



District 6170 Newsletter

rotary6170.org

August

“They’re just gone” | An up-close look at the damage Eastern Kentucky flooding left behind

“This one mom looked at me and she said I don’t know and she just started to break down, and then you ask those questions, how many people are in your family and she had five boys and a girl and so they need blankets, they need towels they need the absolute bare minimum right now, they don’t have anything,” said WVLT First Alert Meteorologist Paige Noel.

After devastating flooding hit Eastern Kentucky, help is still needed in the mountains. “Where there were once homes there are no homes anymore they’re just gone, they’re just not even there, that’s the worst part and then you see these creeks and streams you can see where the water was. People have compared it to hurricane Katrina and until you’re up here you’re kind of like that’s not true, but it is. It kind of looks like the damage, I’ve seen tornadoes, I’ve seen the damage tornadoes have done and it’s like that but on a larger scale, more widespread,” said Noel.

Copyright 2022 WYMT. All rights reserved.

Please use the link below to make online donations for Pikeville Rotary Club Eastern Kentucky Disaster Relief Fund spearheaded by Rotary D6740.

George P. Betts, Disaster Response Chair, District 6170

[Click Here To Donate](#)

IN THIS ISSUE:

- The Kentucky Flooding
- Club(s) News + Visits
- District Governor Visits
- Human Trafficking
- District Membership



As Rotarians we are at our best when we are serving others. We do this in many ways. We do it in our own communities. And we do it throughout the world. With the recent flooding in Kentucky we have the opportunity to help our neighbors there. Our hearts go out to those who have lost homes and loved ones. Our District Disaster Response Coordinator, George Betts, has been working with his counterpart in Kentucky to find ways that we can help. Some of you have already responded with financial assistance. Thank you!

Mr. Bill Fish
District Governor 22-23
Dist. 6170

[Rotary Club of Stamps, Ark](#)

[Click to visit facebook page](#)

On June 04, 2022, two staff members of the Dirty Water Solutions of Stamps, AR. Rex Lenard, also Rotary President and Frank Lofton, also Rotary member took a portion of the Rotary Club members and community leaders to Minden, Louisiana. They were transported by van there to see firsthand their locally designed water filtering system. The system has been tested using some of the dirtiest landfills in the U.S. In so doing, they are able to remove 99+% of total dissolved solids, chlorides, ammonia, biological solids and oxygen.



[Rotary Club of Camden, Arkansas](#)

[Click to visit facebook page](#)

Honored Kenneth (Doc) Long with Paul Harris Society membership. Pictured is Rotary International District 6170 Paul Harris Chairman David Mason and Kenneth (Doc) Long receiving his Paul Harris Society certificate. Doc Long became a member of the Rotary Club of Camden, Arkansas September 1, 1981, and, at 99 years old, is believed to be the oldest active member of Rotary District 6170. Doc, a United States Army veteran, and retired Sheet Metal and Petrochemical Entrepreneur, has traveled extensively, and has accumulated a vast array of experiences and the unique knowledge that only travel can give. Please join the Rotary Club of Camden, Arkansas in congratulating Kenneth (Doc) Long, a Rotarian, for his service



Paul Harris Fellows

Continuing the legacy of our founder, the Paul Harris Fellow program recognizes individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

The honor was established in 1957 to show appreciation for contributions that support our Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.



Rotary Club of Polk County/Mena

[Click to visit facebook page](#)

DG Bill Fish and our club president Tanner Hooper. We had a full house for DG Bill's visit. He spoke to us about the Rotary theme for the year, the excitement of our first female president and his view of how the year will be.



Rotary Club of Arkadelphia

[Click to visit facebook page](#)

The Rotary Club of Arkadelphia kicked off their first fundraiser of the year by supporting the CALL that provides resources to foster families and to foster children who are looking for their forever home. The club encouraged Service to Above self to members' children who sold the lemonade and held signs to encourage customers to stop. With a thunderstorm rolling through earlier that afternoon, the club didn't even know if they could host the sale until shortly before it started, but with baked goodies and lemonade prepped and eager little salespeople, the rain stopped just in time to have a safe and successful Lemonade "Stand for Foster Families."

Members showed their support by providing homemade baked goods and lemonades. A local office, the Sexton Firm, allowed the Club to set up in front of their business, and with the help of Facebook, nearby businesses, and fellow Rotarians, lots of lemonade was poured! The Club took donations only, and in less than two hours they raised \$250 that will support foster children and foster families in their community of Clark County, Arkansas.



Rotary Club of Pine Bluff, Ark

[Click to visit facebook page](#)

District Governor Bill Fish and Staton, Evan K (President), McNulty, Stanley Owen (Secretary) Bellingrath, Mac (Treasurer) had a GREAT visit! Bills experience and insightful suggestions to increase membership and bring more service projects to our community were awesome.



Rotary Club of Prescott, Ark

[Click to visit facebook page](#)

July 26th Prescott Rotarians Rose to the occasion and Presented our Past Rotarian Boe Young with a Service Pin for the year as serving the community and her endeavors for the Prescott Rotary Club. Boe made a difference in helping those who was confined to during the Covid-19 she provided meals and much needed supplies for those in the Prescott Community.

July 5, 2022 Elaine Williams officially was passed the Gabber as Prescott Rotary Club President 2022.

July 26th Prescott Rotarians Janet Hood and Elaine Williams was a part of the Prescott Summer Reading Program, helped with activities and crafts for the children and later served snacks after the Storytime.

Prescott School Supt. Robert Poole spoke the Prescott Rotary Club on School concerns and opening.

August 2, 2022 the Prescott Rotary Club was a part of "An Evening out with the Law Enforcement" We served popcorn to the visitors and had our Cotton Candy served as our Polio Fundraiser,

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made (1905) by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization, Movement and Service work in action."



Conway Rotary Club

[Click to visit facebook page](#)

Bill,
Again, it was great to have you as our special guest at Conway Morning Rotary this week!

Sincerely,
Mike Altland



Rotary members aim to root out the global scourge of human trafficking.

Combating human trafficking, a scourge which impacts an estimated 40 million people worldwide, is the goal of the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery and several cause-based Rotary clubs.

By Frank Bures

[Click To Read
The Article](#)



Slight Increase in District Membership

The Rotary year 2021-2022 ended with a slight increase in our total membership for the district: net increase of five (5) members.

This was accomplished through the addition of new clubs, which is coordinated by PDG Dennis. We ended the year with 38 Rotary clubs, a net increase of two. If we had not added the new clubs, our membership would have again decreased. Thus, we see the need for our clubs to strategically and intentionally seek to add new members to our club rolls.

District Membership – Robert J Thompson, Chair

[Click To Read
The Article](#)



MEMBERSHIP GALLERY

[**DONATE**](#)