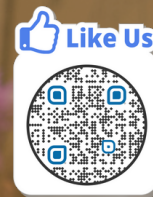




District 6170 Newsletter

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Basic Education and Literacy

Rotary's theme for the month of September is Basic Education and Literacy, one of the six areas of focus.

September

Facing the challenges of COVID-19, Rotary clubs and partner organizations are finding new ways to support access to education.

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Some experts fear school closures and the loss of some family incomes could keep children out of school indefinitely. "We have worked so many years to get kids in school, get them enrolled, and get them to stay in school," says Carolyn Johnson, a Rotary member from Maine, USA, who helps Rotary clubs design grants that support education. "This is going to put those efforts back years."

by Arnold R. Grahl



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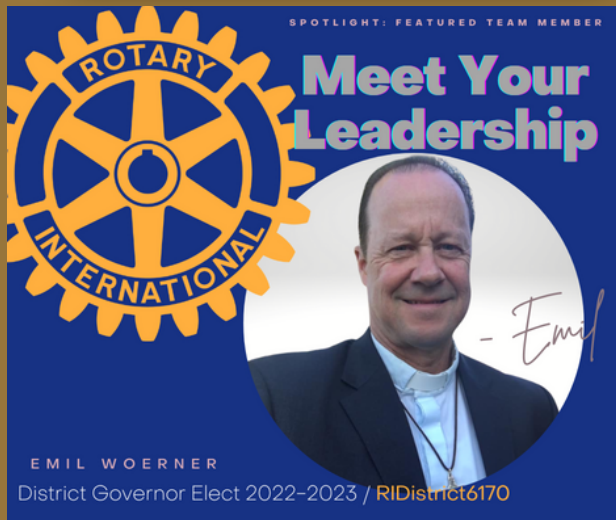
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Jackson, MS Clean Water Crisis:

Elizabeth Usovicz
Rotary International Director,
Rotary Zones 30 and 31

Recent flooding has resulted in a crisis of clean water for Jackson's 180,000 residents, pushing the city's already compromised water system to breakdown. The consequences for the education, health and nutrition of children are especially dire. Schools have been closed due to lack of functioning bathrooms and kitchens. Parents struggle to feed their children due to a lack of clean water for cooking. As an immediate measure, the National Guard has set up seven distribution points for distributing limited amounts of bottled water. Many news outlets have reported on the consequences for the city's at-risk populations and children, including this article from Time magazine.

Rotary District Governor in 6820, Mark DiBiase, the District 6820 leadership and Rotary clubs in Jackson are organized to accept contributions and assistance to help citizens, families and children to access clean water. The Rotary Clubs of Jackson and North Jackson are currently working to identify specific projects to target their help to the community. District 6820 will also apply for a Disaster Response grant through The Rotary Foundation.

Contributions can be sent to the following address.
All donations are tax-deductible.

District 6820 Foundation - Disaster Relief Fund
131 Fox Run Road
Canton, MS 39046-9633

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Magnolia Rotary Club

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Tuesday, September 6, 2022, our Rotary group met SAU Magnolia students for an informal session introducing them to Rotaract. Immediate past president Will Wood led the discussion with Whitney Peterson, Daniel McDermott, Joshua Turner, Robin Sronce, and president-elect Gary Maskell acting as Rotary ambassadors. There were 14 SAU Students in attendance. After a time of fellowship and dining on pizza, soda, and desserts, Will Wood gave an excellent description of what a Rotaract group can accomplish in their context. Each of our Rotary ambassadors shared their experiences with Rotary, describing the many blessings we have experienced. Will followed his presentation with a time for questions and prize drawings. We concluded by scheduling our next time to meet with our SAU students."

Thanks to Joshua Turner of the Banner News for the photos!



Prescott Rotary Club

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Fish said he wouldn't be District Gov. if not for the Prescott club. This is because a Rotarian must have been a club president to be a District Gov., and Prescott was the first place Fish was club president. He told the club he's enjoyed the work in his

current position, saying it's an "amazing opportunity" and a privilege. This year is a special case, he continued, because, for the first time in Rotary International's history, there's a female president, Jennifer Jones. Fish said she's the perfect president for Rotary International and has already made a difference.



Morrilton Rotary Club

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Allen Lipsmeyer-

Good morning Morrilton

Today we will be celebrating the 100th year of our local rotary club.

We will have a celebration at the Depot at 5:30 it is open to the public please come out and help us celebrate.

As Mayor I am declaring it Morrilton Rotary Club Day send a message of congratulations. Another reason we are a great community.

WE ARE A GREAT COMMUNITY

Congrats!

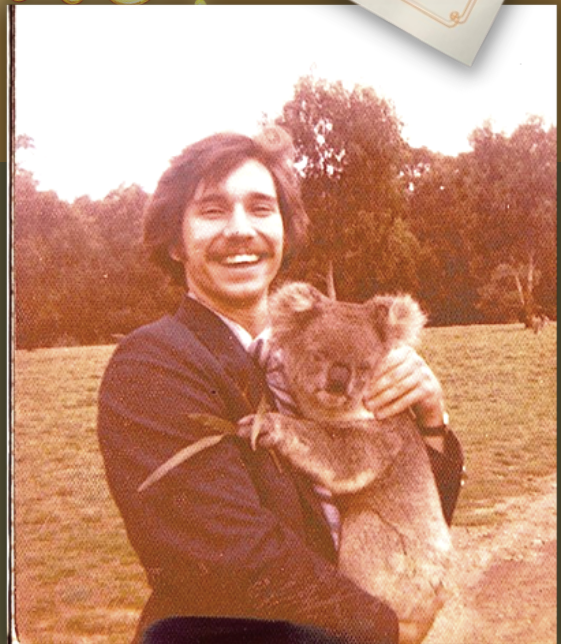


Rotary has been a part of Jerry L. Smith's life since the '70s. How about this picture of our current club President in 1973 as a full-ride Rotary Graduate Fellow at an animal reserve in South Australia?

Jerry's story -

Because I was a Rotary Graduate Fellow in 1973, my heart, mind, and soul have been with Rotary for almost 50 years. Personally, I think that Rotary has evolved over its 117 years to higher and higher levels of understanding when it comes to our motto of "Service Above Self". I believe that today in Rotary it really means community development, where everything comes together for the common good.

The reason I say this is because Rotary has recently broken through the social enclosure that helps define clubs and churches alike. What Rotary has done recently is establish the Rotary Community Corps (RCC), which has no dues or fees, no meetings per se, and no participation requirements. It literally is open to anyone. Guided by Rotary's ethical standards, the RCC members decide what community development work they will do, and they just do it. Because of Rotary's incredible track record of doing good around the world, I believe that with the advent of the Rotary Community Corps, Rotary has a big role to play in solving many of society's problems.



West Pine Bluff Rotary Club

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Give me 15 Minutes

ReGina Barnes, a new author, as she talked about her new book 15 Minutes. Ms. Barnes gave up pursuit of her masters degree to concentrate on the inspiration that she had received to write for families with elementary-age children. Her book is written as a request from a child to have fifteen minutes of their parent's time so that they can communicate about school and life.

Communication is the key to solving many of the problems that plague families. This seems especially true where young children are concerned because of the other aspects of life that are clamoring for their attention. Ms. Barnes told those in attendance of how she learned to focus on this part of her own family. It helps to take away the stress of rearing our children.

Ms. Barnes announced that she will have a book signing session at the community center in White Hall on Saturday, 3 September 2022. She is excited about this work that she has written and expressed that she anticipates writing other books to help with this part of our lives and society.



How old is Rotary?



Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service.

Magnolia Rotary Club

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Magnolia Rotary Club has been busy bringing awareness to Human Trafficking. Several members handed out LifeSavers to SAU students with the national trafficking hotline. They encouraged the students to educate themselves of the risk of trafficking and be a lifesaver and help someone if they see signs of trafficking. In addition to Blue and Gold Day at SAU, Magnolia Rotary teamed up with Saline County After Hours club and participated in tailgating at the Salt Bowl at War Memorial Stadium. Rotarians handed out trafficking materials and lifesavers to the crowd and vendors. They met several Rotarians at different booths and encouraged all to be a Super Hero and help end human slavery.



Sheridan Rotary Club

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We had a **GREAT** time with **DG Bill Fish** during his visit to our club. What a delight to have his wife **Mrs. Carla Fish** join the festivities. Thank you **DG. Bill** for all that you do!



PATHWAYS to our FUTURE 2.0

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Who Are Your Emerging Leaders?

Part of preparing your district's future leaders should be attending the **2022 Zone Conference** in Chattanooga. Sure, those in line for the District Governor's role will be attending, but what about those other club and district Rotarians with the potential to follow in coming years? Imagine your district's future with a cadre of trained leaders, just waiting to step up and serve. The conference planning committee is offering a Pathway to their Future. This year's conference program offers a special training track just for them. Check out the **Emerging Rotary Leaders** program, being offered on Friday, September 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is the perfect opportunity to get them ready for leadership roles in their clubs and your districts. Your clubs' leadership knows who these Rotarians are, identify them and invite them to join us. Make sure that they'll be on hand for this training opportunity and all the other great programming lined up for us.

Perryville Rotary Club

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A new civic club serving Perry County was certified by Rotary International last Thursday just before some of the charter members were inducted as part of the Rotary Club of Morrilton centennial celebration event. Until the club reaches 20 members it will be a satellite club sponsored by the Morrilton club.

Chairman of the board for the Perryville club, Larry Elmore, said that “one of the main things we liked about Rotary was that with all of the conflicting political and religious beliefs out there today, they could all agree with the principles and values of Rotary and work as a team to help the community.

In addition to Elmore, the charter members of the club are Wendy and Matt Smithpeters, Trinity Neely, Delores Honeysuckle, Wendy Smithpeters, Wes and Kim Bennett, and Angie Elmore.

For the Rotary Club of Morrilton, last Thursday was an evening of “big-time firsts”.

That is how club president Jerry Smith summed up the club’s centennial celebration event which attracted an estimated 250 people to the public block party the club held on Railroad Avenue in front of the Depot Museum.

The “firsts” Smith referred to came during the program part of the event and included the first time the club inducted eight new members at one time; the first time that past presidents from as far back as the 1960s showed up for a reunion and group photo; and the first time the club sponsored a satellite Rotary club.

The featured speaker, Rotary International Director Elizabeth Usovicz, was also called upon to perform the induction ceremony for the eight new members, which had grown from just one person earlier in the day. Five of the eight are Perryville satellite members.

“It’s hard to say which was a bigger first. The Perry County club gets my vote,” said Smith. “We did not know until just a couple hours before the event started that their new club application had been approved by Rotary International. We really look forward to working with them.”



Rotary International Director Elizabeth Usovicz addresses the crowd

Past presidents and representatives of past presidents of the Rotary Club of Morrilton



Perryville Satellite Rotary Club charter members Matt and Wendy Smithpeters, Angie Elmore, Delores Honeysuckle and Larry Elmore.



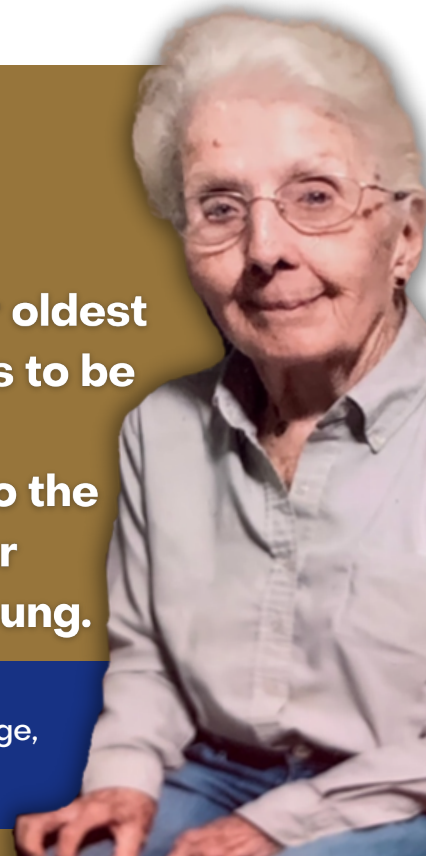
Prescott Rotary Club

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Gean Young who was going to become one of our oldest members to join Rotary. The week before she was to be sworn in as a Present Rotarian she passed away suddenly. We submitted a donation in her honor to the Polio Plus Foundation. Gean was the mother of our longest standing Rotarian member Dr. Michael Young.

Our sincerest condolences for all of Geans loved ones at this time. You have our deepest sympathy and unwavering support. Wishing you peace, comfort, courage, and lots of love at this time of sorrow.

-Your Rotarian Family (locally & world wide)



A Word From RI Pres. Jennifer Jones

Dear Rotary family,

I've always been inspired by something my brother David once told me: "In order to live in the kind of society you want, you have to help build it."

As people of action, Rotary members have a long history of creating positive change within our communities and ourselves. And now, as we begin the 2022-23 Rotary year, I'm excited to continue the work of growing Rotary into the organization we want it to be and know it can be.



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