

# Rotary



## District 6560

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## Giving a new life



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**DISTRICT  
CALENDAR | 2020-2021**

**July –  
A NEW ROTARY YEAR BEGINS!!**

28 Virtual PETS Training,  
Zoom, 7:00-8:30 pm

**August –  
MEMBERSHIP  
& NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT**

4 Virtual PETS Training,  
Zoom, 7:00-8:30 pm

11 Virtual PETS Training,  
Zoom, 7:00-8:30 pm

**Gift of Life has given children and families  
hope for a new beginning for 22 years**



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**ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES**



# Wheels Up!!

## Finding a Way to Serve and Care for Others



Joe Collings and Holger Knaack at Rotary International Assembly

**“We need to take care of our Rotary Clubs, and our friends in our clubs.”** With this statement, Rotary International President Holger Knaack made a great impact on the class of incoming Rotary District Governors who were in attendance at the DG training in January.

Knaack said this two months prior to the pandemic we

are all currently enduring, while addressing the upcoming needs within the world of Rotary. It is obvious today that taking care of our membership has become an urgent need. Membership engagement is how we, as Rotarians, take care of our friends. Our clubs are addressing this with various models. We must **keep the fun** in Rotary and continue our work to **connect with one another**.

Our DG training evolved quickly to taking clubs in a new direction. Flexibility and preparing for the future have become the model for growth. There are numerous new resources to assist club growth. Satellite clubs, Passport clubs and Corporate membership are examples of creating the experience

that works for every member. Adapting to the new models is critical. Rotary does **OPEN OPPORTUNITIES** for club growth.

Our District leadership is now presenting to our club Presidents content never before attempted. Our originally scheduled in-person President-Elect Training (PETS) was cancelled as the coronavirus took hold in March. Instead, the new product created – or training tool – is virtual and sessions are recorded for everyone to take full advantage of by viewing when time allows if one is unable to do so live. We will adapt, just as clubs must, and provide zoom and video excerpts. The live sessions are interactive — including humor and a social happy hour for camaraderie and to address any questions regarding the session. The interaction is critical in our friendship and having some fun along the way, learning about Rotary is truly our intent.

**Yes, this is going to be a challenging year.** As Rotarians – **PEOPLE OF ACTION** – we are accustomed to overlooking obstacles, providing input and finding a means to accomplish our goals. The pandemic is forcing clubs to rethink everything from holding meetings to raising money to serving their communities. We will continue to adapt and I believe



that together as people of action we will find a means to provide service in our communities, in the world and in ourselves.

Joe Collings, D6560 Governor

## AUGUST is Membership & New Club Development month!

### For Rotary Club Presidents: More About PETS!

From Jennifer Stanfield

We appreciate your patience while we've worked to get this training presented to you. PETS will be done in three virtual training sessions on the Tuesdays of July 28, August 4 and 11. Join us for all three sessions from 7:00 to 8:00 pm with a virtual Happy Half Hour after each session. Some of your training content is prerecorded and some will be live interaction. We've also planned a live trivia contest using your cell phone to answer the questions (similar to what you see in some restaurants or pubs). We're looking forward to rolling this out and having fun while learning. If you have not

already done so, please create your profile at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). For training, please have the Kahoot! app downloaded to your cell phone. You will also need to have additional windows or tabs open on your computer with Zoom, DACdb and Rotary websites. It would be beneficial to also have Facebook and YouTube tabs open.

*If you missed the first session, please try to make the other two. All Presidents should have received a Zoom email invite. Please let Jennifer know if you did not.*

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The wheel pictured top left is a wooden replica of the Rotary wheel that Joe presented to incoming Governors at the RI District Assembly and also plans to present throughout the year as tokens of his appreciation.

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## 22 Years of Giving Life!

The Gift of Life (GOL) program in District 6560 began in 1998 with then-DG Bill Hatfield bringing the idea to the district from Gift of Life International out of Manhasset, NY. The first child was a Russian boy named Vasia operated on by Dr. Brown at Riley Children's Hospital in July 1998. In 2007, the Riley Heart Team lead by Dr. Mark Turrentine started going **TO** the patients in Amman, Jordan, operating on up to 10 children in a week from all over the Middle East.



In 2010, D6560 completed the first Global Grant under the new Future Vision Program by sending a Vocational Training Team (VTT) to Uganda, operating on 12 children that week with congenital heart disease. Then-DG Salim Najjar traveled with the VTT for that journey to Uganda. In the year following that VTT, many Rotarians heard his passionate first-hand account of how The Rotary Foundation puts your money to work. Much has changed over the last 22 years, but **Central Indiana Rotarians' resolve to continue to make an international impact by working together to save the life of a child remains!**



*Children in Uganda celebrate their new lives at their reunion.*

D6560 Rotarians may not have heard as much about our GOL work since that first VTT to Uganda in 2010, but I assure you this great work has continued! I was asked by DG Craig Sherman in 2012 to accept the District 6560 GOL Chair torch pass from Dottie Hancock as she prepared for her DG year. At that time, she was finishing District Grants with Rotarians in Amman, Jordan to help finance mission trips to the Middle East. We were funding trips to Uganda by investing GOL funds raised into larger Global Grants for Vocational Training Teams as we worked alongside health professionals in Kampala, Uganda. These would help to build their capacity and skill to in-

creasingly take care of their very long list of children desperately needing heart surgery and care. All the while, Riley Children's Hospital continued to accept several children each year in Indianapolis as we Rotarians helped to support them, house them, and show them love and care while they prepared and recovered from their surgeries. In all since I was asked to be GOL Chair, 310 children have been treated- 293 abroad and 17 in Indianapolis. There have been 6 trips to Uganda, 21 missions to Amman, and 2 operating missions to Lebanon. Since our Rotary D6560 Gift of Life program's inception with the first child in 1998,

our program has been directly involved in treating a little over 530 children with congenital heart disease!

The most recent trip to Amman, Jordan in March was the busiest and most complex of all mission trips to finish out an almost \$200,000 Global Grant started in 2018. In that week's work by Dr. Turrentine and the Riley Heart Team with the Al Khalidi doctors and nurses, 17 children received open heart surgery and/or heart catheterizations for their complex heart disease. This Rotary Foundation Global Grant did even more thanks to a partnership with

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## Every piece of aid counts.

Each summer, ShelterBox launches the **Stock the Box** giving challenge to ensure they have a steady supply of life-saving aid ready to deploy after a disaster strikes when families need it most.

The same shelter aid which protects families after disaster also protects them against the spread of COVID-19. Healthcare, hygiene, and shelter are the three most important factors in mitigating the spread of the virus. Since March, ShelterBox has provided over 50,000 people with soap, clean water, emergency shelter and other life-saving supplies.

Disasters do not stop during a pandemic and our commitment to serving families has not wavered. With your support, we can do more to keep people healthy, limit the spread of the virus, and provide individual shelters to families displaced by disaster.

Help us reach our goal of filling 100 ShelterBoxes. Donate an item and tell a friend about ShelterBox.

Learn more about items needed and how ShelterBox is adapting and serving people around the world at <https://www.shelterboxusa.org/>

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Chain of Hope out of London, offering 62 children and their families in 6 trips a new chance at life!

In total since 2010, our District has completed five Global Grants for GOL missions to Uganda and two large Global Grants with Amman, Jordan for 13 trips to



*Baby Luna, happy and whole!*

treat mostly refugee children from all over the Middle East. We have also contributed to and participated in the VTT portion of 2 Global Grants with Lebanon and contributed to Global Grants with Gift of Life International for work in Romania and El Salvador. Our Gift of Life Indiana has a strong presence in the broad network of Gift of Life International and Rotarians abroad through this collaborative work to save the lives of children born with heart problems.

I am so thankful to have been in the front seat of this amazing ride since 2010 when I first traveled as the Rotarian Team Leader to Uganda. I have personally seen Rotary at work in a way I never thought possible. There is no better way to *Build Goodwill and Better Friendships* than to work together to save the life of a child! Thank you to PDG Dottie Hancock, PDG Jim Graham, and PDG Craig Sherman and each DG since for this incredibly rewarding journey. PDG Salim Najjar will now take the reins with a very dedicated and knowledgeable committee to carry on this important work. Please reach out and join us if this fulfilling Rotary mission speaks to your heart!

Respectfully,  
Dr. Stephanie Kinnaman, Greenfield Rotary member



## Thank You Stephanie!

Our heartfelt thanks goes to Dr. Kinnaman for her dedicated work for so many years on behalf of the District 6560 Gift of Life program for sooooo many children and families around the world. We welcome PDG Salim Najjar and Sara Joyner (Greenfield Rotary Past President) as the new 2020-2021 District Gift of Life Co-Chairs of a GOL Committee, which includes PDGs Bill Hatfield, Jim Graham, and Dottie Hancock as well as Dr. Mark Turrentine, Dr. Stephanie Kinnaman, Judy Ford and Sarah Luedtke.