



### Events

September 16th  
**SAWS Ramp Build (Build Team is Full)**

### Speakers

### Club Leaders

**Allen Bourff**  
President  
**Staci Woods**  
Secretary  
**Michael A. Peterson**  
Treasurer  
**Mike Byers**  
Club Director  
Membership Chair  
**Jeremy Ferris**  
Club Director  
**Beth A. Gehlhausen**  
Club Director  
**Kenneth D. Hubbard**  
Club Director  
**Kathy Krusie**  
Club Director  
**Alex Perkins**  
Club Public Image Chair  
**Janet Pritchett**  
Club Public Image Chair  
**Kim Williams**  
Club Director  
**Robert J. Guindon**  
Rotary Foundation Chair  
**John W. Magsamen**  
Club Admin Chair  
**Mark T. McSweeney**  
Webmaster  
**Ray A. Muston II**  
Rotary Foundation Chair  
**Dereck Vogler**  
Club Admin Chair  
**Mathew Rapp**  
Club Service Chair  
**Cheryl A. Swift**  
Club Service Chair  
**Suzanne J. Thomas**  
Club Service Chair  
**Randy Wheeler**  
iPast President  
**Jim Wolf**  
Club Social Chair  
**Janet L. Brewer**  
Assistant District Governor

### Birthdays

Brien Richmond  
September 8th  
Stephen D. Leonard PDG 2004-05  
September 10th  
Michael A. Peterson  
September 12th  
Jo Anne Lyon  
September 13th  
Aaron Bruns  
September 17th  
Steven Fero  
September 18th  
Daniel S. Chamberlain  
September 27th

### Upcoming Program

**September 8th at 7am:**  
**American Legion**  
**9091 E. 126th St., Fishers**



**Jake Reardon McSoley**  
**Director of Recreation & Wellness, City of Fishers**

Jake Reardon McSoley is the Director of Recreation & Wellness for the City of Fishers. In this role, Jake lends leadership to both the City of Fishers Parks & Recreation Department as well as the Fishers Health Department.

He is also engaged in a variety of culture of health and quality of life projects and initiatives.

Prior to starting in this role in June of 2022, he served the community as Executive Director of the Fishers YMCA for a number of years, helping to strengthen the community by building a culture of servant leadership.

He and his wife Jenn have been Fishers' residents for 18 years. Their two sons, Jackson and Jace both attend HSE Schools. He is also a proud past Fishers Rotarian, serving with the club from 2015- 2020.

[Click here for previous week's speakers...](#)

[Read More](#)

### Join our Club Social Event!



**The Social Committee** would like to invite you out for a couple hours of fun on Thursday, **September 14th at 4:00pm**. We'll be meeting at the **Indiana Gun Club** for a little Clay Pigeon Shooting! This has been a popular event in the past and is a lot of fun---for those that have participated in the past and for anyone that has never tried

this sport. (Don't worry if you have never tried it, we'll show you how to hit 1 target at least!---and this is a very safe environment to shoot!)

**When:** Thursday, September 14th, Starting at 4:00-6:00pm. Show up 10-15 minutes before if possible.

**What:** Clay Pigeon Shooting. Take a shotgun, point, follow, shoot! Watch little orange targets explode in the air! (Some of them at least!)

**Where:** Indiana Gun Club: 14926 East 113th St. , Fishers, IN (They provide everything we might need---except maybe bring your own ear plugs and safety glasses)

If you want to bring your own shotgun, please call the Gun Club and get approval first and bring your own shells. (317-485-6540)

We'd like to get a few groups of 4 to go out together. Cost will depend on the number of people that RSVP, but the assumption is that it'll be somewhere between \$40-\$60 per person. (Will pay the gun club at the event)

If you will, please RSVP Jim Wolf if you can attend at: [jimbwolf@yahoo.com](mailto:jimbwolf@yahoo.com)  
You can also text: 317-627-1993

*\*Any family member, guest or potential new member referrals are welcome to attend if over 18 years old.*

*\*Possible get together afterwards for a drink or some food at Jim's house afterwards if people are interested!*

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### Shift Your Approach Series

By Kim Williams on Wednesday, September 6, 2023



I met with Scott Fussell, who recently spoke to our group about The Shift Initiative. After hearing him speak, I was interested in learning more. So, we met and he shared a series he will be teaching called Nurtured Heart for parents. It sounds so amazing. Even though I am an empty nester, I am going to go through it!

"The Three Stands of the [Nurtured Heart Approach](#) provide a roadmap and vocabulary for speaking into and unleashing the unique greatness **wired within your young people**.

For adults who are caring for an emotionally intense young person, the Nurtured Heart Approach can be a game-changer thanks to the clarity, vocabulary, and strategies it offers.

Successful execution of the Approach enables you to lean heavier into connection than correction, build inner wealth, and watch the greatness of your young person begin to be unleashed."

It is 6 weeks and being held in person in Fishers, starting Monday, Sept. 25th. Please share with anyone who may benefit!

The link is below:

<https://shiftyourapproach.eventbrite.com/>

To find out more about The Shift Initiative: <https://www.shiftinitiative.org/>

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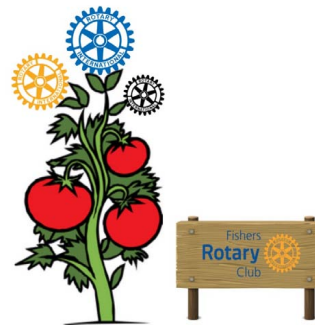
**Club Day - Fishers Rotary at the Farmer's Market**



## Fishers Rotary was well represented at the first ever Club Day at the Fishers Farmer's Market!

This was a great opportunity to talk to Fishers' residents about our club. If you have additional photos to share or commentary about the event, please send to Janet Pritchett at [jmpritchett11@gmail.com](mailto:jmpritchett11@gmail.com) to put in next week's newsletter!

### Community Garden



Master Gardener Tom Kapostasy and Rotarian Ron Crawford sort veggies on Monday, Aug. 28.



*As always, thank you to our amazing volunteers!*

### Unable to Join Us In Person?



For those unable to attend our meeting in person, please feel free to join us virtually!

Note: this is a new link. We are trying to have a better Zoom experience and would like input from the Zoom participants concerning how we are doing with the new format.

To log in, click [here!](#)

Meeting ID: **827 1704 3542**

Passcode: **629733** [this passcode is for security reasons and therefore not published on our website]

We hope to see you either in-person or online on Friday!



Please contact Janet Pritchett at [jmpritchett11@gmail.com](mailto:jmpritchett11@gmail.com) to suggest content for the website or Club Bulletin. Submission deadline is Monday at noon.

Follow us:



## What I did on my Summer Vacation

By Jennifer L. Stanfield on Wednesday, August 30, 2023



Greetings from your Governor!

Where did the summer go? So many opportunities for our district to connect this past summer. In July, I traveled to Michigan for the Central States Rotary Youth Exchange Convention. What a joy to see so many young people gathered in one place...and in person for the first time since the pandemic. July marked the start of my Official District Governor Visits to clubs.

The Indianapolis Club was first on my calendar. Such a vibrant and engaging club in our district! The next stop on my tour was to the Lafayette Daybreak Club. They have several events coming up in regards to the Mental Health Initiative. Then a trip to my home club in Crawfordsville. Two fundraisers for Crawfordsville in July and Summer Concerts are

planned. Unofficially, I dropped in to visit the Indy Progressive Club to hear their speaker, Dr. AgborBaiyee give an update on African University. At the end of July, several Club and District leaders joined me in Columbus, Ohio for the Zone Summer Leadership Seminar.

In August, I visited the Anderson Club; thank you to the many Rotary friends from that club in attendance. I was invited to sit in on the Fishers Club board meeting. I've been meeting virtually with our club presidents and district leaders and will end this month with a visit to the Danville Club and the All-Indiana Rotary Youth Exchange BBQ. The Kendra Scott Jewelers Fundraiser for the Empowering Girls Initiative was a fun night. For a zero dollar investment, we were able to raise over \$300 as seed money for ongoing fundraising throughout the year.



Be sure to put your club events on the DACdb Calendar, so that your District Governor, Assistant Governor and other members of the Family of Rotary can attend your events. We want to support your club and your community.

Exciting News!! Our District has been invited to attend a Multi-District Club Officer Training Assembly on September 14th. Our very own DGN Ryan Henry is one of the facilitators and a huge appreciation to our District Administrator Leigh Perry for procuring an invitation for our members to participate.

I look forward to visiting your club as we work to Create Hope in the World together.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Jennifer Stanfield  
District Governor 2023-24



## September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

Wednesday, August 30, 2023



## Creating Hope Through Action: World Suicide Prevention Day

Tuesday, August 29, 2023



Suicide is a major public health problem with far-reaching social, emotional and economic consequences. It is estimated that there are currently more than 700 000 suicides per year worldwide, and we know that each suicide profoundly affects many more people.

"Creating Hope Through Action" is the triennial theme for [World Suicide Prevention Day](#), held this year on September 10, 2023. This theme serves as a powerful call to action and reminder that there is an alternative to suicide and that through our actions we can encourage hope and strengthen prevention.

What can you do? Join the [Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives](#) on September 9th to hear two remarkable speakers deliver an hour of ideas for action in Mexico, USA and Canada. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

## SPECIAL INVITATION: LEADERSHIP & ROTARY

By Leigh Perry on Tuesday, August 29, 2023

[CLICK HERE](#) TO SEE A SPECIAL VIDEO INVITATION!

Be our guest at District 6710's Annual Training Assembly and Club Leadership Training to be held on **Thursday evening, September 14th from 5-8 PM CT/6-9 PM ET**. We've invited some great facilitators from around the Heart of America to zoom in with us for training and discussion. There's something for every Rotarian!

What will the evening hold? We have Pre-session club officer trainings scheduled for club Secretaries, Treasurers, Public Image Chairs, Foundation Chairs, or those who are interested in these positions, an amazing keynote speaker for everyone, [The "Accidental CEO", Rotarian Stephanie Stuckey](#), as well as your choice of (2) 30-minute breakout sessions with your selection from 16 different sessions. [CLICK HERE](#) for the full agenda. The evening will move fast and include multiple drawings for great prizes. You won't want to miss this high-energy educational event that is FREE for all Rotarians! [REGISTER NOW!](#)



## LIVE: Ask the DG All About Rotary

By Leigh Perry on Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Answering Your  
Rotary  
Questions Live!  
September 27 - 6:00 PM  
Rotary  
District 6560



Did you catch the first Live with DG Jennifer? She answered questions 'all about Rotary' on Wednesday evening, August 24. You can access it [HERE](#) if you missed it. One of the participants asked "how do we deal with conflict in our clubs?" She replied that Rotary clubs are made up of people. When people are involved, it is a given they will have conflicts.

The difference between Rotarians and the rest of the world is that we have guiding principles for ethical behavior and SELF evaluation that we use every day: [The Four-Way Test of the Things we Think, Say and Do](#), and the [Rotary Code of Conduct](#). The RI website states, "These principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction. They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world." These principles are NOT about

other people, they are about how we live OUR OWN lives.

While we are all familiar with the Four-Way Test, not everyone is aware of the [Rotary Code of Conduct](#), and especially #4: *Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians...*

[Read More](#)

## TELL YOUR STORY: Thoughts from a Newbie

By Valerie Sue Helms-Mejia on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



I joined the Rotary Club of Muncie Sunrise in July of 2019. I did have a little background knowledge of the organization because my father was a Rotarian. Actually, that was the main reason I wanted to be a part of Rotary. Once I joined, I had a chance to learn a little about Rotary before the pandemic took over, but probably not as much as I normally would have learned in my first years as a Rotarian. Fast forward to the Spring of 2023, and I was the President-Nominee of the Muncie Sunrise Club and attending my first [LOL PETS](#). Let me tell you, I was like a deer in headlights! There was so much more to Rotary than I realized! It truly is an international force! PETS sparked my interest in learning more about Rotary. An email from our 6560 District Governor opened up an opportunity to attend a [Zone 30-31](#) Leadership Seminar. I had just learned about my zone at PETS! I attended the seminar and was blessed to hear some amazing Rotarian stories. I was fascinated to hear all the global opportunities these Rotarians have been able to experience. You could tell by the emotion in their voices as they told their stories that they were truly life-changing experiences. At the seminar, I learned that District 6560 was having an Inaugural Polio Plus Society Gala in August. I went home and prepared "my fancy clothes" for the event. I attended the Gala with several other Muncie, IN Rotarians. We had a fun evening while supporting a worthy cause. While at the Gala, I learned more about the impact Rotary has had on eradicating polio. Some of the stories that were told brought tears to my eyes. All of these experiences in the last 6 months have made me realize how one Rotarian combined with other Rotarians can TRULY change the world! How blessed I feel to be a part of an organization made up of community leaders with servants' hearts! I can't wait to see what other exciting Rotary discoveries are just around the corner!



## New Rotary Youth Exchange Year Begins!

By Jennifer A. Dale on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



District 6560 welcomed three new inbound students in August; Emmy (from Belgium and hosted by Carmel Club), Duda (from Brazil and hosted by Muncie Clubs), and Nadeen (from Thailand and hosted by Anderson Club). We also said farewell for now to our three outbound students, supported by District 6560, as they began their exchange year. Claire and Chloe will both be in Brazil and Evvi travels to Germany for the year.

If your club is interested in hosting an exchange student or you would like additional information, please contact Jennifer Dale at [youthexchange@rotary6560.org](mailto:youthexchange@rotary6560.org). We also have future outbound interviews scheduled for October and if you know of a high school student who is

interested in youth exchange, please contact us!



## SAVE THE DATE: FALL FORUM

By Jennifer L. Stanfield on Tuesday, August 29, 2023

The District Business Meeting and the Governor's State of the District Address will be held at the Zionsville Public Library on Saturday, October 14th. Join us for the 2023 Fall Forum to hear about all we've accomplished together last year and how we will continue to grow in 2024 and beyond. The 2022-23 *You are Appreciated Awards* will be presented by iPDG Mekey McAllen.

Our Membership Summit will be led by Katie Tocci, a co-presenter at Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, who will share with us some real world practical tips and research specific to membership.

Remember this is your club's opportunity to attend the grant training workshop for the 2024 grant application requirement-seating is limited to 100. Doors open at 9:00 AM, parking is free, and seating is limited to the first 120 registrants in the main room. Registration cost is \$35 per person.



Watch your email for more details and registration to open.

## WHO'S AFRAID OF A GLOBAL GRANT?

By Woody M. Collins on Tuesday, August 29, 2023

It may seem surprising, but many Rotarians are afraid to propose a Global Grant to their Rotary Club.

One seasoned Rotarian summed it up this way. "Global Grants can be a bit intimidating, even for those of us that have been doing this for a long time. If I have a choice, I'd always rather support someone else's than try to do my own!" Some say it probably requires a high tolerance for bureaucracy.

So, what's this beast that makes many shy away?

- First, they are large grants in the range of \$30,000 to \$400,000 in cost.
- Second, they should be completed in one year.
- Third, they find a joint project between a Host Club and International Club.
- Finally, they must be approved by The Rotary Foundation (TRF).



**Global Grants** fund large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's 7 areas of focus: peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; community economic development; and the environment. Global grants can fund humanitarian service activities, scholarships for graduate-level academic studies, and vocational training teams (groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local professionals about a particular field or to learn more about their own).

In summary, Global Grants are big impact projects. They are what Rotary is known for in the world and what Rotarians continue to do in the world.

Next month, we will start demystifying the Global Grant process.

## ShelterBox Responds to Crises

By Diane & Ron Crawford on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



**ShelterBox** is an organization founded by Rotarians that brings emergency aid to victims of disasters all around the world. ShelterBox kits are ready to be air-lifted to trouble spots anywhere in the globe when disaster strikes. Since 2000, ShelterBox has provided aid to 2.5 million victims.

Find out how your club can support disaster victims who have lost everything in an instant. To learn more, or to schedule a presentation for your club, contact Rotarians [Ron or Diane Crawford](#).



## Interact Club Leader Training

By Pam Lyons on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



On Friday, July 21, the Avon High School Interact Club's faculty adviser, Mrs. Heather Meunier, with the Rotary Club of Avon Liaison to Interact, Pam Lyons met with the 7 new student members of the Leadership Team at the Avon Town Hall Park for Leadership Training & pizza!

This training is an integral step toward keeping the promise of being a club that trains and nurtures student leaders. These two hours also ensure that when 100+ members show up for the first meeting on August 17, they are welcomed, engaged and ready to serve the school and the community.

Topics covered in the training included the following:

- Expectations of advisers for each leader
- Reviewing & signing the Leader Commitment Contract
- Explanation of the role of a meeting leader & the communication skills needed
- Coverage of each major annual event & clarification for the leader connected to each event
- Discussion of in-meeting service activities, so every meeting has purpose & generates service hours
- Discussion of the use of Event Captains to assist in carrying out and reporting on service activities
- Open discussion about changes the leaders would like to see or implement

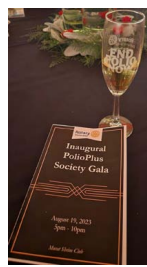
This new group of leaders arrived with anticipatory energy, enthusiastic suggestions and a commitment to maintain the strong reputation of the Interact Club as a dedicated, reliable service group. We are excited for the new year to begin!



## INAUGURAL POLIOPUS GALA

By Ginger Scott on Tuesday, August 29, 2023

On Saturday, August 19th at the Murat Shrine Club, we celebrated at the Inaugural PolioPlus Society Gala and let our sparkle



shine! It was a glorious evening and everything that is best about Rotary! Friends, laughter, dancing, photos, good food, adult beverages and all for a good cause: supporting the eradication of polio worldwide by recognizing those who have chosen to become members of the Rotary District 6560 PolioPlus Society.

The photo booth stayed busy! Groups of Rotarians and guests hammed it up taking pictures and receiving instant gratification when they saw their memento photos. Everyone enjoyed appetizers, beverages, and bidding on the silent auction baskets. Following a marvelous dinner, District Governor Jennifer Stanfield reminded us about the importance of keeping our promise the children of the world and continuing until we completely eradicate Polio. Greencastle's President, Scott Monnett, then shared some different ideas they have used to conduct awareness and fundraising for World Polio Day. Polio Program Chair Ginger Scott led a champagne toast to our Charter Members and invited the attendees to become charter members of the PolioPlus Society, as well. The evening was complete with beautiful music from Him and Her of Greencastle and dancing the night away.

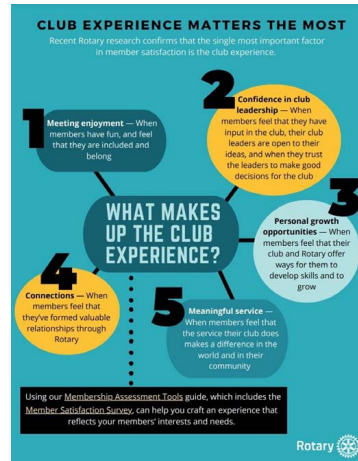


Many thanks to our attendees and our sponsors, Fishers Rotary Club, Greencastle Rotary Club, Lafayette Day Break Rotary, Dr. Thomas Graffis, Hoosier Heartland State Bank and Wabash Capital for helping make the event a wonderful and successful evening.

[CLICK HERE](#) to become a member of the D6560 PolioPlus Society, or contact Polio Program Chair Ginger Scott at [gscott@wabashcapital.com](mailto:gscott@wabashcapital.com) for more information.

## How is Your Club Experience?

By Jennifer L. Stanfield on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



Recent Rotary research confirms that the single most important contributing factor in member satisfaction is the club experience. [CLICK HERE](#) to take the survey. For more information, check out the Learning Center on [rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org).

## Election Season: Rotary Policy on Politics

Tuesday, August 29, 2023



As we enter the election season, it is important to remember that Rotary began as an inclusive group for its day and time. Today, it continues to strive to be inclusive of people in each community, and around the world. Rotary is also an organization that has used the 4-Way test for decades. Fairness and truthfulness are hallmarks of Rotary and the 4-Way Test.

At the end of this article are two portions of the RI Code Policies regarding politics. Each club approaches the handling of requests by political candidates differently. Whatever your club does, stay fair and equal.

Let's keep Rotary's reputation of being "apolitical"— "politically neutral; without political attitudes, content, or bias."

Let's be active in the political process, but equally important let's stay friends inside our Rotary clubs and meetings.

From the Rotary International Code of Policies:

2.090. Clubs and Politics RI and its member clubs must refrain from issuing partisan political statements. Rotarians likewise are prohibited from adopting statements with a view to exerting any corporate pressure on governments or political authorities. (October 2013 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 31) Source: February-March 1983 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 288

34.040.1. Use of Name or Emblem for Political Means Clubs shall not use the Rotary name or emblem or other of the Rotary Marks for the purpose of furthering political campaigns. Any use of Rotary fellowship to gain political advantage is foreign to the spirit of Rotary. (January 2020 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 85) Source: February-March 1983 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 289; Amended by September 2016 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 28; January 2020 Mtg., Bd. Dec. 85

By guest author, PDG Michael J. Kull, 2015-16 (D6710)

## Richmond Rotarian Tai Muldoon Receives Athena Award

By Teri Grossman on Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Tai Muldoon, Past President of the Richmond Club, was presented with the 2023 Athena Young Professional Award at the dinner held at Forest Hills Country Club on August 10, 2023. Tai is the CEO/Executive Director of [Girls INC of Wayne County](#), an organization that inspires all girls to be Strong, Smart and Bold through direct service and advocacy. The Athena Awards honor leaders who motivate, inspire and create positive change in the community.

We are all so very proud of her and happy to call her a fellow Rotarian.

Congratulations, Tai!



## Rotary and Music for Peace in Ukraine

By Robert G. La France on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



A member of the Dnipro City Rotary Club in Ukraine, living in Muncie, Indiana, leads a personal campaign of music for peace in her home country.

Olena Bondarenko, also known as Helena Hiraishi, was a resident of Hiroshima, Japan, at the time of the invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Together with her son, violinist Eishin Richard Hiraishi, and his friend, pianist Jundai Okano, they launched a series of concerts called, *"Let's Play and Pray for Ukraine."* At least one of the performances was televised and attracted public attention. Olena's extraordinary story and message of peace in the nuclear age is explained in English in a short film made for Japanese National Television that you can see by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Olena is now living in Muncie, Indiana, and is continuing her advocacy for peace. Richard and Jundai most recently played for both the Muncie Noon Rotary Club and at the David Owsley Museum of Art at Ball State University on Tuesday, August 1st. [Read More](#)

## Rotary Sweet Corn in Hartford City

By Ruth H. Jennerjahn on Tuesday, August 29, 2023



Joyce and Louis Willmann have never been Rotarians themselves, but for several years have donated sweet corn to the Hartford City Club to sell. The club usually sells two varieties, the "Incredible" variety and the "Honey Selectt." During their first sale on Tuesday, August 8, they sold almost 200 dozen before they ran out! They hope to have similar success during their next three sales dates.

## 2023-24 RI Presidential Initiatives

Monday, August 28, 2023



From the July 2023 Rotary Leader Newsletter:

"Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally is passionate about mental health and helping remove the stigma that sometimes prevents people from getting quality care. During this year, Gordon will focus on three initiatives that Create Hope in the World: prioritizing mental health, building peace through virtual exchanges, and empowering girls." Read on for more insight and links to resources. [Read More](#)

## District Newsletter Changes

Tuesday, August 29, 2023



We are trying something a little different to share information across the district. As you know, the District newsletter is sent via PMAIL (personalized email through DACDB) to all Rotarians in the district for whom we have a good email address in the database. We will be using a new format that you may be familiar with because it is the EZ Newsletter found in DACDB which uses EZ Stories. Why the transition?

- Speed/turnaround-It will now be produced monthly
- Ability to collect information from all District Chairs and Officers
- Ability to hear from all clubs who want to share information about programs, projects, progress and success, or look for partners and support
- Minimal expense

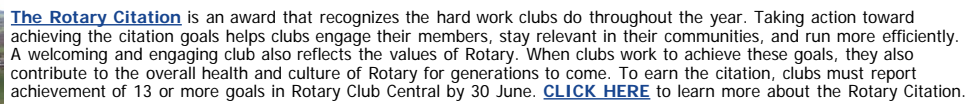
The limitation is that the format is proscribed and doesn't have many options.

**The new process to include your information in the newsletter is to submit articles by the 1st of the month using this form: [CLICK HERE](#).** The form is also available in the FORMS file in DACDB. You can complete the form at any time and it will be included in the issues for the months you choose on the form. Reminders to submit the form will be sent around the 25th of the prior month to all District Officers and Committee Chairs, Club Presidents, Secretaries, Executive Secretaries, Communication Officers, Public Image/Relations Chairs, Bulletin Editors, and WebMasters.

Here are some guidelines for articles... [Read More](#)

## Help Your Club Earn the Rotary Citation

Tuesday, August 29, 2023



By Jennifer L. Stanfield on Tuesday, August 29, 2023

