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DISTRICT 6490

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Emphasis for 2019-20 is on ‘Growing Rotary’

Rotary International President-elect Mark Daniel Maloney explained his vision for building a stronger Rotary, calling on leaders to expand connections to their communities and to embrace innovative membership models.

RI President-elect Mark Maloney announced the 2019-20 presidential theme, *Rotary Connects the World*, to incoming district governors in San Diego, California.

Maloney, a member of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, unveiled the theme at Rotary’s annual training event, the International Assembly.

“The first emphasis is to grow Rotary — to grow our service; to grow the impact of our projects; but, most importantly, to grow our membership so that we can achieve more,” Maloney said.

Maloney believes that connection is at the heart of the Rotary experience.”

(Rotary) allows us to connect with each other, in deep and



2019-20 Rotary theme

meaningful ways, across our differences,” Maloney said. “It connects us to people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us to our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.”

Maloney also called on every Rotary and Rotaract club to identify segments of their community not represented in their club by creating a membership committee with diverse members.

“Through Rotary, we connect to the incredible diversity of humanity on a truly unique footing, forging deep and lasting ties in pursuit of a common goal,” he added. “In this ever more divided world, Rotary connects us all.”

Maloney urged leaders to offer alternative meeting experiences and service opportunities to make it easier for busy professionals and people with many family obligations to serve in leadership roles.

“We need to foster a culture where Rotary does not compete with the family, but rather complements it,” Maloney said. “That means taking real, practical



DGE Julie Dobski meets RI President Mark Daniel Maloney and his wife, Gay, at International Assembly in San Diego last month.

steps to change the existing culture: being realistic in our expectations, considerate in our scheduling and welcoming of children at Rotary events on every level.”

Maloney said many of the barriers that prevent people from serving as leaders in Rotary are based on expectations that are no longer relevant.

“It is time to adapt, to change our culture and to convey the message that you can be a great district governor without visiting every club individually, and a great president without doing everything yourself.”



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MY TWO CENTS WORTH New Rotarians

District Governor Arlene Pennie



last month

Thanks to everyone who took advantage of the “Matching Points Campaign” during the months of December and January. I cannot express enough the importance of contributions made to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation. District 6490 receives back 50% of that money after three years as District Designated Funds (DDF) and it is used to support our district’s efforts in Global Grants, District Grants, Vocational Training Teams (VTT), Scholarships and Polio Eradication.

We are doing great projects around the world with our Global Grants. A record amount of over \$50,000 was used for District Grants this year – putting money back into our clubs to do community projects. We would like to give back even more, but need your donations to make that happen.

Our district is behind in our giving to the Foundation this year. Our goal is to have donations averaging at least \$100 per member by the end of

this year. Please consider increasing the amount given last year.

Donations can come from individuals and also from clubs.

I encourage you to sign up with RI for an automatic deduction from your checking account or credit card. You can determine the amount and whether it is per month, per quarter, per year, etc. You won’t even miss it. Before long, you are a Paul Harris member, a Paul Harris Society member, a Major Donor, etc.

We Rotarians “people of action” want to make the world a better place, not just here, but everywhere, not just for us, but also for everyone, for generations to come. Be inspired. Inspire others. “Be the Inspiration!”

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18 new members since 01/01/19	

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DISTRICT NEWS

District 6490 grants serve community organizations

By Heather Stoa
District Grants chair

Through donations from Rotarians to The Rotary Foundation, our contributions have funded a record 25 grants in our district this year! In our continuing series on District Grants, three more community projects using District Designated Funds are being featured this month.

The Arcola Sunrise Club was awarded \$1,680 for the Mi Raza Community Center Revitalization project in Arcola, IL. The Center is seeking to improve and re-implement programs and services offered to local immigrant communities that were lost in state funding cuts. Arcola is a community of almost 50% Hispanic culture. Rotarians are helping set up a citizenship and residency information session, a residency application day, and a health screening and awareness day. Local high school students are writing articles about migrant issues for the local public awareness campaign. Rotarians are assisting with the logistics of the sessions, offering transportation, providing refreshments, and funding a limited number of health screening tests. They are also purchasing new English Language and Spanish Language books for the center.

The Mahomet Rotary Club, in collaboration with the Friends of the Mahomet Library, is using its check for \$2,520 to replace furniture in the children's section of Mahomet Public Library. New furniture such as upholstered chairs joined by bridging tables and lounge chairs will allow children to read, study and write safely in comfort. For some

students the library is the only quiet space available to them to concentrate and learn. The grant will replace worn out oversized storybooks used in storytelling

events such as *Read Across America*. Mahomet Rotary Club members borrow materials from the children's section each year to use in *Read Across America*, an annual gathering at the local mall where Rotarians read stories to children in a community-wide effort to promote literacy. The grant will add instructional and developmental play items. The toys are used in the library to create a space where all children feel welcome including those with physical and cognitive disabilities. The children's section of the library hosts the most active programming of any department in the library throughout the year. The Mahomet Rotary Club and Friends of the Library have worked together for over 10 years on an annual joint fundraiser, *Run for the Library*. Books acquired will contain a bookplate indicating the donation by Mahomet Rotary Club and Friends of the Library.

Rotary International partnered with Habitat for Humanity in October of 2017 to provide affordable housing for people around the world. Prior to the official partnership, the Sullivan Rotary Club was already working with its local Habitat for Humanity organization! In 2008, a local factory donated property for Habitat Village. The local Habitat for Humanity chapter built twelve habitat homes for low income



On Jan. 15, Sullivan Rotary Club presented a \$1,680 check to its local Habitat for Humanity for Habitat Village lighting.

individuals who are employed and able to make modest house payments. There have been no street lights in the area since the homes were built. Six light poles have been donated by St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, IL for the purpose of adding street lighting. The Sullivan Rotary Club is paying for installation and electrical hook-up of these fixtures to create a lighted neighborhood and provide a more safe and secure environment. Previously the Sullivan Rotary Club planted trees to help green up this development. They were assisted in the planting by the Sullivan Interact Club from the local middle school. Sullivan Rotarians are looking forward to the dedication of the lights later this year.

Please consider a contribution to The Rotary Foundation to insure continued funding of District Grants. We had requests for more than \$60,000 this year, but had to cut our allocations by 16% because of lack of funds. Our gifts make a difference and allow us to have a greater impact in our communities. To give, go to "rotary.org". Sign in to "My Rotary", click on "The Rotary Foundation". Under "Give", go to "Ways to Give" and then choose the method that works for you. Thank you to all who make the personal financial commitment to help.



Land of Lincoln PETS

Rotary Districts 6490, 6510, 6560 and 6580



"I'm glad I went to PETS because I enjoyed learning about ways to increase membership in my club"



"I am glad I went to President Elect Training (PETS). I met many people from other Districts who have become my mentors and friends! I went to PETS as a PEN and am so glad I did. I stepped in as President 6 months early & I feel the leadership training I received was invaluable. Also going to PETS as President Elect was another incredible opportunity to bond with fellow District Presidents."

Join us March 16-17, 2019 in Effingham, IL as we support your year as Rotary Club President-Elect, or Nominee. This preparation is critical to ensure you have the skills and resources required to lead your club to great heights! RI requires all club Presidents-Elect to attend this important 2 day session and we have found those who attend as Nominees are having the strongest years as President of their clubs. Your District team has prepared an inspiring experience you don't want to miss! Test Drive Your Leadership and you'll have a lot of fun along the way!

Register now at www.lolpets.org

DISTRICT CALENDAR

- Feb. 23, 2019** – Membership facilitator meeting in Bloomington.
- March 16-17** – Land of Lincoln PETS in Effingham for Districts 6490, 6510, 6580 and 6560.
- March 30** – Heart of America Rotary Leadership Institute at Richland College, Decatur
- April 12-14** – RYLA at Allerton Park near Monticello.
- May 4** – District Assembly for club officers, current and future. The Forum at Carle in Urbana.
- June 30** – District 6490 officer installation.
- Oct. 18-20** – District 6490 Annual Conference at DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington.

CLUB NEWS

Danville Sunrise helps build wall

By Stacey Jolley

The Danville Sunrise Rotary Club presented \$4,200 to the Vermilion Association for Special Education School (VASE) on January 24. The presentation comes after receiving a matching grant from District 6490 for \$2,100 and six months of fundraising efforts from the club to match the grant. Back in July 2018 the club

started collecting recipes and put together a

cookbook, which was sold locally as a fundraiser for this service project.

The \$4,200 went towards the 52-foot long by 8-foot tall rock wall. The wall is not only used for physical education, but also for classroom learning (problem solving) using

colors, numbers and words that can be added to the wall. The rock wall enables each student to participate in some way, despite the disability some may have.

Pictured are Sunrise Rotary members along with VASE teachers in front of the rock wall.



EarlyAct/Interact

Early Act Inspires Champaign Rotarians

By Janet Ellis-Nelson

Champaign Rotary

When the fourth and fifth graders in Champaign's Garden Hills Elementary School's EarlyAct Club were asked what they would

like to do for their community service project, they overwhelmingly wanted, "to help the homeless."

Champaign Rotarian and Board Member for C-U at Home men's shelter, Sheryl Palmer, was invited to an EarlyAct meeting to tell about the people who come to the shelter and how EarlyAct might help. The members discovered that about thirty men stay at the shelter each night, and they are given a snack when they arrive and before they leave in the morning, as well as a cot and clean sheets and a blanket to sleep on.

Reverend Dr. Palmer said the shelter was most



Selling popcorn

in need of snacks and laundry detergent.

EarlyAct spent time deciding how to raise money and decided to sell popcorn at evening events in which parents would be present.

EarlyAct member, Sandra Villa Hernandez, and teacher sponsor, Chris Davis, came to Champaign Rotary's meeting on January 14 to ask the club to help by either bringing snacks for the shelter or donating money to the cause on January 21 or 28. So far, EarlyAct has raised \$541 for laundry detergent and Champaign Rotary donated 825 individual snacks for the shelter.



Some of the snacks that were donated

Interact puts chili on tap for heated rivalry

By Janet Ellis-Nelson

Champaign Rotary

Centennial High School's Interact Club held a chili



Making chili

supper before hometown rivals, Centennial versus Central, basketball game on Friday, January 11. This required a great deal of planning, as it was their first week back to school after Winter Break.

Interact members started selling tickets to family and friends before Christmas. Interact President Colby Chanthavong and Treasurer Jordan DeLuce attended Champaign Rotary's meeting on Monday, January 7, to sell tickets to Rotarians. Interact members and faculty sponsor, Alyssa Anderson, shopped for ingredients on Tuesday

and Wednesday, and club members made the chili on Thursday after school.

Immediately after school on Friday, members gathered to decorate the cafeteria, set out table service, relishes, desserts and drinks and heat up the chili.

A steady stream of people came between 5-7 p.m. to enjoy the dinner. Centennial teacher, Shannon Percoco, who brings her family to the chili supper every year, declared, "It was delicious!" Interact will use the money from the chili supper to fund their service projects.



Interactors with their desserts