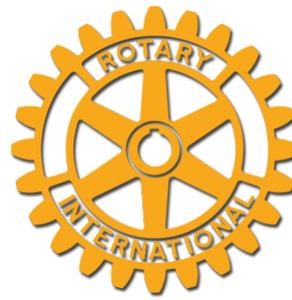


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From the Governor

By James Arbuckle Sr.



Hello, Rotary Family!

It's June, and the calendar year is almost half over. We've finally reached the point in the year that I look forward to, the point where our regular routines get broken up by the end of the school year and summer just ahead, and where holidays start showing up on a regular basis. It also marks the end of the Rotary year, and what a year it has been! As the Rotary year started, I was both humbled and overwhelmed at the task of leading our District out of COVID. For me, the challenge of visiting 35 clubs scattered across Arkansas, all while keeping my day job, was a daunting task. My club visits started with a bang in Helena on July 7th and I saw the tiger in the eye of club president Mary Ann Hargraves, and my club visits ended on November 30th in Walnut Ridge, where I met with the Lawrence County Club and president Don Mullen at one of my favorite places to eat – a Mexican

restaurant. In between, I traveled to places that this former Texan had never been. I learned so many things leading to a number of observations:

- Did you know that Searcy is the Corn Dog capital of the world?
- Who knew that the Beatles landed in Walnut Ridge in 1964, their only visit to Arkansas, and it is still celebrated each year.
- Did you know that Pocahontas is a town in addition to being a person?
- The Quad Cities club meets in a Pill Box??
- Batesville is the Christmas capital of Arkansas?
- Fairfield Bay is so hard to find that when people get there, they never leave.
- Heber Springs has pictures of club presidents over the last 100+ years. I think I saw two in attendance. Wow!
- Blytheville was once home to the Blytheville AFB that housed B52 Bombers. It was considered one of the USSR's (that's an old term) main targets during the Cold War.
- Clinton is the home to the National Chuck Wagon races??
- If you walk into the Stuttgart Rotary Club meeting with money in your pockets, chances are you haven't participated in one of their fundraisers....and it's all for a good cause.
- The Cleburne County Club officers really like each other.
- Jane Bennage, wife of PDG Mike Bennage (Rotary Club of Hughes) is a cook after my own mother and fries up a great chicken fried steak!
- And many, many other things that space and time don't allow me to acknowledge.



I also learned what our clubs do well:

- Provide scholarships, scholarships, scholarships. I would venture to say that money raised for scholarships approaches \$100,000. Kudos to our clubs!
- Provide supplies for students.
- Participate in the drug take-back program.
- Eat!



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- Most importantly, **support their communities** no matter what the size of the club.

I am so happy that we got to have our District Conference in person this year. We had our Rotary Foundation fundraiser (results soon to follow) and our golf tournament. All in all, a good year. I want to share a sincere **THANK YOU** to all club presidents that served this year. Thanks for holding it together and putting in the effort. I am also thankful of how you stepped up your support for clean water in Haiti by providing filters. **THANK YOU** to all those who served District 6150, including our Assistant Governors, Foundation reps, membership committees, trainers, and others. And finally, **Thank You** to all members who continue to do Rotary and make a difference. I look forward to seeing Rotary continue to grow, improve, and make real change in the world.

District Admin Notes

By Lisa K. Golden

District Foundation Golf Tournament

The District Foundation Golf Tournament was held on Thursday, May 26. Thank you to all the clubs that participated by sending a team or sponsoring a hole!

Induction Ceremony for District Governor David Menz

The Rotary Club of Little Rock cordially invites you to the Induction Ceremony for Rotary District 6150 Governor David Menz on June 27, 2022 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Camp Aldersgate, 2000 Aldersgate Road, Little Rock. Cocktails and dinner will be served. Please RSVP for your attendance by registering for the event via the link below.

[Register NOW](#)

Time to Update your Membership Rolls

Don't forget to clean-up your membership rolls on DACdb before year-end. RI and District dues are due soon and will be based on your membership list.

District Governor Visits Begin in July

Incoming Presidents-If you haven't confirmed the date of your DG visit, check the DACdb calendar or email me to confirm your date. districtadmin@rotary6150.org

June – Rotary Fellowships - Rotary International Conference

By James Arbuckle Sr.

The Area of Focus for June is Rotary Fellowships. No better place to experience that than at the 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston, TX. What an opportunity it was to travel to Houston, Texas, this past week. It marked the first time the conference had been held in person in 3 years, as well as the first time I had ever attended the event. Over 11,000 Rotarians gathered at the George Brown Convention center to participate in sessions ranging from club image to membership engagement. It was an opportunity for various Rotary Action Groups (RAGS) to meet. Our own Nancy Leonhardt represented us in the Basic Education and Literacy (BELRAG) session. I had the opportunity to attend a HANWASH session focused on providing water and sanitation to the country of Haiti. I was pleased to be there with a number of Rotarians from District 6150. Believe it or not, there were a handful of Rotarians from Ukraine in attendance. One of their group, a doctor who had attended to those injured on the front lines of the conflict, spoke to the crowd about her experiences and her journey leaving the country. Rotary Fellowships cover every facet of life from bird watching to motorcycling to wine tasting. We found them all at the RI Convention.

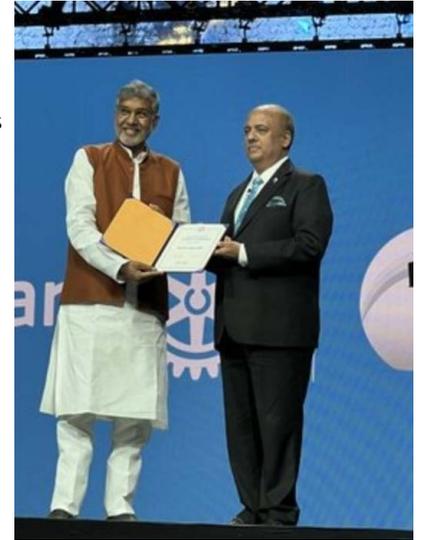




The event was also marked by outstanding speakers at each of the general sessions. One particular session hit me hard. Mr. Kailash Satyarthi, a Nobel Peace Laureate, was awarded the Rotary Award of Honor. He then spoke about his journey from being an electrical engineer to an advocate for children's rights for over four decades. He started the "Save the Childhood Movement" to rescue children and their families from the shackles of slavery. His movement has rescued over 100,000 children from child slavery and trafficking in India. The link below gives a brief overview of his trials and accomplishments.

[Nobel Prize winner using new fame to fight child slavery - YouTube](#)

The documentary, **The Price of Free**, detailing the movement he started, was created in 2018. I encourage you to check it out.



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