



# Greensburg Rotary Bulletin

District 6580 / Club 3437  
President: Rob DeHoff

Meetings Monday @ Noon  
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## District Governor Makes Greensburg Rotary Her First Visit



(By Jeff Emsweller and Nathan Vandrey) For her first official club visit of the 2024-2025 Rotary Year, [Rotary District 6580](#) Governor Mandy Jo Lohrum presented at her home club, the Rotary Club of Greensburg, on Monday, August 1. DG Lohrum used the opportunity to share her Rotary Story, share her priorities as District 6580 DG, and reminisce on her Rotary experience by sharing photos and memories since joining in March 2015.

Selected in 2022 to be the District DG for the 2024-25 Rotary year, Lohrum has spent the time since that selection preparing herself for this challenging and rewarding position by engaging full-time in Rotary events and meetings across the district. She attended the 2024 Rotary's International Convention in Singapore (just the latest in a long line of RI Convention attendances during her time in Rotary) and was one of 510 DG-selects to attend DG training in Orlando, FL. All of this is just a continuation of her extraordinarily active, engaged history with Rotary from the local to the international level.

After introducing herself to the club that knows her so well, Lohrum spent some time sharing and explaining her top five priorities:

- Hosting a Legacy/Million \$ Dinner - the district has taken on the goal of raising \$1M in support of the Rotary Foundation. As part of this effort, Lohrum plans to have the district host a dinner/fundraiser that celebrates the legacy of Rotary, the Foundation, and District #6580
- Begin quarterly president & district leadership Zoom meetings - intending to standardize and increase district leadership interaction and engagement. "I feel like, with presidents, we didn't touch base with them probably enough in the past to keep them updated on, what's going on (in District 6580)." These meetings are already on the schedule
- Establish a District Leadership Academy - while not expected to be fully implemented until after her tenure as DG, Lohrum said this effort is already in-work and will formalize and standardize leadership training
- Audit our Public Image - Lohrum pointed out that a lot of district and club media presence online is outdated or inaccurate. She pointed to the Facebook page for the North Vernon Rotary club; a club that no longer exists. Lohrum envisions a concerted effort to clean up and revitalize the online presence across the district
- Start 2 new clubs & 2 new Rotaract clubs (or new club types) - While there is always a goal to increase the number of clubs, including Rotaract, Lohrum pointed out that this effort also embraces non-traditional Rotary clubs, including a Rotary "family club" standing up in Bloomington that focuses more on family engagement than traditional clubs. These types of clubs will be "satellite clubs," leveraging leadership and organization of a local, traditional club to ease the administrative burden and allow members to focus on their engagement in the community.

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### ROTARY CALENDAR

- Aug 05 - Steven Harmeyer - The 812
- Aug 12 - Service Project - Bread of Life, 720 Randall St (Greensburg) 11:30a - 1p
- Aug 19 - Jess Barker - JAG Program
- Aug 22 - Board Meeting - The Branch, 8a
- Aug 26 - Networking Event

### OFFICERS 2024-2025

Robert DeHoff	President
Robert DeHoff	Past President
Carrie Bedel	Secretary
Linda Simmons	Treasurer
Jeff Emsweller	Public Relations
Tami Wenning	Vocational Service
Daryl Tressler	Sergeant-At-Arms
Emily Steele	Club / Youth Service
Jerry Fox	Int'l Service
Kelby Owens	Membership Chair
Lora Williams	Rotary Foundation Chair
Steve Freeman	Program Chair
Mandy Lohrum	District Governor



## GREENSBURG ROTARY PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Dear Members,

I am filled gratitude as I think about the recent efforts of our club. Your commitment to service has again made a direct impact on the community.

Thank you all for your support in assisting New Directions with their Wine and Roses fundraiser. Additionally, I want to extend a heartfelt thanks for your invaluable assistance to the Greensburg Fire Department in installing smoke detectors. Your efforts in enhancing community safety are deeply appreciated and underscore our club's mission to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Your willingness to step up and serve selflessly is what makes our Rotary Club exceptional. It is through these acts of service that we truly embody the spirit of Rotary and make a lasting impact in our community. (Service above Self)

Thank you once again for your dedication and hard work.

God Bless, Rob

Want to know what events and speakers are coming to Greensburg Rotary? Just save the link [HERE](#) to your web-browsing favorites list to see what's in store for upcoming meetings and events!

## Linda Simmons, Greensburg Rotary Treasurer, Gives Annual Accounts Briefing



(By Jeff Emsweller and Nathan Vandrey) Linda Simmons, Treasurer for The Rotary Club of Greensburg, presented a detailed explanation of the club financial status at the Monday meeting. This is a continuation of her regular, annual briefing to club members on the status and details of the club's income, expenditures, and financial decisions.

Linda began by breaking down the club's per-person Rotary International dues, to include \$18.75 in dues, \$2.05 for liability insurance, \$4.50 for the Rotary Magazine subscription, and \$1.16 for director and officer insurance - totaling \$26.46 per member per year.

Linda then discusses the per-person district dues. These are currently \$18, which, combined with RI dues is \$44.46. Added to this is a quarterly per-person charge of \$3.15 to cover the cost of PETS, giving a final club dues cost of \$47.21, slightly higher than the \$45/quarter being charged to Greensburg Rotary members.

For the 2023-24 Rotary year, Greensburg Rotary Club paid \$3829 to RI and \$1672 to the District (including PETS), totaling \$5501.

Club expenses included the cost for meals (an average of 20/meeting) at ~\$180/week (2023-24 total was \$6966). Annual fees included the Zoom subscription of \$149.90, the DACdb subscription of \$515, the web domain fee of \$20, and the P.O. Box fee of \$100 - totaling \$784.90/year.

Club income was \$15609, including \$2806 from Poinsettia sales, \$7700 from Archery Tournament Sponsorships, \$4000 from Archery Tournament sales, \$691 from the Christmas Auction, \$622 from 50/50 and Happy Dollars, and \$2800 in grants. Linda is still waiting to see how much the club will earn from the recent Bourbon Tasting event.

Expenditures were \$11330, including \$300 in split-pot payouts, \$850 to sponsor three RYLA students, \$2000 for the three Service-Above-Self scholarships, \$2800 for grant matching, \$3500 to support the local Special Olympics team, \$500 toward DCCF, \$250 supporting the Decatur County Marching Band, \$1000 to Speranza House, \$1000 supporting the Polio Plus fight to eradicate Polio, \$600 to the DCMH Foundation, \$1000 to the Branch's community support efforts, \$350 to Our Hospice, \$1000 to the YMCA, \$450 to Choppers for Coppers, a one-time "thank you" of \$200 to REMC for providing meeting space, and \$600 to the Educator of the Year.

For the 2024-25 Rotary Year, the club has committed to providing \$10565, including \$3000 in grant matching, \$790 in club expenses, \$300 toward PETS, \$3000 to continue our long-running support of the Special Olympics team, \$875 toward sending student to RYLA, \$2000 for Service-Above-Self scholarships, and \$600 to the Educator of the Year.

To-date, club income for the 2024-25 Rotary Year is \$22150, including \$7750 for Archery Tournament Sponsorships, \$5500 from Archery Tournament sales, an estimated \$6100 from the recent Bourbon Tasting fundraiser, and \$2800 in grants. The club has already paid out \$3000 to support Special Olympics. *(See Presentation Slides on Pg 4)*

## Eight Greensburg Rotarians Support Red Cross Smoke Detector Installation Campaign



(By Nathan Vandrey) Greensburg Rotary Club once again enthusiastically answered the call to support the Greensburg community. This time the call came from [Greensburg Fire Department](#) Asst. Fire Chief Brian Wenning. The GFD is supporting the [Red Cross' "Sound the Alarm"](#) campaign. With an estimated seven daily deaths nationally due to home fires, the Red Cross and its partners are seeking to inform and equip as many households as possible to prevent fires and, if one occurs, ensure residents are warned and have a plan to get to safety.

This effort is supported by the [Decatur County United Fund](#) and the Greensburg Fire Department.

Knowing Greensburg Rotary's continued engagement in the community, Asst Chief Wenning asked the club to provide support for the 22 July effort to go door-to-door to test and install these life-saving devices and also to provide residents with information on preventing fires and developing a household plan for safely escaping a structure and meeting up if a fire does occur.

Rotarians Steve Freeman, Emma Moffett, James Ritchie, Jamie Rivera, Caleb Robertson, Daryl Tressler, Nathan Vandrey, and Erica Vonderheide showed up to support, with 64 smoke detectors installed in 39 homes.





## Stormy Weather Can't Stop the Fun - Fifth-Monday Event at Lake Santee is a Hit



As is custom during a month with five Mondays, on the fifth-Monday of July 2024 (July 29) Greensburg Rotarians forewent their regular Monday afternoon club meeting for a get-together celebration of Rotarian fellowship. For July, this event, organized by members Jenni Hanna and Diane Hart-Dawson, was dinner at the Lake Santee Community Center followed by evening boat rides on the lake.

A recent string of turbulent and stormy weather threatened the event, with the National Weather service predicting high winds and thunderstorms for the area, but the skies remained (relatively) clear and the winds (mostly) calm, allowing Rotarians to partake of the celebration.

Thanks, as always, to Deborah Sellers for her catering expertise and to Rick & Mary Johnson and Ed & Mary Fox for providing their boats and nautical expertise.



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Lohrum spent the last portion of her presentation celebrating and remembering her time and experiences as a member of the Rotary Club of Greensburg. This included being tasked, within months of joining, to take over the role of scoring at the club's annual Euchre Tournament fundraiser. Competitive Euchre players are hardcore about the rules and hold scoring to a high standard. Lohrum credited the help of her fellow Rotarians in getting her through the event.

She continued by sharing photos and memories from her multiple International and District convention trips; her time as club president (including a pandemic-delayed 100-years-of-Rotary celebration); and the many, many Greensburg Rotary events and services projects of which she has been a part - from parking at Power of the Past to the more recent Archery Tournament support at North Decatur HS to roadside cleanups and including so many projects that provided hope and help to those struggling in the community of Greensburg and Decatur County.

Lohrum also made a point of memorializing her friend and mentor, past DG Judy Bush. Judy was not only a just a past DG but also an active mentor to all district Rotarians, with a special focus on guiding women to a more active, leadership-driven role in the district and its clubs. Speaking of their friendship and shared fight against breast cancer, Lohrum said, "She was a huge inspiration to me...we had phone conversations quite often about what I was going through, what she was going through, how I was doing in Rotary, how she was doing in Rotary. Really, at that time in my life, I needed that.

In summarizing her thoughts on her time with Greensburg Rotary, Lohrum said, "(Greensburg Rotary) is home for me. I love our club and I love everything we do. We're like a big family!"

## From Rotary International: Successful New Membership Teams Share Their Insights

(By Etelka Lehoczky - Rotary International) Innovation is a guiding force in Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific, where energetic Rotary members are starting dozens of new clubs and reviving struggling ones. The leaders of four new membership teams have started 27 new clubs since July 2020. Their goal is to start 15 more, and rejuvenate 100, every year. Here are insights from the leaders achieving this growth:

Andy Rajapakse (Rotary Club of Burleigh Heads, Queensland, Australia)

"Forming a new club is easier than reinventing an existing club. New members find the new clubs to be flexible, accommodating, and rich with leadership opportunities. In an existing club, a new member will find it hard to become the president or secretary. But in a new club, you can get a leadership opportunity right away. In the new clubs we've started, 58% of the people who joined were female and 28% were under the age of 40."

"To find good places to start clubs, I look for suburbs where a big store just opened. We have a big hardware store chain in Australia called Bunnings. They do socioeconomic surveys to see where new developments are being built and new families are coming in. When they open a big warehouse, that's an opportunity for us. If there is no Rotary club in that area, we know we can start one."

Michael Buckeridge (Rotary Club of Mackay, Queensland, Australia) "Our club went from 31 to 51 members by starting a satellite club. Our



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original club and our satellite club meet at different times and do different things. The satellite club has come up with a meeting structure and decided what projects they want to do, and they organize everything through videoconferencing. ... One member of the original club serves as a mentor and goes to their meetings. The satellite members help at our events and remain full, voting members of our club.”

Mark Huddleston (Rotary Club of Seaford, South Australia, Australia)

“If you’ve got a young family or you’re in business for yourself, you’re not going to have a lot of spare time. People are interested in getting out in their communities, rolling up their sleeves, and getting their hands dirty. They’re not interested in spending their time in meetings every week. Clubs are allowed to meet every two weeks if they choose to. A lot of clubs have taken that up. Most of the new clubs that have started in our zone have the minimum number of meetings: Two times per month.”

“There was a time when we used meeting attendance to measure the value of a Rotarian. We’re slowly recognizing that member engagement is a more important measure of success. Instead of having meetings at the center of the Rotary universe, we should have service at the center of the Rotary universe. Everything, including meetings, should revolve around that. My own club has two meetings a month. One is on a Thursday night. The other, on a Sunday afternoon, is often combined with a service project. We do the project, and then we tack on a very informal meeting at the end of it. So, there are very different ways of doing the whole meeting thing.”

What’s a companion club?

A companion club is a term that’s sometimes used for a satellite club that has no intention of becoming a standalone club. Rotary and Rotaract satellite clubs have their own meetings, projects, bylaws, and boards, managed in collaboration with their sponsor clubs. A satellite club sometimes becomes its own standalone club after the club grows, but companion clubs remain affiliated with their sponsor clubs.

Slides from Greensburg Rotary Treasurer Presentation

Club Dues

Go towards the Rotary International dues	
► Dues	\$18.75
► Liability Insurance	\$ 2.05
► Rotary Magazine	\$ 4.50
► Directors and <u>officers</u> insurance	<u>\$ 1.16</u>
Total (per member/per quarter)	\$26.46

Club Dues

Go towards the Rotary District dues	
► Dues	\$18.00
Total (per member/per quarter)	\$18.00
Total Dues owed per quarter RI and District	
Our Club Dues	\$44.46
	\$45.00
► <i>Pets Training Per member/per quarter</i>	<u>\$ 3.15</u>
Total Dues owed per quarter with PETS	\$47.21

Club Dues

Dues paid in 2023-2024 to RI	\$3829.00
to District	\$1672.00
Includes \$125 for PETS	<u>\$5501.00</u>

Club Expenses

► Meals (per week)	\$180.00
We order 20-Average 17 (range from 15-19)	<u>\$153.00</u>
2023-24 Paid	\$6966.00
Billed	\$6962.00
► Zoom subscription-Yearly	\$149.90
► DACdb-Finance & Website subscription (yearly)	\$515.00
► Web domain name (yearly)	\$ 20.00
► Post Office box rental (yearly)	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total	\$ 784.90

Club Income

► Poinsettias Sale	\$ 2806
► Archery Tournament Sponsors	\$ 7700
► Archery Tournament Sales	\$ 4000
► Christmas Auction	\$ 691
► 50/50 & Happy Dollars	<u>\$ 622</u>
Total	\$15609
We also receive approximately \$2800 in grant money that we match.	
	<u>\$18409</u>

Club Expenditures

► Split pot payout	\$ 300
► RYLA (we sponsor 3 students)	\$ 850
► Service Above Self Scholarships	\$2000
► Grant match	\$2800
► Special Olympics	\$3500
► DC Community Foundation	\$ 500
► DC Marching Band	\$ 250
► New Directions	\$ 250
► Speranza House	\$1000
► Polio Plus	\$1000

Club Expenditures

► DCMH Foundation	\$ 600
► The Branch	\$1000
► Our Hospice	\$ 350
► YMCA	\$1000
► Choppers for Coppers	\$ 450
► REMC	\$ 200
► Educator of Year	<u>\$ 600</u>
Total	<u>\$11330</u>

Club Finances

Committed expenses For 2024-25	
► We committed as Match for grant	\$ 3000
► Club expenses	\$ 790
► PETS	\$ 300
► Special Olympics	\$3000
► Ryla	\$ 875
► Service Above Self	\$2000
► Educator of Year	<u>\$ 600</u>
	<u>\$10565</u>

Club Finances

Club Income to date	
► Archery Tournament Sponsors	\$7750
► Archery Tournament Sales	\$5500
► Bourbon Tasting Fundraiser	\$6100
► Grant Money	\$2800
Total	<u>\$22150</u>
Have already paid out \$3000 to Special Olympics	

There is now a [cashless option](#) to pay for your Happy Dollars and 50/50 tickets; simply mark the number of tickets and happy dollars on the meeting attendance sheet, and they will be added to your quarterly bill!