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District 6150



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From the Governor



September is **Basic Education and Literacy Month**. Did you know that over 17% of the world's ADULT population cannot read? Rotary's work is to support access to basic education, reducing the gender disparity in education and increasing literacy.

Here are the stats from around the world:

An estimated 53% of children in low- and middle-income countries cannot read proficiently by age 10. (World Bank, 2019) Almost 70 million more teachers are needed by 2030 in order to provide every child with primary and secondary education.

(UNESCO, 2016)

- In lower and middle-lower income countries, 40% of children with disabilities are out of primary school. 55% are out of secondary school. (UNICEF, 2016)
- 132 million girls are out of school worldwide. (UNESCO, 2016)



In Arkansas, the illiteracy rate is 23.1% (ranked 12th in the nation.) This is why our District's partnership with **Arkansas Imagination Library** is so important. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library sends 1 free book per month to children ages 0-5. Why are we focusing on our youngest children? Studies show...

- 85% of a person's intellect, personality & social skills are developed by age 5.
- 95% of public investment in education occurs after age 5, when the most critical learning years have passed.
- Children in middle- and high-income homes have an average of 13 books per child, while children living in poverty have an average of 1 book per 300 children. Because of this, low-income preschoolers have fewer learning opportunities than children from high-income backgrounds. This is a major reason why they lag behind in reading achievement throughout their school years.

Please consider investing in these children by sponsoring a child in the program for \$26/ year. Your club's contributions stay in your county. Also, spread the word that this program is available for free to all kids 0-5!

Need help? Contact your local Imagination Library affiliate (<https://arkansasimaginationlibrary.org/directory/>) or **Brooke Bridges, AR Imagination Library Affiliate Resource Development Director AND member of the Rotary Club of Little Rock Afterhours** at brooke@arimaginationlibrary.org.

District Golf Tournament set for October 13

Monday, August 28, 2023

The date is Friday, October 13th, at the Ridges of Village Creek on Highway 284 north of Wynne. King Casbeer is doing his usual wonderful job planning the tournament. For club of the year, points are awarded to each club that sends a team. Bring players who are not Rotarians and encourage them to join your club.



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Registration is open. The 18-hole 4-person scramble format tournament will begin 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



Foundation Ambassador



Rotary Foundation Ambassadors

- Each club should nominate an Ambassador to promote The Rotary Foundation and raise funds through an online giving platform.
- Each Ambassador is challenged to raise \$1000 in new contributions to The Rotary Foundation. If this goal is met, they will receive a Paul Harris Fellow.
- The Ambassador who raises the most money for the Foundation from October 1 - February 20 will be recognized at the Foundation Gala and receive a congratulatory billboard in their community.
- There will also be awards for the Ambassador who had the most givers (number of people who participated) and the most creative fundraiser.

Foundation Gala 2024

Join us for a fun celebration of our Rotary Ambassadors and their efforts to raise awareness and funds for The Rotary Foundation. We will have a live band and raffle off some amazing prizes.

When: Friday, February 24, 2024

Where: Jonesboro, AR

CLUBS SHOULD REPORT YOUR AMBASSADOR'S NAME BY SEPT 15. [Email DG Sydney Gilbert.](#)

September Admin Notes

By Lisa K. Golden on Thursday, September 7, 2023

RI Dues

Club Treasurers - Have you paid your RI Annual & Semi-Annual Dues? If you received a reminder invoice from RI on or about August 15 then your club is delinquent. 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.

October 24 is World Polio Day

Mark your calendars for World Polio Day 2023! Join the global movement on 24 October as Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs around the world take action to promote awareness of polio and raise funding for Rotary's polio eradication efforts. With poliovirus being reported in previously polio-free areas, the past few years have truly shown that polio anywhere is a threat to children everywhere.

In this critical year for polio eradication, **we need your help** to show the world the tenacity of Rotary members in accomplishing an audacious goal: a polio-free world. Visit our [World Polio Day](#)



webpage for resources and tips on how you and your club can participate in promoting a polio-free world on 24 October.

Check out these [World Polio Day Resources](#) to help you plan your event & get the word out. Let's make polio history. Together, we end polio!



Join the PolioPlus Society!

In an effort to increase sustainable giving, the PolioPlus Society (PPS) was formed to encourage Rotarians to commit to a minimum of \$100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund until polio is eradicated from the face of the earth. Society members receive a special PPS pin, an End Polio Now bracelet, and a certificate.

Would you like to become a charter member of the PolioPlus society? Complete [this form](#) & send it to rotary6150@gmail.com.

How to donate to PolioPlus through the PPS:

- Go to my.rotary.org/donate and click on "Polio Fund".
- We encourage Rotarians to join PolioPlus Direct (the recurring option), signing up for automatic giving with a credit card. \$10 (or more) per month will qualify you for the society.
- Of course, you can also donate through their club.

