

# Rotary District 6780 News



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## District Governor's March Message

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As we head into spring, we look forward to the warming weather, knowing that our temperatures will yo-yo and that we will get plenty of rain. In Tennessee we are very fortunate to have ample rain and lots of fresh water everywhere for everyday use and for recreation. Far too many people in our world are not so fortunate.

March is Water and Sanitation Month in the Rotary calendar. Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life. When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families. Through water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield longterm change.



District 6780 continues to be involved in numerous WASH projects around the world, through club sponsored projects, district grants, and global grants. This month's picture shows a few of the 140,000 grade school children in Mexico who now enjoy clean drinking water, due to several Rotary Foundation global grants sponsored by Heart 2 Heart and supported by our district.

Our Rotarians do river cleanups and other local water and sanitation service projects in our district, and we have supported sanitation improvements for our neighbors in Kentucky. We must continue our strong efforts to help those who lack reasonable access to clean water and proper sanitation. Thank you for your support of WASH projects here and around the globe!

Ron and Karen

## District Calendar of Events

March 19-20 Assistant Governors Institute (virtual)  
March 19-20 Mid-South Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS) (virtual)  
April 10 Bomar & Brown scholarship interviews (virtual)  
April 10 Rotary Leadership Institute, part 1 of 2 (virtual)  
April 17 Rotary Leadership Institute, part 2 of 2 (virtual)  
April 24 District Business Meeting and Bomar Foundation Meeting (virtual)

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## Take a Virtual Tour of Rotary International World Headquarters



During the COVID-19 pandemic, Rotary International has been unable to offer in-person tours of its World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. Now a new virtual tour makes it easy for members to get a peek at the changes that have been made in the building whenever and wherever they may be. Learn more about Rotary's vision to create lasting change in communities around the world. [Share the virtual tour](#) with members of your club at its next meeting.

## Polio Update



In Afghanistan there were no wild polio type 1 cases reported last week. There has been one reported case in 2021, and 56 cases reported at this point in 2020.

In Pakistan one case of wild polio virus type 2 was reported last week. This is the first case in 2021, while 84 cases were reported in 2020.

In honor of International Women's Day March 8, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative

honored two women who have left a mark in polio eradication in women's empowerment within the United Nations. On February 15 Polio Eradication Gender Champion Arancha Gonzalez Lava, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain, visited the Notre Dame des Apotres hospital in N'Djamena, Chad, where she administered polio drops to two newborn children.

In a special interview, PolioNews (PN) Talked with Holger Knaack, President of Rotary International, about why it is more important than ever to support PolioPlus, and what lessons it can offer to the global pandemic response.

## Celebrate Spring at District Golf Tournament May 7



Join District Governor Ron Appuhn and other District leaders for a day of fun, food, and fellowship at our Signature Polio Plus Fundraiser and Golf Tournament Friday, May 7, at the Avalon Golf and Country Club.

Prizes will be awarded for the Governor's Cup, first and second place in two flights, Hold-in-One, Closest-to-the Pin, team with the highest score, and door prizes. To win the Governor's Cup competing teams must be composed of all Rotarians from the same club. The winning team will retain the Cup for the year following the tournament. The following

year the cup will be returned to the club sponsoring the Governor's Cup. Teams competing for, but not winning, the cup will be eligible for flight awards.

Governor Ron is asking that every club be a hole sponsor. Hole sponsorships are \$300 and offer district recognition, a hole sign with the club name, and opportunity to contribute to goodie bags.

Sponsorship levels are as follows:

- Gift Sponsor - \$3,000. Benefits include logo on player gifts and recognition at

the tournament and in the District Newsletter, which goes out to 6,500 Rotarians.

- Awards Sponsor - \$2000. Benefits include logo on player gifts and recognition at the tournament and in the District Newsletter.
- Lunch Sponsor - \$1,500. Benefits include prominent signage across the dining area and recognition at the tournament and in the District Newsletter.
- Hole-in-One Sponsor - \$750. Benefits include prominent signage at the prize hole and recognition at the tournament and in the District Newsletter.
- Prize Hole Sponsor - \$400. Benefits include signage at all prize holes and recognition at the tournament and in the District Newsletter.
- Hole Sponsor - \$300. Benefits include hole sponsor sign and recognition in the District Newsletter.

The cost to participate is \$100 per player or \$400 per team. Includes lunch and a goodie bag. Lunch will begin at 11:00 AM, and Shotgun starts at 1:00 PM.

Avalon Golf and Country Club is located at 700 Turnberry Circle, Lenoir City. To register, make checks payable to District 6780 District Golf Tournament and mail to Jenifer Campbell, 12515 Choto Mill Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922. Send email to [hackettj@aol.com](mailto:hackettj@aol.com).

[2021 Golf Tournament Sponsor Info](#)

[2021 Golf Tournament Registration Form](#)

## Rotary Insurance News



As we begin to see the light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel, many Rotary clubs and districts are beginning to think about events ♦ fundraising, membership, maybe even just celebrating being able to be together again. The Rotary International insurance policy provides only limited coverage for some of these events, and Rotary International Risk Management has certain requirements for those with limitations:

- A club or district that is involved in a construction project where the value of materials (donated or purchased) is \$50,000 or more will need to purchase a separate \$1,000,000 liability policy that includes products and completed operations coverage for up to five years. The club or district policy will provide the primary coverage, and the Rotary International insurance policy is for excess over that. Damage to property of any kind is not covered at all by the Rotary International policy. A certificate of insurance for the \$1,000,000 policy must be sent to Rotary International Risk Management.
- If fireworks are planned, the club or district entering into the contract with the pyrotechnics company will need to purchase a \$5,000,000 liability policy. The pyrotechnics firm must carry its own minimum \$5,000,000 liability policy (the city/municipality may require higher limits). The club or district policy provides primary coverage, the Rotary International policy is for excess. A certificate of insurance for both the club/district and the pyro firm must be sent to Rotary International Risk Management.
- If a club or district organizes has an event with more than 25,000 attendees over the entire event period, the club or district is required to purchase a liability policy with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate, including liquor liability if applicable. Again, the club/district policy provides the primary coverage, the Rotary International insurance policy is excess, and a certificate of insurance must be sent to Rotary International Risk Management.

If contemplating one of these events, please contact district insurance rep Cyndi Jeffers (865-679-4668 or e-mail: [dcjeffers1@gmail.com](mailto:dcjeffers1@gmail.com)) for more information on the insurance requirements.

## Oak Ridge Lunch for Literacy to Host Bestselling Author Ruta Sepetys

This spring marks the thirtieth year that the Oak





Ridge Breakfast Club has partnered with the Oak Ridge Altrusa Club to host Lunch for Literacy, an annual event that raises funds to support the clubs' literacy projects throughout the area. The 2021 Lunch for Literacy will be a virtual event on Tuesday, March 23, at 11:30 AM.

Each year the Lunch for Literacy features a nationally recognized author as speaker, this year Lithuanian-American author Ruta Sepetys. Internationally acclaimed, she is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling writer of historical fiction. Winner of the Carnegie Medal, she is well known for giving voice to under-represented history and those who experienced it. Sepetys's books have been published in over 60 countries in 40 languages. Considered a "crossover" novelist, her books are popular with both students and adults.

Lunch for Literacy is a successful event that draws sell-out crowds every spring, and, according to former Lunch for Literacy Co-chair Kelly Callison, "Even with COVID, which prevents an in-person luncheon, our sponsors and ticket buyers continue to support this important community event."

Tickets to this virtual event are \$30 each and may be purchased via the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-lunch-for-literacy-tickets-137349121921?aff=erelexpmlt>. Or, find the ticket website at <http://www.eventbrite.com> and search for "2021 Lunch for Literacy." Ticket sales end March 23.

Questions for the speaker may be submitted in advance to [lochlainns@msn.com](mailto:lochlainns@msn.com) by March 22.

## Maryville Club Supports Distance Learning with SkyFi Project

What happens when schools close for a pandemic, children are forced into "distance learning," and a family cannot afford internet access? Many families have faced this situation in the last year.



The Maryville Club is partnering with the Blount County Public Library and its three funding bodies (Blount County Government, the City of Maryville and the City of Alcoa), as well as the Arconic Foundation, on the SkyFi Project, an initiative to install solar-powered Wi-Fi charging tables at accessible locations in the community.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Arconic Foundation to the Blount County Friends of the Library, the first two tables have been installed at the library. The tables generate and store solar electricity, allowing users to charge devices and access the internet any time of day or night.

The Maryville Club is raising funds to install two additional tables at the Alcoa Duck Pond and is close to

meeting its funding goal. The project supports families of Blount County by providing their children with access to the technology required to succeed academically in today's world.

## Rotary Recognizes Chattanooga Law Enforcement

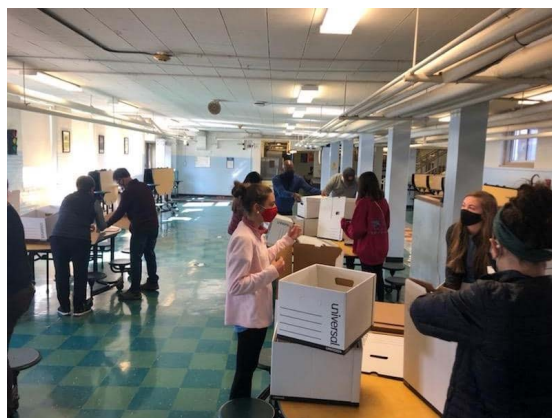
The Chattanooga Hamilton Place Club recently launched its inaugural Law Enforcement

Recognition Event. Assistant Police Chief Danna Vaughn was the featured speaker, and she discussed officers' "calling to serve" and the thorough and specialized training each officer receives.

The club recognized Lt. Daniel Jones for his extraordinary service to their community and for his commitment to his fellow officers. Lt. Jones was part of a team that launched a Peer Support Unit and Training program that has proven successful throughout the police department.

Vaughn also recognized Hope for the Inner City, an agency to which Lt. Jones donates his spare time through community service to this organization. Hope for the Inner City is a Christian organization that engages, invests in, and empowers its neighbors in East Chattanooga to bring economic stability to their community for the glory of God.

## Knoxville Club Packs Boxes for Beaumont



On a Saturday in early March, 20 Rotarians from the Knoxville Club along with Interactors met at Beaumont Magnet Academy to pack Spring Break food boxes. The boxes were for over 50 Beaumont families who experience food insecurity when school is not in session.

The group packed boxes with a combination of donated and purchased food, funds for which were donated through the generosity of many Rotarians. The Beaumont staff distributed the boxes to families.

## Bradley Sunrise Club Supports its Community with a Variety of Projects



In spite of the pandemic the Bradley Sunrise Club has remained active with its community service.

Over the holiday season, the club partnered with Salvation Army and engaged with the Noon Day Rotary Club in a bell ringing challenge. The sunrise Club won, raising the most money. Their kettle had a little more than \$800, which they rounded up to make \$1000.

The club also partnered with Cleveland Academy, providing Christmas presents for the students and staff along with a Christmas

Dinner. The Club was able to Zoom into the party and the students were amazed that someone would care about them in this way. It was truly special!

Partnering with Samaritan's Purse, members had a club packing party putting together over 60 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Last year they only made 40 boxes, so they were thrilled to have so much more for these children.

[Read More](#)

## Chattanooga Hamilton Place Club Honors Clergy

Recently the Chattanooga Hamilton Place Club honored local pastors and clergy during the club's annual Pastor Appreciation Event. Attending pastors and clergy lead and serve several local churches across the Chattanooga community.



The featured speaker was Rev. Tony Walliser, Senior Pastor with Silverdale Baptist Church. Pastor Tony's encouraging message focused on the 'Power of Your Thought Life' through active and positive thinking.

## Maryville Club Holds No-Show Fundraising Gala



No one was invited to attend the Maryville Club's 2021 Rotary Night Fever Fundraiser and Gala. The event did not take place, and no one had to get all dressed up to go anywhere! It turned out to be the 2021 No-Show Gala!

The club leaders realized that COVID-19 would prevent their annual fundraising gala, but the needs of the community were still very real. So, club members began contacting sponsors who had supported the event in the past. Thanks to the generous support of those No-Show sponsors, the club is well on its way to meeting its 2020-21 fundraising goal.

Funds from the No-Show Gala will be used to support the club's community projects, including

- packing and delivering food to kids who might not have a decent meal on the weekends;
- providing adults wanting a college degree some necessary funds to pay for things like childcare, books, or gas;
- assisting in building a home for a single mom;
- handing a child their very first book.

Pictured are Maryville Club members Carla Rafferty, Beth Stubbs, and Justin Hall as they put a \$4000 check in the hands of Pellissippi State Community College president, Anthony Wise. As in the past, the money goes to a fund for non-traditional student assistance. Thank you, Maryville Rotarians and those in the community who supported our fundraising via the Auction/Gala.