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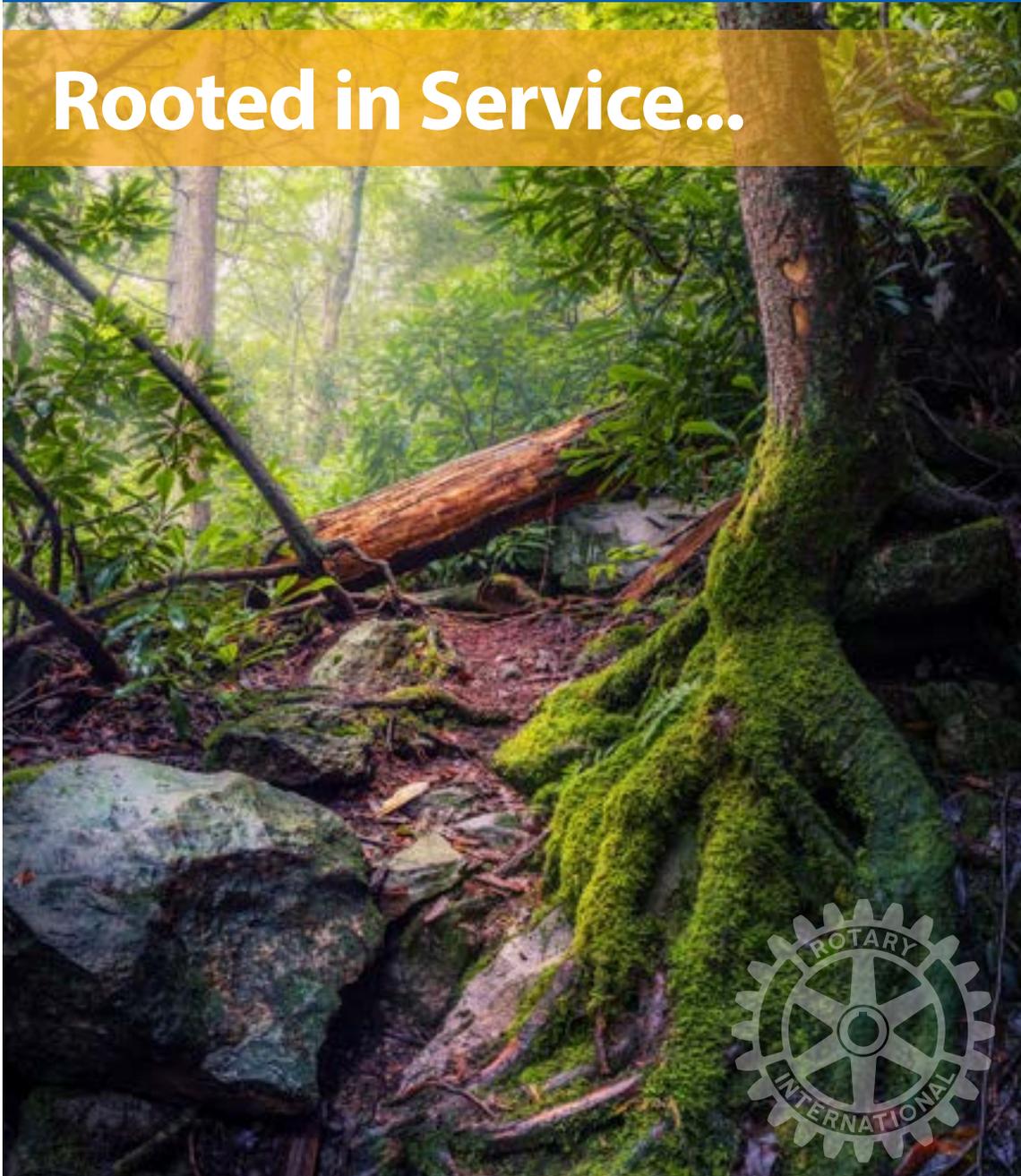
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January

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31 Rotary International and District Dues Invoiced

February

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16 Club President's Zoom – 7 PM

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March WATER & SANITATION

16 Club President's Zoom – 7 PM

16-25 Land of Lincoln
**President Elect
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April MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

17 Rotary International
**District 6560 & 6580
Virtual Conference**

Since 1905 Rotarians spanning the globe have served others and addressed our world's challenges.



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ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES



Wheels Up!!

Each Rotarian goes through daily life practicing the Ideals of Rotary and their application.

We take this obligation seriously as we begin our journey through Rotary.

The concept of Vocational Service is found in our roots as membership was based upon the vocational classification of our membership. This single member per classification was eliminated some years ago, but the philosophy of our vocational service is an important facet of membership.

The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibility of all Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the second object, which calls on Rotarians to encourage and foster:

- High ethical standards in business and profession.
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations.
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

By including men and women from diverse professions and backgrounds, Rotary recognizes the importance of all skills and occupations. A vibrant Rotary club reflects the businesses, organizations, and professions in its community. We embrace diversity in our experiences and perspectives. Our personal life and our vocational service go together. Rotarians have a dual responsibility: to represent their occupations within their club and to exemplify the ideals of Rotary in their places of work.

How do we utilize vocational service to empower others, using our unique skills and experience to address community needs and help others? Hosting a club meeting at our workplace to share professions is a great way to engage. We also can work with local business to create mentorships and internships to help young people achieve their goals. Guiding and encouraging others in their profession is also rewarding.

I often turn to a statement on the wall of my office, the Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions. I trust you will connect with the philosophy.

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:

1. Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve.
2. Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community.
3. Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation.
4. Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship.
5. Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society.
6. Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community.
7. Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business and profession.
8. Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

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By acknowledging these precepts we bring vocational service to life. Vocational service is the essence of Rotary and serves as the foundation from which we serve communities, locally and around the world.



Joe Collings, D6560 Governor

More WHEELS UP continued on next page

January is Vocational Service month!



Wheels Up!!

As we review Rotary's areas of focus we immediately see Peace Building and Conflict Resolution at the top of the list. This is not an accident or happenchance in placing this priority in our Rotary world. One of the greatest tenants we follow is enabling Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. This proclamation was made in 1917 in The Rotary Foundation's mission.

Our **Rotary Youth Exchange Program (RYE)** is an excellent example of how we place emphasis on the interaction of cultures throughout the world. Our students are hosted by families unknown, yet walk away with an understanding of local culture while having little contact with their native culture. The Youth Exchange Program leads its participants from their habits and way of thinking and gravitate toward others of similar backgrounds. This immersion lends the perfect opportunity to break through nationalist barriers, viewing a culture from the eyes once thought foreign.

Our **Group Study Exchange Program (GSE)** provides similar experiences and opportunities to engage with people from different backgrounds and cultures — encountering new perspectives on life that impact daily activities. The exchange team shares ideas that seek common ground for better understanding and peace. Likewise, the partnering district(s) team also join in our day-to-day life and experiences — returning home with a different view.

The RYE and GSE programs provide a great foundation for world peace. We see transformational changes not only in the students or team members but also within the host families. Both make adjustments in their worldview and become more understanding of different cultures.

Rotary's goal of worldwide peace and tolerance has been unwavering. The establishment of **International Peace Symposiums and Global Forums** has been the result of bloody conflicts worldwide. We have been faced with the demands of more urgent resolution.

Rotary's most significant effort to wage peace is the **Rotary Peace Center Program**, established in 2002. Each year the program trains some of the world's most dedicated and brightest professionals, preparing them to promote national and international cooperation to resolve conflict. The program

includes graduates of a two-year master's degree program along with a three-month professional certificate program at Rotary's partner universities.

We see today over 900 peace fellows applying their expertise in resolving conflicts and developing aid programs all over the globe. This preventative diplomacy is the result of valuable skills and knowledge that are used on a daily basis to solve issues on an international basis. As stated by a U.S. Department of State Officer, "The greatest value of the Rotary Peace Centers program comes from the rewarding relationships that it enables participants to form with Rotarians, professors, fellow students, and other professionals through the applied field experience."

Rotary's Four Roles in Promoting Peace*

Rotary and its members are:

Practitioners: Our work fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies directly builds the optimal conditions for peaceful societies.

Educators: Our Rotary Peace Centers have trained over 1,300 peace fellows to become effective catalysts for peace through careers in government, education, and international organizations.

Mediators: Our members have negotiated humanitarian ceasefires in areas of conflict to allow polio vaccinators to reach children who are at risk.

Advocates: Our members have an integral role as respected, impartial participants during peace processes and in post-conflict reconstruction. We focus on creating communities and convening groups that are connected, inclusive, and resilient.

* www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/promotingpeace

The world indeed is in great need of peace building and conflict resolution to counterbalance the outbreak of wars and conflict both at home and around the world. The Rotary Foundation provides this training opportunity to young people to further their knowledge of peace and to increase their understanding of the world through active participation in issues like good governance, leadership, and peaceful coexistence between the people of the world.

Joe Collings, D6560 Governor

February is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution month!

Coming Events

Virtual Rotary District 6560 District Conference

Our multi-district **Rotary District Conference is APRIL 17** and will be virtual with District 6580, Southern Indiana. We plan to begin at 10 AM, break at noon and reconvene at 12:30 PM. We will have speakers in the morning session and a keynote address just after lunch. Following the afternoon speaker, we will break into individual districts for our annual business meeting, committee reports, and a presentation by our speech contest winner.

Please mark the date!!

Registration will be available soon.

Rotary District 6560 Speech Contest | District Entries by March 20

I want to encourage **ALL CLUBS** to conduct local speech contests and award their winners so they may participate at the District level. Please notify your local school speech department as well as your Interact Club. The local Rotary club normally provides a stipend to their first three places. The District will provide \$1,000, \$750, and \$500 awards to the first three places at our District level. We will present the District winner's video at the virtual District conference on April 17. Our 2021 Speech Contest Chair is Pam Lyons of the Avon Club. Check with your club President for the speech contest requirements and sample notice to the speech departments.

Grant Training

Have you been wondering about District grant training opportunities?

Posted on the District's YouTube site are three grant training modules which explain the grant process in detail.

Two members of each club are required to certify they have met our requirement of viewing all three videos in order for the club to be eligible to apply for the District Designated Fund Grants in Rotary year 2021-22. Your note certifying compliance of this requirement **MUST** be sent to DG Collings prior to the grant application at: jcollings@fergusonlumber.com.

The grant application process will be announced soon along with the deadline for the grant applications themselves.

Grant notification will follow approximately July 1, 2022.

VIDEO 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uf_0PRADWsU&feature=youtu.be

VIDEO 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-wcCSpMyWE&feature=youtu.be>

VIDEO 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dH3OQrHtviA&feature=youtu.be>

FEBRUARY 23rd

Photo © Rotary International. Design by Robert Thirum.

He who has a thousand friends
Shall not
Have a friend to spare.
—Confucius

**ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
ANNIVERSARY**

"Friendship was the foundation rock on which Rotary was built and tolerance is the element which holds it together."
Paul P. Harris (Founder of Rotary)

Need a Rotary Club fundraiser to fill the financial void?



Recently a weekly Rotary club program was presented by the President of Copper Moon Coffee, a business located in Lafayette. The light came on and several members in the club thought if Girl Scouts had their cookies, and Boy Scouts their popcorn, why couldn't Rotary have its coffee?

Thus, Founders 1905 Coffee Company came on the scene.

The project began with marketing professionals, consulting other clubs, discussions with bankers, and a group of Purdue University entrepreneurship students. With so many fundraisers having to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus, clubs were looking for alternatives.

The Founders 1905 Coffee Company was created to increase fundraising for the expansion of local community service proj-

ects. As noted on each package, "all profits go the charity." The charities are determined by the partner clubs and fall under Rotary's seven areas of focus. Clubs determine many different ways to serve these areas such as literacy programs, food banks, tree planting, scholarships, polio vaccinations, and many more. Partner clubs choose how to apply their portion of the funds to these areas of focus both locally and globally.

Partner clubs receive a unique URL that takes them to the Founders 1905 website. Orders are tracked and credit is given through the URL. The link may be shared in newsletters, social media, etc. It is easy for the customer to click thru and make their purchase.

Clubs who join with Founders 1905 receive a financial return based upon the cartons purchased. Both grounds and K-Cups are currently available. The hope is that Rotary members share the link not only to their club members, but also to their coffee-loving friends, family and colleagues. By purchasing Founders 1905 Coffee, you can make a difference in your community. www.founders1905.com

Serving Indy's Community Food Co-op

Southport International Rotary Club, D6560's newest club offers helping hands!



PANDEMIC UNDERSTANDING AND ACTION

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Rotary Clubs and Members of District 6560 for your understanding and action during the Covid-19 pandemic. Our club Presidents have accepted the responsibility to turn our meetings first toward hybrid and now virtual to keep our membership engaged, yet safe. As we watch the virus numbers remain exceedingly high, I request we continue meeting virtually to protect everyone from its exposure. Please know we all wish to return to performing our roles in person within our clubs.. Thank you for your acceptance and follow through during a very difficult time.

— DG Joe Collings

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

BECAUSE OF Rotary



Every minute of every day

SOMEONE

...is fed ...has surgery
...is housed ...is comforted
...is vaccinated ...receives clean water

Rotary and Toastmasters Align

Rotary International has aligned with Toastmasters to provide speaking skills and training to those in our membership who may have an interest. Not unlike Rotary, it takes 20 to form a new Toastmaster Club. The Rotary club in Cookeville, TN, is forming a satellite club which will meet the second and fourth Monday at 5:30 PM by zoom. The meetings will be run as a Toastmasters meeting with a Rotary twist. At each meeting there will be a 4- to 5-minute speech about an aspect of Rotary. This will allow the new member networking opportunities and an opportunity to meet other Rotarians. Additionally, they will receive extra practice on their speaking skills!! The Cookeville club is the third Rotary Toastmaster club in the world. If there is interest in joining, Toastmasters is waiving the new member fee and the charter application fee.

Should my club continue to hold in-person meetings?

Recently questions have surfaced concerning the position of Rotary International on holding our club meetings in person. After connecting with our Evanston contacts, we received the following guidance.

"Rotary International recommends that Districts and Rotary clubs and Rotaract clubs meet virtually, cancel, or postpone meetings. Closely examine your personal circumstances, including any health issues, when you consider travel and participation in events. We are aware that local guidelines and regulations vary, and that some clubs and districts may be tempted to begin holding in-person meetings. Where clubs do, it's important to note that they'd be doing so at their own risk.

"This global pandemic has created tremendous challenges for the Rotary community as well as the insurance industry. Clubs and districts are encouraged to create and provide a waiver if they intend to meet in-person again during the pandemic. Our Risk Management team asks that clubs and districts please work with a local legal professional to develop a waiver/release that would be tailored specifically to your club and/or district meetings and events."

NOTE: All clubs who choose to not follow this RI suggestion must have their membership sign a waiver, provided by their local council, that they accept any and all consequences from the Covid-19 pandemic.

GOING VIRTUAL!!

FEEL THE ENERGY IN TAIPEI

12-16 JUNE 2021 | TAIPEI, TAIWAN

Register today at convention.rotary.org | #Rotary21

Regrettably, the in-person conference has been cancelled due to COVID safety concerns. All existing registrations will be cancelled and refunded.

