-21 school year due to the uncertainties with some students attending school virtually and the 2021 District



Training Assembly being held virtually. Live presentations and audience spontaneity are

two primary elements missing which change the outcome of the contest. We know that this is one of the favorite events at the Training Assembly and are disappointed that it will not be held.

**BUT: This contest will *not* be going away!** We suggest that you consider holding your school's contest as usual. Contact the speech, drama and/or other teachers at each public or parochial school and even the home schooled about getting their students ready to hold a club competition. Many of you already give a scholarship for your winner and we want to make sure that the instructors keep their kids interested in this contest. Since your club's winner won't have to submit a thumb drive to the District for judging this year, you will have a lot of flexibility on when you hold your competition.

Besides being great practice for the students, learning the Rotary Four-Way Test will guide them through the rest of their lives! We look forward to holding the District Final Four in the spring of 2022.

Thank you for keeping the District 6110 Four-Way Test Speech Contest on your mind in your club, your school and the students. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Yours in Rotary,  
Past District Governor Jayne Lowe 2018-19  
District 6110 Four-Way Test Speech Contest Co-Chair  
[jaynerotary@gmail.com](mailto:jaynerotary@gmail.com)

**WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?** We Rotarians recite the 4 Way Test most every week! But it is exciting to hear an new "take" on it from high school students! If your club does not do the Speech Contest, consider doing it - even now!

**Rotary Clubs in Service - Feb 2021**

## 6110 ROTARY CLUBS IN SERVICE

***While some clubs are unable to conduct regular meetings, they still have figured out ways to provide service to their communities. Here are just a few with no #PandemicParalysis:***

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### **Altus Area (AR) Sunset Rotary**

Congratulations to the 2020 Altus Area Sunset Rotary Scholarship recipients. The scholarship is awarded to second-semester students and are selected by faculty at Arkansas Tech - Ozark.



Pictured (L-R) are Lynn Washington, Human Services Chair, Ashley Adair, Cardiac Sonography from Booneville, Michael Keller, Automotive Service Technology from Russellville, Darion Cicotte-Anderson, Information Technology from Ozone, and Kale Rudolph, Information Technology Chair.

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### **The Rotary Club of Tulsa**

The Rotary Club of Tulsa recently donated \$82,000 to the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Centennial Commission. The project manager of the Commission, Phil Armstrong, spoke to Tulsa Rotarians about the plans for the 100th commemoration of the Tulsa Race Massacre. They are thankful to be a part of these [#TulsaTriumphs](#).





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## Bartlesville Daybreak Rotary Club



The Bartlesville Daybreak Rotary Club supports [Catholic Charities Mary Martha Outreach](#), [The Salvation Army of Bartlesville, OK](#), Churches Concern, and [The Agape' Mission of Bartlesville](#) with a monthly collection at their last meeting of the month.

Even though they didn't physically meet every month of 2020, the club's Board voted money to support the agencies in their normal rotation all year. They provided \$2,171 in [#povertyalleviation](#) funds in 2020 and since the program began in 2003, they have given over \$79,000.

## The Rotary Club of Mt. Vernon, MO



Students at Trinity Lutheran School in nearby Freistatt, Missouri show off their new dictionaries provided by the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club. They figured out how to make their presentations happen!

## Rotary Club of Pittsburg

Pittsburg's Rotary Leffler Park now has a great place to enjoy the view. The benches are a new addition to the park - made possible by funds from the club's Centennial Celebration. Come to Pittsburg and visit the park to check them out!



## Coweta Rotary Club





The Coweta club's third delivery of dictionaries was happily taken to Northwest Elementary this week! Every 3rd grader in Coweta now has their own! We are so proud to bring this great program to the kids and schools in our community. Thank you Northwest Elementary for letting our group bring great things to the kids!!!

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### Rotary Club of Mountain Home, AR



Mountain Home also got the dictionaries to schools! Pictured delivering to Hackler Elementary School are Rotarian/MHPS Superintendent Dr. Jake Long, Dictionary Chairman Jay Chafin with his son Alex, and Rotarian David Matty.

**WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Is YOUR club doing service to its community? Are you "doing good in the world?" Let us know with the "just the facts" to: Wally Bloss, District Public Image Chair: [Wbloss@Gmail.com](mailto:Wbloss@Gmail.com)**

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## GROVE ROTARY AWARDS 23 COMMUNITY GRANTS

There's no  
"Pandemic  
Paralysis" in  
Grove!

The Rotary Club of Grove, OK presented checks totaling \$54,215.62 recently to community organizations for 23 projects in the Grand Lake area.



Each year the club's local foundation provides more than \$150,000 in scholarships, community grants and project funding. During the past 10 years, the Grove Rotary Foundation has provided more than \$1,000,000 in grant and scholarship funding to organizations in Grove and the greater Grand Lake area.

For over ten years, funds for the grants were raised primarily from their highly successful LobsterFest benefit held each June. This year, due to COVID, Grove Rotary changed their annual LobsterFest fundraiser to the **Stronger Together Campaign**. This online campaign raised over \$62,000! No lobsters were consumed this year and a lot of support was continued.

*One of the most rewarding aspects of being a Rotarian is coming together as a team to make such a positive impact on our community. As Rotarians, our motto is service above self. Giving through our grant program is just one way we live up to our motto,* said Christy Wright, Chair of the Rotary Charitable Contributions Committee.

One-third of the grants were given to local school districts' programs, including:

- \$9,804.49 to 4 programs at Grove Public Schools, and
- \$8,800 to three programs at Jay Public Schools.

Other recipients include:

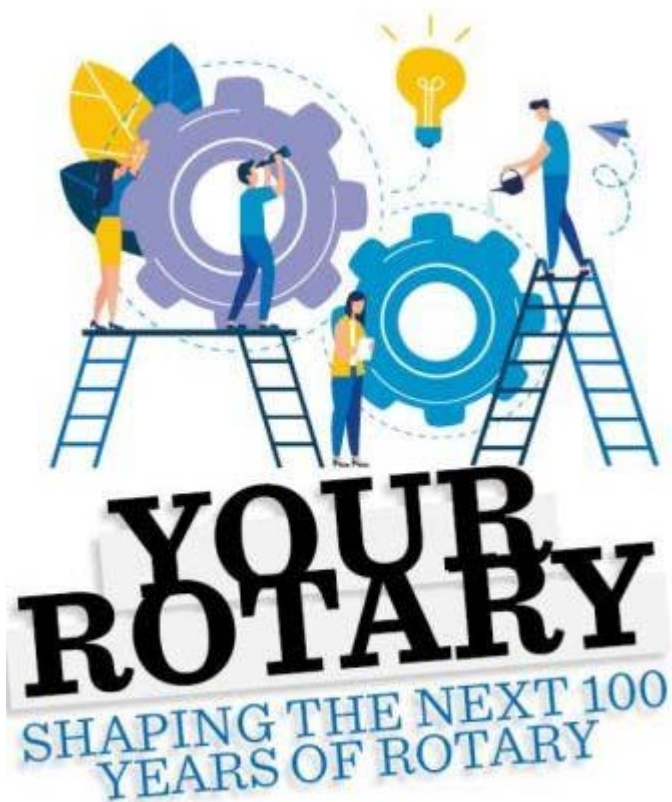
Second Chance Pet Rescue, Delaware County Children's Special Advocates, Grand Lake Quilt Guild, Grand Lake YMCA, Lendonwood Gardens, Santa's Old Broads, Women's Auxiliary Association of Monkey Island, Community Crisis Center, Boy Scouts Troop 78, Northeast Oklahoma Community Action Agency, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Grove Community Playmakers, Laundry Love Project, Delaware County Sheriff, and Friends of the Grove Library.

Grove Rotary is the second largest club in district 6110, with 177 members, and is an energetic group of leaders with high ethical standards and a passion for helping others, consistent with Rotary's motto of Service Above Self.



WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Rotarians can adapt and find new ways to be of service. Grove conducted club meetings in a large parking lot with members in their cars, tuning their car radios to an FM frequency used by the President. Where there's a will...

## Shaping Rotary's Future



Is your club doing things the same way you did 20 years ago, or even 2 years ago? Doubt it! Where should Rotary be looking as it positions itself for future growth? Who is leading Rotary's efforts in restructuring to be relevant in today's environment?

Well, there are some deep thinkers that are looking at positioning Rotary for growth, accessibility and connections to the modern world. They are looking at new models for Rotary, new ways of accomplishing our goals. How can we streamline what we do to "fit" better into what is needed NOW?

If you are interested in what is being considered, set aside an hour to watch this video with Floyd Lancia - our Zone's RI Director, and Past RI Director Jeff Cadorette.

Yup, an hour - but you will find it fascinating and worth your while.

Here's the link: [Shaping Rotary's Future](#)

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT: Rotary has been stuck at 1.2 Million members for several years. In the USA, clubs have generally lost members. We are taking a look at how we can "re-package" our service goals to be relevant today.

## Tell Your Story

Our District 6110 is filled with many very active Rotary Clubs - even in these difficult times. We are always looking for info on service projects that clubs are doing to put in the newsletter, on DACdb and social media.

While we as Rotarians are not always interested in being "In the spotlight", telling your story DOES help other clubs see great ideas for service. Let us know what your club is doing by sending info to the District Office at [districtadministrator@district6110.org](mailto:districtadministrator@district6110.org) or to the District Public Image Chair, Wally Bloss at [WBloss@Gmail.com](mailto:WBloss@Gmail.com)



Thanks!

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery - so let the rest of us know the service that your club is doing so we can imitate you!

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