

# Rotary District 6780 News



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## District Governor's April Message

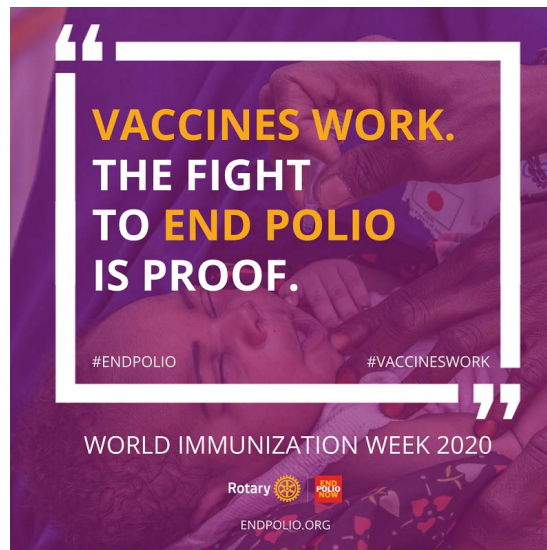


As we enter the final quarter of our year of "Rotary Opens Opportunities," let's continue our efforts to stay positive and to be engaged, so that we finish the year strong and prepared to make 2021-22 an even better year!

April is **Maternal and Child Health Month** on our Rotary calendar. Rotarians work to make high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An

estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.

Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease. Our first Heart 2 Heart global grant projects in Mexico involved providing infant radiant cradles for a public hospital, and another project trained 500 midwives and provided supplies to treat 24,000 newborns. Several clubs in our district have been and still are directly involved in other important projects for assisting vulnerable mothers and children.



Another way we can help vulnerable people is to recognize and participate in **World Immunization Week April 24-30**. Polio eradication is our prime example of the positive power of immunizations for the children of the world, but there are so many others as well.

In the United States we are seeing some positive movement in addressing the pandemic, but the pandemic is not over, and we all need to be vigilant until we cross the finish line. The world needs Rotary now more than ever, and Rotary needs you now more than ever, so please stay safe and healthy!

**DG Ron and Karen**

## Winners Announced for 2021 Interact Scholarship Awards

Teresa Musice  
Assistant District Governor  
Amy Rudder  
Assistant District Governor  
David E. Sergeant  
Assistant District Governor  
David Sorge  
Assistant District Governor  
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Assistant District Governor



The Interact Awards Scholarship Awards Committee has announced the winners of the 2021 Fred Brown Award and the James L. Bomar Awards.

Abbi Wildi (Hardin Valley Academy ♦ Farragut) has been awarded the Fred Brown Interact Award of Merit.

The six winners of the James L. Bomar, Jr. Interact Scholarship Awards are as follows:

Jack Benjamin (Whitwell ♦ South Pittsburg)  
Seth Countess (Cascades ♦ Shelbyville)  
Janine Peck (Bradley Central ♦ Cleveland)  
Haley Powell (Huntland ♦ Winchester)  
Cory Schwarze (Roane County ♦ Kingston)  
Natalee Sturgill (Clarkrange ♦ Jamestown)

All seven students receive a \$2,000 college scholarship. The Hardin Valley Academy Interact Club will receive \$500 as the host Interact club of the Fred Brown award winner. Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, the Committee was able to award six Bomar scholarships instead of the four scholarships that were originally planned.

Congratulations to all these outstanding students, to their host Interact clubs, and to the sponsoring Rotary clubs! We also thank Interact Scholarship chair Past District Governor Jim Buckner and his committee for their superb work in the selection and interview process!

## World Immunization Week Is April 24-30



During World Immunization Week, 24-30 April, join with Rotary to combat vaccine hesitancy and misinformation by spreading the facts about why [#VaccinesWork](#).

With decades of experience fighting polio, Rotary plays a key role in informing people about the power and effectiveness of vaccines. As COVID-19 vaccines become more available, Rotary members are using their experience in fighting polio to help communities with their [vaccination education and organization efforts](#). And today, because we and our partners have worked so hard, wild poliovirus remains endemic in only two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. But to eradicate it there and to prevent a resurgence in other parts of the world, we must continue to build trust in vaccines and raise funds for polio eradication, including vaccine delivery.

This year, you can take action for World Immunization Week in three easy ways:

1. [Download and share](#) our new two-minute video, ♦ Rotary Inspires Leaders in Global Health, ♦ and [show](#) it to your clubs. In it, global health leaders like U.S. infectious disease expert Dr. Anthony Fauci, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Co-Chair Bill Gates, UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta H. Fore, and World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus talk about what Rotary has achieved in the fight to end polio.
2. Post graphics and other content from Rotary ♦s [World Immunization Week Toolkit](#) on social media with the hashtags [#EndPolio](#) and [#VaccinesWork](#).
3. [Donate](#) to Rotary ♦s PolioPlus Fund to help us and our partners deliver polio vaccines to vulnerable children. Your contribution will be tripled, thanks to the Gates Foundation.

## District Calendar of Events

April 24 -- District Business Meeting and Bomar Foundation Meeting  
April 24-30 -- World Immunization Week  
May 1 -- Rotary Leadership Institute Graduate Course  
May 7 -- District Golf Tournament, Avalon Golf Club  
May 8 -- College of Governors ♦ Meeting

May 15 -- District Training Assembly  
May 17 -- Awards applications due  
June 12-16 -- 2021 Rotary International Virtual Convention  
June 26 -- District Celebration Event

## RYLEA Planned for September 25



After a year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic, District 6780 will again host the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) on Saturday, September 25, 2021. This annual event is held at Camp Nakanawa in Crossville.

The district will contact clubs to get commitments on the number of incoming high school juniors each club will sponsor for this exciting event.

RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth. It aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth,
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders,
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth,
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.

## A Rotary Youth Exchange Success Story

*By Bill Nichols, Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound Chair*

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According to Rotarian Betty Vickers, "Youth Exchange is one of the most impactful programs of Rotary. The opportunities it provides for a young person's future success in life are remarkable."

Bobby Rogers was a young man from Crossville whom the Morrison family adopted, and they sent him on a Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange to the Philippines along with their son, Adian, and another young man, Brandon Brown. I gave Bobby a nickname, and he had a nickname for me, which I won't print.

Bobby graduated from Crossville High School after he came back from the Philippines. Then he wanted to go to college at Tennessee Tech, but before he entered college, he joined the Army Reserves.

I received a letter from him tonight, and I have been in tears for the last 30 minutes. I am so very proud of Bobby Rogers. He will graduate from Tennessee Tech in May and will also receive his commission as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Folks, this is what Rotary Youth Exchange is all about. Bobby's back story and his current success make his a very special story. Rotary and the Morrison family had a huge hand in getting him to this point. We believed in Bobby as Rotarians. And yes, it's okay to puff out our chest and say that we had a hand in this young man's success.

Bobby Rogers, you made us proud of you!

## Wilson County Schools Recognizes Rotary in Video Program

The Wilson County Schools has created a video about the "Read to Succeed" program recognizing the important contribution Rotary is making for their first-grade students. The program is funded by a few clubs and a district grant.

You view the video and share it with your club by clicking on the following link:

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3zC7RWjwZ9imh7kwppXOSlwq-id8GrCZrflsty4y5qgG83SDZjONCHI\\_s&v=kOI0VR4qDg4&feature=youtu.be](https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3zC7RWjwZ9imh7kwppXOSlwq-id8GrCZrflsty4y5qgG83SDZjONCHI_s&v=kOI0VR4qDg4&feature=youtu.be)

## The Oak Ridge Breakfast Club Celebrates 40 Years

The Oak Ridge Breakfast Club celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in December with a grand, virtual affair. They honored their history of service to Rotary and their community, shared their joys, and looked ahead to ongoing and future club activities. Members received a memory book with a club directory.

Former President Dub Shults, recently deceased, inspired the memory book and made significant contributions to its content. Others who contributed to the project were President Ruby Miller, Ray Smith, Pat Vanek, Sherrie Fairchild-Keyes, and Emily Jernigan.

Former Club Presidents shared highlights from each of the club's four decades, and several members offered testimonials about how Breakfast Rotary had influenced their lives. The club presented members with gift boxes containing a Rotary face mask, cookies and a small bottle of Prosecco. Everyone was encouraged to wear a hat to toss into the air at the end of the virtual party.

[Read More](#)

## Cleveland Club Learns Success Secrets from Former Quarterback



At the Cleveland Club's March 16 meeting NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Fran Tarkenton joined the meeting via Zoom from Atlanta. Beyond his vibrant career as a football player, Tarkenton has spent 50 years building over 20 companies. He gained experience in a multitude of business industries before branching out and starting a business of his own.

The former quarterback said he is often asked what is his secret to success and what are some of his key

attributes that led him to his accomplishments. He responded, ♦ I am a product of all the people I learned from. ♦ It was the lessons he learned from others that led him to the success he found in business. He also said, ♦ I was coachable and sought being mentored. ♦

One of the keys to achievement is not acknowledging what you know, but acknowledging what you do not know, and having the ability to seek out those who have the knowledge. He went on to say, ♦ Every time I thought I had all the answers, I got knocked down. ♦

Some of Tarkenton's standout advice was that relationships are one of the most valuable assets a business can have. ♦ Business for me has always been about other people...if it's good for them, I'll make it happen. If it's not good for them, it won't happen. ♦

Tarkenton is out to help people, which in turn helps business. He advised the Cleveland Rotarians that the best leaders and entrepreneurs are those who make others around them want to do better and be better. These qualities are what will lead to true success.

## Oak Ridge Club Members Support COVID-19 Immunizations

Members of the Oak Ridge Club are mobilizing to combat COVID-19 in their community. The most recent efforts include a new public awareness campaign designed to encourage community members to get vaccinated. The campaign shares information about where vaccines



are available, along with recruiting and organizing volunteers for drive-through vaccine clinics.

The awareness campaign started in March with messaging and imagery encouraging vaccination and a call-to-action pointing to the club's website as a place to find additional information. Locations for

vaccinations in Oak Ridge are listed on the club's website, along with information about upcoming clinics, as it becomes available.

Munsey's Pharmacy hosted a clinic on Saturday, March 27, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM in Oak Ridge. Dr. Munsey is a member of the Oak Ridge Club, and his was the first pharmacy in Oak Ridge to offer vaccinations for COVID-19. A second-dose clinic was also held at the pharmacy.

The clinics are being run with nearly all volunteer labor, including administrators and club members who help direct traffic, park cars, and run back and forth getting supplies for the medical professionals who are volunteering to administer the vaccine.

## Tellico Lake Club Delivers St. Patrick's Day Meals

The Tellico Lake Club members embodied the giving spirit of St. Patrick's Day by delivering hot meals and drinks on March 17 to numerous homes in the Tellico Village community.



Dozens of club members delivered 260 meals from five restaurants — Yacht Club, Toqua Sports Bar & Grill, Tanasi Bar & Grill, Kahite Pub & Grill, and Rarity Bay Bistro. The first St. Patrick's Day Dinner Delivery for Charity meals celebrated the special day with corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and a bottle of wine.

From 5:00 to 7:00 PM Village residents had the options of picking up meals ordered from one of the restaurants or having them delivered by club members. When grateful at-home diners received their Rotarian delivered meals, many offered tips. Their tips served as donations to support the club's projects for Our PLACE and the Rotary Scholarships program. Club President John Cammack

estimated the club raised \$3,500 within the two hours. Cammack is pictured checking off meals to be delivered.

The idea for the project arose after the club was forced to cancel its annual charity dinner and silent auction, which had been its largest fundraiser of the year. According to club member John Everson, "In essence, we were like DoorDash or Uber Eats, and that's what we were doing." He added, "We thought 'Let's do something for Valentine's day,' but it was too late and it wouldn't have worked. Someone said, 'A romantic dinner in Styrofoam is just not going to work.' But for St. Patrick's Day, it was wonderful."

## High School Students Join McMinnville Noon Club

The McMinnville Noon Club encourages members of Warren County High School to attend its weekly meetings when they have the opportunity.

Warren County High School health

sciences students had front row seats at the April 1 meeting for a mini-lecture and question session with Dr. William Schaffner, an internationally recognized expert on the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Schaffner is professor of infectious diseases at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and is a frequent guest on the national television news networks.



Club members were especially pleased with the active interaction of students with the speaker during the question-and-answer session, and they hope the students' visits at their meetings will have a positive influence in their lives and academic careers.

Pictured are students and the lead teacher, Erin Blalock, as they share their reactions after Dr. Schaffner's Zoom interaction at the weekly Rotary luncheon.

## Interact Students Show Leadership in Community Service

Oak Ridge High School's Interact Club is a fun way for students to engage and give back to their community while learning the values of leadership, community involvement and giving back.



Beginning in July 2020 students in the club have self-chosen and organized eleven service projects for the current Rotary year. Projects have included a recent effort to clean out and organize the RISE School Pantry, other food pantry support with First United Methodist Church and United Way of Anderson County (pictured), assisting with the Roane State Street Painting Festival to raise funds for local scholarships, and a special Valentine's Day project to recognize and appreciate the maintenance and cleaning staff at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge. During these service projects, the club members

have amassed a total of 221 volunteer hours.

Thanks to strong leadership from the student membership, the club has grown from less than 20 members to nearly 80 members from in three years, making it a huge growth area for students at Oak Ridge High School. These teens are passionate about helping one another and taking on service to their community. With the help of the Oak Ridge Rotary Club, the Interact Club is flourishing and hopes to continue this legacy for years to come.

The Oak Ridge High School Interact is sponsored by the Oak Ridge Club, which provides support and guidance while enabling participating students to be self-governing and self-supporting.

## Pigeon Forge Club Presents Spring Craft Fair

The Pigeon Forge club will host a Spring Craft Fair from April 22 through April 25. The fair is open daily from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM EDT.

Located at the Mountain Mile on Teaster Lane in Pigeon Forge, the fair offers free parking and a small entry fee.

Proceeds from the fair will be used to benefit local community service projects, including scholarship programs, Christmas for Kid project, dictionary project, Boys & Girls Club,

Clothes Closets, youth athletics, Rotary Youth Exchange, and more.

Learn more at [www.pigeonforgerotary.org](http://www.pigeonforgerotary.org).

## Enter to Win a Golf/Utility Cart!

The Knoxville Volunteer Club has teamed up with Ladd's Carts of Knoxville to give away a newly refurbished golf/utility cart to some lucky winner.

Purchase a \$25 ticket for an opportunity to win one of the prizes listed below:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place ♦ Newly Refurbished Golf/Utility Cart
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$100
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$75
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$50
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place - \$25

The drawing will be at 12:00 noon EDT on July 17. Your attendance at the drawing is not



required to win. The drawing will be broadcast live from Ladd's Carts of Knoxville on the Knoxville Volunteer Rotary Facebook page. Jimmy Hyams, Sports Director for Cumulus Broadcasting and co-host of "Sports Talk 99.1 FM", will draw the winning tickets.

To enter for a chance to win, request a ticket stub by emailing [knoxvillerotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:knoxvillerotaryclub@gmail.com). Entrants will receive their tickets by mail, along with a return address. When entrants return the completed, attached stub with full payment (check payable to Knoxville Volunteer Rotary Club), they will be

entered in the drawing. Completed stubs and full payment must be received no later than July 4, 2021. Entrants must be 18 years old to purchase a ticket, and proof of age will be required before the prize is awarded.

All proceeds from this raffle will help fund the club's community and worldwide service projects, including student leadership and professional development, reading programs, veterans services, environmental and conservation programs, worldwide polio eradication and much more.

For more information, email Earl Kear at [wksamson@aol.com](mailto:wksamson@aol.com).

## Sevierville Sunrise Club Sponsors On-Line Auction

The Sevierville Sunrise Club is hosting an on-line auction to raise funds for supporting the club's service projects. The bidding opened at 12:01 AM on April 8 and will close at 11:45 PM (EDT) on Wednesday, April 28.

Anyone may join the bidding. To view items for auction and place your bid, go to <http://www.32auctions.com/seviervillesunrise>. You may also access the site from the Sevierville Sunrise Rotary Club Facebook page. Items on the auction block include:

- Smoky Mountain vacations and attractions packages
- Back-to-campus packages for dorms and apartments
- Self-care/spa items
- Dinner and show experiences
- Viking Cruise Line certificate
- Pet portrait package
- Collectibles

Home maintenance packages

- Summer essentials package
- And much more

Income from the auction will go to support the club's programs for youth, educational opportunities, senior exchange programs, and local non-profits, including the Sevier County Food Ministry, Mountain Hope Good Shepherd Clinic, 4-H clubs, Smoky Mountain Area Rescue Ministries, and Boys & Girls Clubs of the Smoky Mountains.

## The Crossville Club Presents Shooting for Success



The Crossville Noon Club is hosting the 2021 Shooting for Success on May 22 at the Crossville Shooting Sports Park. The shoot will be a 50-round sporting clays competition. Each shooter will receive a T-shirt and lunch from one of the participating food trucks.

The club will use these proceeds to fund scholarships for students entering college or trade schools, blue jeans for children at Christmas, dictionaries for all third-grade students in Cumberland County, and various other projects.

Registration begins at 9:00 AM CDT, and start time is 10:00 AM. Entry fee is \$100 per person or \$400 for a five-man squad. The entry fee includes 50 birds plus lunch. For more information contact Sheryl Webb at 931-200-3302 or [webbsheryl@gmail.com](mailto:webbsheryl@gmail.com).

The Crossville Noon Club is an active group of business professionals who strive to make Crossville and Cumberland County a better place to live through its involvement in school literacy projects, helping others with basic clothing needs, college/technical school scholarships, and other needs that arise.

## Rotary International Insurance News



Rotary International (RI) announced that, effective July 1, 2021 when the next RI insurance policy goes into effect, there will be an increase in the per member assessment rate for the insurance. A premium credit will be issued due to favorable loss history, and that will partially mitigate any premium increases. RI explains that even though clubs postponed fundraising events and there was less claim activity than in prior years, they believe the increases are due to losses in areas we are not insured for ♦ property losses due to wildfires and other catastrophic losses, as well as COVID-19 losses, workers' comp claims for example.

RI Risk Management will make every attempt to keep coverages the same as current. There is no expectation that the communicable disease exclusion that applies to COVID -19 will be going away.

For questions or additional information, contact District Insurance Representative Cyndi Jeffers by phone (865-679-4668) or e-mail to [dcjeffers1@gmail.com](mailto:dcjeffers1@gmail.com).