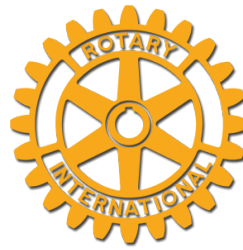


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From the Governor

By David F. Menz on Thursday, April 6, 2023



We have planned an outstanding district conference for you this year. First and foremost, the Rotary International president for Rotary Year 2024-2025, Stephanie Urchick, will be speaking twice, including at Friday evening's dinner. This is a rare opportunity you don't want to miss.

There will be multiple learning opportunities, so you have a large menu to choose from. They include:

1. Toastmasters
2. Braver Angels
3. Rotoractors from the U.S. and Central America
4. A session on membership retention and attraction
5. The Rotary Foundation Guadalajara International Service Project
6. The Wolf River Conservancy
7. Youth Exchange from our own Vince Guest and a student from Cracow, Poland
8. A session on using social media promotion
9. An FBI program on human trafficking
10. A panel discussion on international service projects
11. Empowering Women through the Woman's Leadership Center at Arkansas State University
12. DGE Sydney Gilbert and Brooke Bridges Affiliate Resource Director with the Arkansas Dolly Parton Imagination Library
13. Polio Plus today by a Rotarian polio survivor
14. An award winning documentary on a Memphis eatery, the Rendezvous, presented by its Arkansas directors
15. A presentation by Judge John Fogleman on the Sultana Disaster Museum, dedicated to commemorating the largest maritime disaster in U.S. history, which occurred on the Mississippi River near Memphis
16. A presentation on black-owned businesses and industry in the Mississippi Delta, including Little Rock's 9th Street Corridor
17. Teach for America

The icing on the cake will be meeting and mixing with Rotarians from our District, District 6800 (Memphis and northern Mississippi), and District 6820 (southern Mississippi).

Finally, we are hoping for an Elvis sighting!

See you there!

David

On the Lighter Side

A husband and wife drove for miles in silence after a terrible argument in which neither would budge. The husband pointed to a mule in a pasture. "Relative of yours?" he asked. "Yes," she replied. "By marriage."

Betsy: "If you have \$2 and you ask your father for \$4, how much will you have?"

Billy: "Two dollars."

Betsy: "You don't know your math."

Billy: "You don't know my father."

Did you hear about the lawyer who didn't like what the restaurant offered? He asked for a change of menu.

"Why is there mistletoe hanging over the baggage counter?" asked the airline passenger, amid the holiday rush. The clerk replied, "It's so you can kiss your luggage goodbye."

Did you hear about the insomniac dyslexic agnostic? He stayed up all night wondering if there really was a dog.

Rotary Rollin on the River District Conference

DISTRICT CONFERENCE - Rotary Rollin on the River!

Make Plans to attend this year's District Conference on April 21 - 23, 2023 in Memphis, TN at the Guesthouse at Graceland

District 6150 is joining District 6800 (Memphis and Northern Mississippi) and District 6820 (Southern Mississippi, not including the coast) to combine their resources. Among the presenters will be the nominee for Rotary International President for Rotary Year 2024-2025, Stephanie Urchick.

Check out the website [Rotary Rollin on the River](#).

It is being updated frequently with information on sessions, speakers and activities.

Registration is now open! Register by April 15 to avoid late fees. [Register Now](#)



April is Environment Month



ENVIRONMENT

Rotary shares an interest in protecting our common legacy: the environment

Rotarians are committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation.

HOW DOES ROTARY HELP PROTECT OUR PLANET?

The Rotary Foundation enables our members and their community allies to take action in many ways,

including:

- Protecting and restoring land, coastal, marine, and freshwater resources
- Enhancing the capacity of communities to support natural resource management and conservation
- Supporting sustainable agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture practices
- Supporting education initiatives that promote behavior that protects the environment
- Advocating for sustainable consumption to build an economy that uses resources more efficiently

Does your club have an environmental project planned for this month? Plant trees, Participate in a Community Clean-up or Plan a Recycling Event. Your club can have an impact.

Mid-America PETS 2023

By Sydney O'Quin Gilbert on Thursday, April 6, 2023



26 Presidents-Elect and 7 Presidents-Nominees attended the annual training for incoming Presidents in Springdale, AR March 23-25. This training is made up of 3 parts: Inspirational sessions, Idea Exchanges & District sessions. Our PEs & PNs heard from outstanding speakers like PDG Ray Keller, RI Director Elizabeth Usovicz, RI Director-Elect Beth Stubbs and RI President-Elect Gordon McNally. Jacob Hess (Rotary Club of Wynne) and Brent Skrodenis (Rotary Club of Little Rock Afterhours) were given Paul Harris Fellows.

Our District sessions allowed me to meet with the Presidents class of 2023-24 to determine our goals and focus for the year. Your club leaders agreed to



support a District Donation to Heifer International to focus on community development and empowering women. We will roll out a new Foundation fundraiser where a Foundation Ambassador from each club will be appointed and be the cheerleader for the Rotary Foundation. The Foundation Gala (celebration) will be February 23, 2024, Rotary's anniversary. Lastly, the PEs came away from the weekend knowing they have the support of their fellow classmates and District leaders. Together, we will Create Hope in the World.

I want to thank the following District 6150 leaders for attending and serving throughout Mid-America PETS:

PDG Ray Keller, PDG John Carter, PDG Paul Ford, PDG Nancy Leonhardt, PDG James Arbuckle, DG David Menz, DGN Brian Rega, DGND Michelle Oglesby, District Trainer 23-24 Adam Sartin, District Admin. Lisa Golden and Assistant Governors & Governors-Elect, Donna Cole, Sally Cooke, Mary Ann Hargraves, Rena Kelley, Matt Buie & Duane Barnes. Also, thank you to all who helped me physically get around. It was a Rotary event I'll never forget, not just because of being in a wheelchair/on crutches!



DGEs from 4 Rotary Districts (5750, 6110, 6150)





Stuttgart Rotary raised \$10,000 for Wynne Tornado Relief

Like most Rotary Clubs in District 6150, the Stuttgart Rotary Club jumped into action when a fellow community was in need of help. Because that is what Rotarians do.. Stuttgart Rotary raised \$10,000 this week for Tornado Relief efforts in Wynne. They found out what the people of Wynne needed most, purchased it and delivered items on Thursday, April 6. They also delivered food items on Friday, April 7th.

Help is still needed. To assist in the Wynne recovery, DGE Sydney Gilbert setup the district Paypal link for contributions. [Help Wynne Storm Relief](#)

The Little Rock community was hit as well. To assist with storm relief in Little Rock go to [Little Rock Cares](#) .



District Golf Outing set for May

By David F. Menz on Thursday, April 6, 2023



Registration is open for this year's District 6150 Foundation Golf Tournament to be held at The Ridges at Village Creek in Wynne. The 18-hole 4-person scramble format tournament will be held on May 19, 2023 at 10 am. Lunch is included with your \$500 team entry fee. Hole and drink cart sponsorships are available. See the attached flyer for details.

Register your team or sponsorship through DACdb.

[Register NOW](#) for District 6150 Golf Tournament



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