

# District 6780 Newsletter

October is Economic and Community Development Month

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## Order Your Purple Pinkie Donuts Now to End Polio Now!



World Polio Day is coming up on October 24, and it's kickoff time for the 2019 Purple Pinkie Project with Dunkin' Donuts. This year Districts 6760 and 6800 are joining our District 6780 as we expand this tasty project to cover the entire State of Tennessee. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 on that day to end polio forever!

On World Polio Day each Dunkin' Donut location will make special long thin donuts with purple icing at one end to imitate the pinkie fingers of children whose little fingers are stamped with purple ink when they receive immunization against polio. Each box of purple pinkie donuts will

contain 10 donuts and cost \$20. With matching funds from the Districts, Rotary International World Fund, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, each \$20 box of donuts will result in a \$180 donation to the End Polio Now! campaign.

Dunkin' Donuts will have a quantity of the specially made purple pinkie donuts available for walk-up customer to purchase, either individually for \$2 each or in boxes of 10 for \$20. But, to ensure there are enough to meet the demand, Rotary and Dunkin' Donuts are making it easy for Rotarians, friends, and families to pre-order boxes of the tasty pinkie fingers, and you are encouraged to do so. Click [HERE](#) to get the pre-order form, which lists all Dunkin' Donut store locations across Tennessee.

Last year we didn't track sales of the donuts to provide contributions for Paul Harris Fellow or Eradicator Club recognition, but we will try to do that this year. However, we can only track pre-orders that are emailed to [PurplePinkies@bluemontgroup.net](mailto:PurplePinkies@bluemontgroup.net). This is in part to encourage pre-orders, but also because when orders are dropped off at store locations they are "rolled up" and a lot of the necessary detail is lost.

Pre-order your tasty treats by noon on Tuesday, October 22nd, and help end polio now! If you don't eat them, share with friends, co-workers, or your local police or fire departments.

## District Governor's October Message

By Gregory J. Maciolek on Sunday, October 6, 2019

Happy October, Fellow Rotarians. It seems that the kids just started school and now they are on Fall Break, which by the way, we never got as a kid. It has been very hot this summer, but fall has arrived and cooler temperatures will prevail.

**October is Economic and Community Development Month.** This is mainly accomplished through Global Grants. For economic and community development, the goals are:



1. Build the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations, and community networks

to support economic development in impoverished communities

2. Develop opportunities for productive work

3. Reduce poverty in underserved communities

4. Support studies for career-minded professionals related to economic and community development

**Grow Rotary** ♦ We are **+22 Rotarians** as of September 30<sup>th</sup>. That ♦s 17% of our goal of +128 with 25% of the Rotary Year gone. I want to commend Fairfield Glade at +8, Hartsville at +5, and Chattanooga at +5 as the top clubs with an increase of members. Here is the other side of the

story: Clubs **inducted 98 new members** since July 1<sup>st</sup>. However, clubs lost **74 current members and 2 of the new members**. Retention of members is an area often overlooked. Be sure you have a good orientation program in place, maybe a buddy system to ensure new members and current members are cared for, be sure to engage new members as soon as possible with a club responsibility. I always say, ♦an educated and engaged Rotarian is more apt to remain in your club. ♦ You can ♦t help job changes or a member passing as has happened in a couple of clubs this year. But you can help members get involved and engaged.

**New Club in Harrogate/New Tazewell (Clairborne County)** ♦ I have been working on starting a new club in the Harrogate/New Tazewell area. Lincoln Memorial University is in Harrogate and I would eventually want to start a Rotaract Club there too. I have several leads on possible members and I have commitments from at least four business owners who want to start a club. If you have any contacts there please let me know as I will be holding an information meeting there before the end of November.

**Millennials in Rotary** ♦ In August I highlighted Hugh Barnett of the Maryville Club who was 103 years old. In September I recorded a video of the Mt. Juliet Noon Club president, Evan Watson, talking about the benefits he has experienced as 26-year-old who joined Rotary at the age of 22. There is a push to get more under 35-year-olds into Rotary. This video will give you more talking points for attracting this age group. Watch his video at this [LINK](#).

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## Have You Planned Your World Polio Day Event?



Rotary's fourth World Polio Day celebration, on 24 October, will highlight extraordinary progress in the eradication campaign and emphasize the work that remains before we wipe out the virus for good. With the number of new cases worldwide nearly halved from this time last year, we have the opportunity to rally our resources and see the last case of polio this year.

Health officials and Rotary's celebrity polio ambassadors will head to Atlanta, Georgia, USA, for the event, the first to be held at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It will be streamed live and

then will be available for viewing anytime at [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org).

[Download World Polio Day materials](#) for information and resources on planning and promoting a successful World Polio Day event, such as a viewing party or fundraiser:

- [Register your event here](#) for a chance to be recognized in Atlanta, or to be featured on our website and social media pages.
- Use our graphics to craft engaging social media posts, and use #endpolio to follow and join the global conversation.
- Write to local media and government officials: Pitch a story about your club's contributions to the campaign, and remind them why it's important to keep fighting.

## Bahamas and Hurricane Dorian - Relief Fund

## Hurricane Dorian Update and Relief Fund

Posted by William Hesse on Sep 02, 2019



Hurricane Dorian dealt a severe blow to the Bahamas specifically to the Island of Abaco. Other islands were affected as well. They need a lot of help and donating funds is the quickest and best way to help in the Bahamas. Our District found that out when our Rotarians ran Boyd's Bear Relief Center after the Sevierville County wildfires in November 2016. It is better to have the funds to purchase what is needed and not to receive supplies, while well intended, that may not be what is needed at the time.

A lot of clubs have been asking the best way to help the Bahamas. Click on the link that follows and you will see ways in which

to donate money as a club or individual that benefits the relief efforts that are underway. Thank you for wanting to help. <https://7020.org/stories/hurricane-dorian-update-and-relief-fund>

## Important District Training Session Scheduled for October 19th

Three important training sessions will take place on Saturday, October 19th, at Stone Memorial High School in Crossville.

**PETS Orientation for Presidents-Elect and Assistant Governors will start at 8:30 a.m. Central time and go until noon.**

**Global Grant Training** is required for any club that plans to participate in a global grant in 2020-21. That session will go from 9:00 a.m. central time to 11:30 a.m.

**District Grant Training is required** for any club that anticipates requesting and participating in a district grant in 2020-21. This session will go from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. central time.

Participation in either grant training session will count toward club qualification.

Register now by logging into DACdb, click on Calendar, and scroll down to October 19th. Click on the **REGISTER NOW** button at the bottom of the page. You will see the three options, depending on whether you are a President Elect, an Assistant Governor, or other attendees who may be attending one or more sessions.

Lunch will be provided for those attendees who participate in one of the morning session and also participates in the afternoon session.

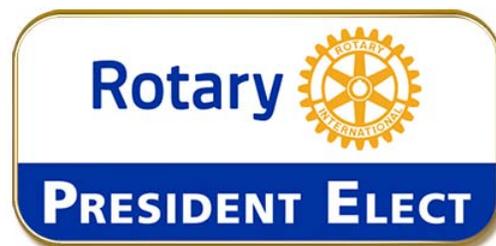
**Please register as soon as possible but no later than Monday, October 14th, so that lunches can be ordered.**

Stone Memorial High School is located at 2800 Cook Road, Crossville TN 38571 (Interstate 40 exit 320).

## Take this Opportunity to Join the Polio NID in India

Rotarians from North America will join Rotarians from India to hold a polio National Immunization Day (NID) on January 19, 2020. Rotarians will travel to Delhi and Uttar Pradesh to participate in the NID and house-to-house activities. This will be the 32<sup>nd</sup> such trip organized to take North American Rotarians to participate in a polio NID.

Along with participation in the polio immunization activities, participants will





meet with the World Health Organization and local Rotary clubs in Delhi and Jaipur. The group will also take a couple of days to travel to Agra to see the Taj Mahal and to Jaipur to see the Pink City.

The group is tentatively scheduled to depart on Friday, January 10, from North America and return on January 21, 2020. The program organizers are working with the Indian Rotary leadership to finalize the itinerary, Rotary programs, and accommodations. Specific information should be available the week of October 28, 2019, if not earlier.

The number of participants is limited, and these trips sell out very quickly. If you are interested in participating in this life-changing event, please send an email to [JBortz@HowardTours.net](mailto:JBortz@HowardTours.net) to be added to the database to ensure they are among the first to receive a notice when the itinerary is finalized.

For more information about the trip, contact Jolene Bortz, Manager of Howard Tours, at (510) 834-2260.

## Cookeville Club and Club Rotario Industrial de Puebla Awarded Global Grant



Rotary International has approved the Cookeville Club for a humanitarian global grant for \$36,000 to support a project to provide medical equipment at Caritas medical facility in Puebla, Mexico. The Cookeville Club will work with Club Rotario Industrial de Puebla. Working with the Carnitas Foundation, the Club Rotario Industrial de Puebla, provides free health care to poor people in Puebla, Mexico, a city of approximately four million people. These two clubs have worked together for over 15 years to provide free medical services to several hundred people each week.

Cookeville Rotarian Pat Bagley has visited Puebla, Mexico, the Club Rotario Industrial de Puebla several times over the past 15 years and has toured the Caritas medical facility five times. As a professor with Tennessee Tech University, he has taken four groups of Tech students in study-abroad trips to Puebla that included visits to Caritas and to the local Rotary Club meeting. Last January, while traveling with 18 students, Bagley and the students visited Caritas and the Puebla Rotarians and began work with them to write a proposal for an International Grant to support the purchase of new medical equipment for Caritas.

Local people can get the free medical services at Caritas administered by volunteer physicians, therapists, dentists, and pharmacists. Additionally, Caritas provides bed for 70 elderly people, mostly suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, providing them a place to spend their last days off the streets and properly cared for.

The Tech students were involved with the evaluation of the medical needs as requested through Puebla Rotarians, and two of those students attended the Rotary Board meeting and made a formal presentation regarding the equipment needs that were being requested. These two students were a registered nurse and a student majoring in Physical Therapy.

Bids have been received on the equipment, and it should be purchased soon.

## Donate Books to the Knoxville Club Project

The Literacy Committee of the Knoxville Club will conduct a book drive throughout the month of October. The collected books will support a literacy

# BOOK DRIVE

project in some poor neighborhoods where people will be allowed to select and keep books that they could not otherwise afford. This is an ongoing project, so they need lots of books!

Clean out your bookshelves and ask friends and neighbors to join you in contributing books. Any kind of book except textbooks is useful in this project. The club can also take unused McKay's

credit slips if you have any around.

The club will collect books at its regular meetings, or you may drop them off with the valet at the front door of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Knoxville. You don't even have to park!

This project is meant to address the lack of books in the homes of children and adults who live in poverty. You can help make that happen.

## Farragut Club Honors Jack Faber for 50 Years Perfect Attendance

In 1969, when Jack Faber was a young dermatologist and surgeon in the small town of Neenah, Wisconsin, (pop. 25,500), he joined the Rotary Club of Neenah. He was 31 years old. Recently, the Farragut Club honored Dr. Faber for 50 years of perfect attendance as a Rotarian.



After he retired in 2008, Faber and wife Jeanne moved to Knoxville in November 2009 to escape the brutal Wisconsin winters. They live in Hardin Valley with their son David and his wife and two of the Faber's five grandchildren, who moved with them from Wisconsin.

Dr. Faber is a man of few words, and after the meeting all he said was, "Rotary has always played a big part in my life." According to wife Jeanne, however, "We got home from the [Rotary] meeting and Jack had tears in his eyes. He was really moved by all of this and what the club did for him. He was really surprised. He absolutely loves Rotary and going to the meetings to see everyone."

Dr. Faber has multiple sclerosis (MS), something he has lived with since his first year of medical school at Northwestern University in Chicago. The MS has not slowed him down

much. He still drives. Save for a slight speech problem, you would not know he has the disease.

When Faber joined the club, the Rotarians in his club who populate what is called the "Infamous Back Table" adopted him as one of their own. When president Staci Wilkerson escorted Faber from the table to the dais to be honored and presented with his 50-year certificate and pin, the back-table guys were the first to stand and lead the ovation. Each club member held a fan with Faber's face on the front.

Farragut is Faber's fourth Rotary club. Besides the Neenah club, he also has memberships in the Rotary Club of Beaver Dam (WI) and the Rotary Club of Columbus Fall River (WI). When they return to Wisconsin each June, Faber attends at least two Rotary meetings a week to see his buddies there. They come back south in early October.

Dr. Faber faces another milestone on October 31, when he will celebrate his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

## Giuliana Castillo's September's RYE Report from Italy

Let's talk coffee. My first coffee in Italy was in the airport at Rome, and it is a story. After getting off the plane from Atlanta, I said goodbye to my new friends Preston and Jasmine (two exchange students staying in Rome). I felt a little off. I thought we would be shuffled off to passport control after arriving. But no, we were in the international terminal. Also, to throw me off even more, the Delta app



didn't show my next gate and failed to say if my bag was off the plane. I walked up to a desk that said Alitalia (the airline of my next flight) and asked. She said I needed to pass through passport control to get to Terminal 1 and to follow the signs for "Connections B C D." The path was a maze of shops. Finally, I saw it "Controllo Passaporti." I was so happy. The whole

process went quickly, I was a little shook. But I made it, I was in Italy, officially. And at last, the boards showed my flight and gate (but still no word on the bags, I prayed they would be boarded onto the next flight).

As I yet again navigated the airport, I passed many coffee shops, or as they call them here "bars." I looked at the people standing with their coffee. My mom was right, it's a little intimidating, so I decided against coffee. Until I came nearly to my gate -- BOOM -- a to-go cup. I entered shyly, went to the register and asked for a coffee to-go (as the sign showed). He gave me a receipt, and I stuffed it in my bag. I stood around for a while, you know as you do in a coffee shop, but this is a bar. One of the men behind the counter waved me over and asked for my receipt, I immediately blushed with embarrassment as I realized my mistake and dug around for it. He took it and passed it to another man. He turned back to me, "Leche? S, S." Then I got confused, because he didn't say "Latte" the Italian word for milk, he said it in Spanish, mmm?

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## Kate Dansereau's September RYE report from India



Festival season has finally arrived here in Nagpur. With the *Ganpati Chaturthi* Festival at the beginning of the month and *Navratri* currently taking place, India is experiencing festivals and celebrations every fifteen days. This brings new food, new customs, and a newfound enthusiasm amongst the people in the city.

At the beginning of September my family celebrated *Ganpati Chaturthi*, a festival honoring Lord Ganesha through *Pujas* and ultimately the resubmerging of clay Ganesha statues into local lakes. In my building we took part in *Pujas* over the course of six days, each family taking responsibility for one night and feeding the people in the building as well as leading the *Puja*. My family was responsible for the first *Puja* on the second of September, leading to lots of preparation the days before. September first was a very busy day for my family. We went to collect the Ganesha idol for our building, flowers, food, and preparing games for the ceremony. Anticipation was heavy in the city and Ganeshas could be seen everywhere. From muscular Ganeshas to those standing up to seven feet tall, everyone was preparing for the celebration.

In the week before, I had attended a workshop with disadvantaged children where we created Ganeshas out of clay for our own homes. While quite simple, the Ganeshas were celebrated and glorified. The building gathered all together for the days of celebration, feasting on delicious food and getting to know each other. We often played *housie*, the Indian version of bingo, before our meals and had a great time getting into the competitive spirit of the game.

The food at the *Pujas* had to be the best part. *Chole*, *Kulchas*, *Pav Bhaji*, and *Gulab Jamoon* were all feature over the week, and I was stuffed every night. I also got to go to a local celebration with some Rotarians where we played carnival games and celebrated Ganesha with my neighborhood of Ramdaspath.

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## Claire Green's September RYE Report from Peru



September has been a wonderful month, and it has flown by so quickly! My entire grade was in Mexico on a class trip during the first week of September, so I stayed at home and got to know my host mom better - we watched *telenovelas*, went to the market, and I even helped her prepare *cuy* (Guinea pig)! Although she doesn't speak any English, it's easy to talk with her because she's so patient and always explains words or phrases I don't understand.

I also attended some college classes with my sister, Nayeli, who is studying industrial engineering at Universidad Catolica Santa Maria. My host sisters know quite a bit of English and they like to practice with me. When we talk, I speak in English, they speak in Spanish, and we

correct each other's mistakes. (I only reply in English if we're having a secret conversation.) I still have a lot of progress to make, but my conversational Spanish has improved so much in the last two months and I understand a little bit more every day.

We spent a weekend at one of my family's ranches in Majes, a small town a couple of hours away from Arequipa. The ranch house is pretty small and all of us (including the grandparents) slept in one room.

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## Maddie Knudsen's September RYE Report from Germany



September has been an amazing month. The first two weeks I was on a class trip to the Czech Republic. It was a lot of fun, but it wasn't your typical class trip. We went sightseeing in Prague one day, but the other days we were in the middle of nowhere measuring fields so we could make a map. I'm still not sure what the point of it was, but it was a great chance to bond with the other people in my class.

After we got back from the trip the week was pretty uneventful, but on the weekend, I stayed with my second host family because my host parents were going out of town. It was a very busy weekend. When I got to their house a lot of their family was there because it was my host brother's 20th birthday, so we ate cake and

celebrated. The next morning, my host sister took me to the stables where she takes care of some of the horses, and I got to ride one of them. I hadn't ridden a horse in probably 10 years so it was kind of terrifying at first, but then I got the hang of it and it was really fun. That night, my host mom, sister, and I went to a concert in Hamburg. It was a classical concert, and I enjoyed it a lot more than I thought I would. When we got back from the concert, my host brother was having his birthday party so my host sister and I went and it was a lot of fun.

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## Caleb Nabor's September RYE Report from Japan

*Konnichiwa, minna-san!* I am back, and a little late like usual! This month as a whole has been very much an experience. An experience could mean plenty of things, but in this case, it refers to all the connotations. It has been informative, interesting, difficult, and invigorating. All at once! I listed all of the things that I thought were cool below, if you want to read about my experience.

**First, Japanese** (This section is a little descriptive and boring, you can skip if you like)- Bro! Japanese is so hard! I studied for nearly two years in Japanese class, granted it was on and off, but two years seems like a large amount of time to study! Even then, I still feel hopelessly lost occasionally. To illustrate to you the idea of the difficulty, I shall bring up two scales.

The first scale is called, How hard a language is to learn for native English speakers. (I actually don't know the name, but don't mind that now.) There are five levels to this scale. Level One is

the easiest to learn such as languages that are similar to English such as Spanish and the such. Level Five is the hardest to learn, such as Mandarin or Thai. Japanese places around a Four. It's pretty difficult.

Along with another scale called the NLPT test. (Haha! This is the actual name!) It stands for the National Language Proficiency Test. Again, a scale of 1-5 is used, but this time in reverse. A scale of 5 is the easiest and means you can speak basic Japanese. Good for you. While a one is absolute fluency, essentially a native speaker.

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## Julian Nosarzewski's September RYE Report from Brazil

My first month here in Brazil has been pretty great with some hiccups though. My trip here was smooth. Upon arriving on Friday, I had a great welcome at the airport by my host family and some Rotex and Rotarians. During my first few days my general feeling was strange, I felt accepted but not really a part of the world here, a sort of *depaysement*. But upon writing this it becomes apparent that since I did not have any obvious problems, I found myself making one just to have something to complain about to myself.



The third day I was here there was a Brazilian Independence Day parade, and my host district and all the other exchange students in the city at the time got to walk in the parade. It was a really cool to see all the school and church bands and all their flamboyant outfits.

During my first weekend my host family took me sight-seeing around the city to areas like the *Jardim Botanico de Curitiba*, where they had a really gorgeous native wildflower exhibit and some wonderful avifauna like a few species of parrot.

That Tuesday was when I started school, but it was the last day of their second trimester. Since they were about to start

their third term, it meant that the students really did not have any classes making it a good time to introduce myself and socialize with the student. Unlike the US kids, they are very welcoming here, and without them even knowing who I was invited me to play card games with them. The game we played was called *truco*. Even now I don't really understand it, but it seemed like a mix blackjack and poker. I will give an update once I figure out how it's played. The rest of the week went by pretty normally like an American school week. Since I'm in an international school, some of the classes are in English, which makes it easy for me to contribute to the classes.

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## Konie Warren's September RYE Report from Brazil

So far what I'm doing most of the time is going to school, obviously lol. When I come home from school, I eat lunch with my host parents then I take a nap. When I wake up they sometimes have things planned, so we'll like go to one of their parents' house and then we go do something else like going to a volleyball tournament. To my surprise I am doing great. I'm not as nervous and scared as I thought I would be.

The culture shock well let's say that it's a BIG shock, but I'm adjusting pretty great to it. I am still getting used to everything, trying to adjust to the way they eat here. Do you know they eat everything with a knife and fork. For example, like chicken (fried or baked) just everything. To me that's something that's a culture shock because you know we don't eat a lot of things with a fork and knife in the USA.

Also, I'm not really homesick as I thought I would be (crazy right?). The experiences are just out of this world. All the things I'm experiencing here, I wouldn't be experiencing in the USA. It's so different but similar, I can't wait to experience much more since it's only my third week here.

So, I really appreciate Rotary and my family for giving me the opportunity for doing this and getting to experience another world altogether. I know that you all are right here with me. Yes, I have been participating in the Rotary Clubs here. I've been going to every one so far (they're a little boring lol). Also, I haven't really gotten to interact more in the community, but someday I know I will.

## District Rolls Out New Member Recruitment System

Our goal from District Governor Greg Maciolek is an increase of 128 members, with a BHAG (Big Highly



Donna Fare, Sparta  
 Jim Roxlo, Chattanooga Breakfast  
 Mike Ayalon, Lebanon

There is one system that I have been focused on last year, and a second that we are adding this year:

1. The Secrets of Rotary Recruitment: Building a names list in every club with targets of companies and leaders not currently represented in their club, then evenly distributing the list to all members of the club to get 100% club participation in membership. Review of best practices from our district.
2. Zone 30-31 Membership Initiative: 12 Attraction Strategies, 12 Engagement Strategies, Attraction Strategy Action Plan & Engagement Strategy Action Plan to specifically identify which strategies will be implemented, who will do it, when it will be done, the results we anticipate, and who will champion this strategy to track and report on club progress.

Please let me know if your club is looking to inject some excitement into your membership efforts to help grow your club. One of our committee members will contact you to set up a time to discuss membership as a program in your club meeting, and then we will take 5 volunteers from the meeting to implement the strategy and report back to the district on their results.

In order to contact me, please send an email to: [bookings@greekuniversity.org](mailto:bookings@greekuniversity.org) or you can reach me on my cell phone: 516-642-3108.

We appreciate all of your help in continuing District 6780's membership growth!

## Club Visioning Provides Clubs a Clear Path to Future Success



District 6780 began offering clubs the Rotary Club Visioning experience in 2012. Club Visioning is a foundation element for clubs that brings members both long-time and short-time together to develop a continuity of leadership and consistency in programming. Through this interactive Visioning process clubs brainstorm ideas,

condense those ideas, and come to consensus on future programs and activities, thus building solidarity and unanimity in purpose and action. The product of the session is a clear set of goals and objectives that become part of the club's strategic plan.

A Club Visioning session is generally conducted in a separate meeting about three hours long with plenty of fellowship, fun and food. The process helps build stronger clubs that attract new members and retain members. It also makes the role of each new President easier.

Since the District began offering Club Visioning, 32 clubs have taken advantage of the opportunity; six clubs have conducted Club Visioning for the second time. Evaluations of the events have been very positive from every club. However, half the clubs in the District have not taken advantage of this opportunity.

Any club interested in scheduling a Club Visioning Session or getting more information should contact **Ivan Jones, Visioning Chair**, at 931-607-5013.

## Please Send Us Your News!

Rotarians are people of action! And, every club's activities should be reported to other Rotarians in our District. If you have news about a club project or an upcoming fundraiser; if you have good news about a member or members or someone being honored, please share it with us so we can share it with the



rest of the District in the newsletter!

Simply send an email about your news to SUEANNE LEWIS and attach an article or information you would like to have in the newsletter. Articles don't have to be written out; a bullet list will do. Tell us the who, what, when, where, and how of your event, and we'll write it up. Please include contact information so we can call or email if we have questions.

And, send us pictures and videos too! Pictures should be in .jpg and .png format.

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