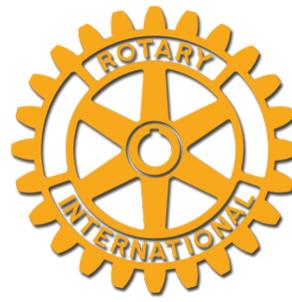


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From the Governor

By David F. Menz



Greetings Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

We are now in the third month of the Rotary Year. I have visited twenty clubs. It would have been twenty-five, but life intervened -- funeral of a dear friend, spouse's surgery, positive covid test, and a twenty-four hour shutdown of I-40 east (which also affected Highways 64 and 70). Sorry West Memphis, I'll see you on October 4th.

I did not expect to enjoy the visits as much as I have. I have installed new club officers, met the leaders of a Interact Club, witnessed the introduction of new members (three at one club), awarded multiple Paul Harris Fellowships (four at one club), and attended the dedication of a club's centennial project.

The District 6150 clubs have unique personalities and varied legacies. However, they all have a common interest in children and young adults. Rotary's September monthly theme is Basic Education and Literacy. Every club has a project or projects which touch on this theme. They include book and dictionary donations, furnishing school supplies and backpacks, mentoring programs, scholarships, and various other imaginative ways to encourage young people to seek success.

The lead article in the September issue of Rotary is entitled "The Gift of Reading", which describes a Rotary literacy project in Guatemala. In District 6150, a member of my club, Michael Poore, the recently retired superintendent of the Little Rock school district, states that if a child is not reading at grade level by third grade, that young person's chance at future academic success is greatly reduced. So we Rotarians need to do what we can to encourage and aid our young people, with a focus on literacy for the youngest. I have mentioned the possibility of a project to some of the clubs I have visited, based on my own experience at an early age. I'm anxious to hear if some clubs try it out.

I'm looking forward to my remaining visits.

Let's Have Some Puns

I was addicted to the hokey pokey, but thankfully, I turned myself around.

I stayed up all night to figure out where the sun goes. Then it dawned on me.

Four Clubs Receive Rotary Citation!

By James Edward Arbuckle Sr.

Four clubs in our district earned the Rotary Citation for Rotary Year 2021 - 2022.

Congratulations to the *Rotary Clubs of Jonesboro, Helena, Sherwood and Wynne!*

The Rotary Citation is the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve. During a year that was challenging for many Rotarians around the world, these clubs demonstrated a commitment to achieving their goals, which ultimately helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future.

The Rotary Citation awards recognize the hard work clubs do throughout the year. Taking action toward achieving the citation goals helps clubs engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and run more efficiently. A welcoming and engaging club also reflects the values of Rotary. When clubs achieve citation goals, they contribute to the overall health and culture of Rotary for generations to come.

Your Rotary, Rotaract, or Interact club can earn a Rotary Citation for this Rotary year! All you have to do is achieve goals that strengthen Rotary and your club. Goals include increasing club



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membership, developing sustainable service projects, giving to The Rotary Foundation, and building awareness of Rotary in your community.

[Citation goals](#) can be found in [Rotary Club Central](#). To achieve the Rotary Citation, review all the available goals, select at least half of them, achieve those goals, then report your achievement in Rotary Club Central.

All achievements need to be reported in Rotary Club Central by 30 June.

District Foundation Banquet set for October 27

This year's District 6150 [Rotary Foundation Banquet](#) is being held on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Heifer International, 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas. The speaker will be Beth Stubbs, RI Director Nominee 2023. Beth also serves as Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Zone 30 and District 6780 Trainer.

Tables of 8 are available for purchase for \$720.00. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$100.00. Sponsorships are also available at three levels. Gold Sponsor - \$5,000 Blue Sponsor - \$2,500 Paul Harris Sponsor - \$1,000

Registration is now open! Purchase your table, tickets or sponsorships at this link. [Register now](#)

September Admin Notes

By Lisa K. Golden

September is Basic Literacy & Education Month

Basic education and literacy is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus. We know that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace. Read what Rotray Trustee Chair 2022-23, Ian H.S. Riseley has to say about literacy. [Trustee Chair's Message](#)

RI and District Dues

Club Treasurers - Have you paid your RI Annual & Semi-Annual Dues? ***If you received a reminder invoice from RI this month, please pay your RI dues as soon as possible.*** The invoices are emailed directly to the Club Treasurer, President & Secretary (if the position is updated in RI). You can also find the invoice by logging into My Rotary. Then choose the Manage Tab and then Club Administration. The payment options and address to mail a check are listed on the invoice.

An Invoice for District Dues & PETS registration was emailed (from districtadmin@rotary6150.org) to your club's Treasurer, President & Secretary. Dues for the District are \$42 per club member based on club membership as of 7/1. The cost for PETS is \$250. Please send 2 checks to Rotary District 6150 at PO Box 21843, Little Rock, AR 72221.

Anywhere in the World Raffle!

By David F. Menz

HOW IT WORKS:

The District will sell a limited number of tickets (not to exceed 500) at \$25.00 per ticket. A winner will be selected on October 29, 2022, by a random drawing from all tickets sold. The winner is entitled to

- Two (2) roundtrip airline tickets, economy fare, to anywhere in the world they want to go
- Dinner for two (2) at the destination chosen by the winner

PURCHASE TICKETS:

Purchase your tickets now via DACdb by clicking the link below or accessing the district calendar. Pay with your credit card and you will receive an email containing your ticket numbers and confirmation.

[Purchase Tickets Now](#)

RULES:

The maximum value to be awarded is \$5,000.00 and may be used only for coach airfare and the dinner. Any upgrades to airline seating, lodging at the chosen destination, ground transport or



other related expenses are solely at the expense of the winner. The trip will be arranged by a travel agent chosen by the District and must be taken within 9 months from the time the winner is announced. Failure of the winner to take the trip within the 9 months following the selection of the winner will result in the winner being awarded a cash prize of not more than 50% of the maximum value of the award, said amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. Any tax liability resulting from the award of the prize will be the sole responsibility of the winner.



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