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Clean Water...



Essential for life and good health, clean water in many parts of the world can't be taken for granted.



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DISTRICT CALENDAR | 2020-2021

March WATER & SANITATION

- 16-25 Land of Lincoln
President Elect Training – VIRTUAL
- 20 Deadline to submit
Speech contest YouTube
videos to District Speech
Chair

April MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

- 17 Rotary International
**District 6560 & 6580
Virtual Conference**
- 19 Paul Harris 153rd
Birthday
- 20 Club President's Zoom -
7 PM

May YOUTH SERVICE

- 1 Deadline to apply for
2021-22 District Grants
- 18 Club President's Zoom -
7 PM

ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES



Wheels Up!!

We often find something that comes natural to us, is so distant and intangible to others.

Clean water, sanitation and hygiene are basic necessities, overlooked by those of us who take them for granted. When people have access to clean water and sanitation, we find that waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.



Through water, sanitation, and hygiene, Rotary's people of action mobilize and invest to provide infrastructure and training. The long-term change is a life-saving action and one of the seven core values of Rotary.

It is staggering to realize it takes only \$24* to provide one person with clean, safe water. Our clubs have recognized this value and choose to support this area of focus. Here are a few of the recent Rotary clubs who have recognized and supported the global need:

- Rotary Club of Crawfordsville, support and installation of water wells in Haiti
- Rotary Club of Fishers, continued support of the "water is life" program in Sierra Leone
- Rotary Club of Indianapolis, support of the Haiti water project
- Rotary Club of Indianapolis Northeast, support of the Congo water project
- Rotary Club of Lafayette, support of the Dominican Republic water project

Since 2013, The Rotary Foundation has invested in more than 1,000 water, sanitation, and hygiene programs in more than 100 countries. Partnering with other agencies, Rotary has implemented sustainable, long-term programs to improve these conditions. Rotary clubs have been challenged to develop similar projects. Funding from District Designated Grants is available for clubs to combine with other Rotary clubs to meet the Rotary International requirement for such a Global grant.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. In our role to best serve humanity, how can we ignore such a basic life necessity?

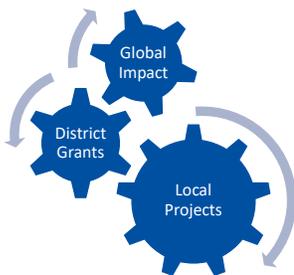


Joe Collings, D6560 Governor

**The Rotary Foundation, "Our Impact on Clean Water and Sanitation."*

MARCH is Water & Sanitation month!

Service Above Self
People of Action



Did You Know?

Last year, our District Foundation gave over **\$114,000 in Grants to our clubs** for sustainable service projects in their local communities. Our District provides training on Grant Management annually so that more of our clubs can be awarded Grants for their communities.

Our motto is "Service Above Self." Our members put service into action.

JOIN ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICTS 6560 AND 6580

Virtual District Conference

APRIL 17 | 10AM - 2 PM ON ZOOM



Featured Speakers



Jenny Stotts
Rotary Happy



Dr. Todd Jenkins
From Diversity
to Inclusion



**David George
Brooke**
That Gratitude Guy

Our **APRIL 17** multi-district **Rotary District Conference** will be virtual with District 6580, Southern Indiana. The conference begins at 10 AM, breaks at noon and reconvenes 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 note there is **NO COST** to participate in the zoom conference.

REGISTER on DACdb to reserve your spot! Be on the lookout for a PMail with a RSVP link.

Rotary Club of Indianapolis New Member Event

The Rotary Club of Indianapolis conducted a Virtual New Member Special Event in early February. Guests who wanted to know more about the Rotary club were encouraged to join in the fun AND were even given raffle opportunities!

The club had a very successful New Member Event in 2020 prior to the pandemic. They were confident they could have a strong event again in 2021 with a ZOOM extravaganza!



Presentations were made to introduce Rotary, District 6560 and specifically the Indianapolis club's events and purpose. There were 15 potential new members in attendance along with nearly 40 members. Currently, at least six individuals are going through the process to become new Rotarians!

Coming Events

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.

Together,

we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.



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 deadline for submission via DACdb is May 1, 2021.

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>

Rotary Youth Exchange | 2021-22

It is with a heavy heart that I notify you that the Districts making up Central State Rotary Youth Exchange (District 6560 is a founding member) have determined that it is not possible to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange for the 2021-22 academic year.



This decision was not arrived at lightly. One key component of the decision is that as an organization Rotary International has a significant focus on immunization; there is still serious uncertainty regarding COVID-19 immunization availability around the world. Further, in order to adequately plan ahead for exchanges, not only do we need sufficient clarity on the availability / efficacy of vaccines, but our schools, host families, and clubs must be sufficiently comfortable with both sending our students out and bringing international students into our communities.

We are currently pushing forward with plans for exchanges during the 2022-23 academic year. While we recognize that today there is insufficient clarity on vaccine distribution, it is our hope that by this summer we will have enough information for us to make plans for future exchanges. To that end, in June of this year I will be reaching out to clubs to understand their comfort level with hosting students for the 2022-23 school year. Yes, I fully realize that this is asking clubs / schools / host families to plan over one year in advance –

that has always been the way we must organize exchanges. In order to understand how many students we can send out (Outbound) we have to commit to hosting an equal number of Inbound students in the District.

I ask you to discuss future plans with your club leadership so that in June you can promptly respond to my request for your Inbound student hosting commitment. As always, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Yours in Service,
Dan Leaird, Rotary District 6560 Youth Exchange Chair
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GOING VIRTUAL!!

FEEL THE ENERGY IN TAIPEI

12-16 JUNE 2021 | TAIPEI, TAIWAN

Register today at convention.rotary.org | #Rotary21

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



On Camera Around the District



Presentation of the Rotary Club of Southport International Charter by District 6560 Governor Joe Collings to the Club President John Thawngmung.



Celebrating the 73rd CHIN National Day | February 20

Service Projects During the Pandemic

By Tim Thurston, Franklin Rotary Club

As with quite a few activities, the pandemic decreased Rotary clubs' availability to participate in service projects in their communities and a few postponed their district grant projects until this spring. However, the Fishers Rotary club truly exhibited Service Above Self.

In 2020, the Fishers Rotary Club worked with Servant's At Work (SAWs Ramps) to build five ramps for disabled people. They gave over 220 volunteer hours for these projects. On each build, these Rotarians masked-up, gloved-up, and were able to safely come together to impact people's lives within their community. The Fishers Rotary Club provided five permanently disabled people – and their families – with a safe way to enter and exit their homes.

During the Fishers' virtual club meeting on February 12, SAWs Ramps Executive Director, Bob Richmond, awarded the Fishers Rotary with the "2020 Volunteers of the Year" award. Congratulations Fishers Rotary!

Based in Indianapolis, SAWs Ramps is a non-profit that provides high-quality, removable and reusable wooden ramps for individuals using wheelchairs, scooters or walkers who face insurmountable obstacles at their front door and do not have the resources to free themselves from their own homes. It serves those permanently disabled, veterans, and children with permanent mobility limitations throughout Indiana.

Rotarians interested in arranging a club's service project, sponsoring a ramp build, or in need of idea for a district grant may contact Tim Thurston, Regional Hub Manager at tthurston@sawsramps.org.

