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Rotary District 6910 | APRIL 23-24, 2021

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We Can Help Prevent the Death of 5.9 Million Children Annually

By DG Tina D. Fischlin on Thursday, April 1, 2021

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

One of the seven areas of focus for Rotary is *Maternal and Child Health*, and in April we celebrate the efforts of Rotarians and others worldwide, who work tirelessly to save women and children.

An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate healthcare, and poor sanitation--all preventable!

So how does Rotary help? The Rotary Foundation supports programs that provide 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.

In our District, we support many Rotarian-initiated projects that support this area of focus. Alliance for Smiles <http://www.allianceforsmiles.org/> is a project near and dear to my heart. Be sure and read Sallie's article in this newsletter about all the lives that have been changed with your support.

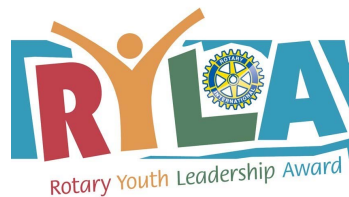
Another amazing Rotarian initiated non-profit providing healthcare solutions for children is Gift of Life International. <https://www.giftoflifeinternational.org/>. This amazing organization provides hope to children born with congenital heart disease, the number ONE birth defect worldwide. This picture of Sat Nu from Myanmar shows how this surgery saved her life.

These are just two of the wonderful programs your clubs can contribute to support maternal and child health.

District Conference registration is OPEN! Reserve your spot at the Fun in the Sun [virtual](#) District Conference. Simply [click on the link here!](#)



Is Your Club Up To Speed On RYLA?

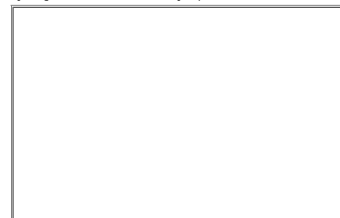


RYLA is a GO for this year and is scheduled to take place June 3 to June 6 at Tallulah Falls School in beautiful Tallulah Falls! Student applications are due April 30! With club officer turnover from the 19-20 Rotary year, some clubs may not realize they've already paid for a slot for last year's cancelled event. Any questions about your club's commitment, feel free to contact District Chair, [Bob Alman](#).

Here's your link to the RYLA links that you will need, located on the D6910 Web Page: [Click here!](#)

Leadership Spotlight: Becky Carlan

By Paige W Havens on Thursday, April 1, 2021



Continuing our District Leadership series, we want you to get to know some of the terrific Rotarians that have stepped forward to help in the Rotary District 6910 efforts to serve all of its clubs. This month we shine our spotlight on district board member, Becky Carlan. A member and past president of the Banks County Rotary, she currently serves as the club's on-to conference chair. To find out why her job helps her to know every resident in the county, be sure to click read more.



Becky rocking her Rotary spirit on the crater of the world's largest dormant volcano at the Haleakala National Park in Hawaii.

Becky Carlan grew up in Commerce, Georgia. She graduated from Commerce High School, earned an associate degree from Gainesville College, and graduated from UGA with a BA in Consumer Economics and Housing. Becky and her husband Tim have been married 20 years and are proud parents to two feisty red heads, Ben (18) and Brooke (16). The Carlans live in Homer with their cat Oliver. In 2012 Becky, was elected Tax Commissioner of Banks County, and she began serving January 1, 2013. She just began her third term and will be quick to tell you just how much she loves serving the citizens of Banks County.

In early 2012 Sallie Hensley invited Becky to join the Banks County Rotary Club. Becky jumped in full force and has enjoyed how Rotary connects her to so many great people all over the state. She has now earned the coveted Past President pin and currently serves as the On-to Conference Chair at the District level, as well as on the District Board. Two of her favorite service opportunities to date have been her Club's Food 2 Kids project that provided meals to 100+ children that were food insecure and serving as Sargent at Arms at PETS. Becky says, "I love getting to know members of other clubs, whether they are a small, medium or large. We all have our strengths and weaknesses, and when we come together and learn from each other, we improve our impact for all."

In her free time Becky loves to go thrifting and yard-sale hopping. Her favorite escape is aboard a cruise ship traveling to new places. She's actually been on 18 cruises to date and can't wait to get back on the high seas post-pandemic. Becky's playlists include country and 80's music, and her teens keep her current on the latest hip hop. Helpful Hint: If you want to motivate her, bring donuts!



Becky Carlan speaks to the Banks County Rotary Club.

Let's Make Every Day Earth Day

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

By Schelly Tennant ♦ Rotary Club of Gwinnett County



For me, the environment isn't just the focus of my career ♦ it's a focus in my life.

Every year the world commemorates Earth Day--the one day a year that we turn our attention to the needs of the planet. While April 22 marks one of my favorite days of the year, I can't help but think, "Why can't we make every day Earth Day?" After all, the environment isn't just an ecological part of this planet--it's an integral link in the chain of life. The health of the environment not only impacts the health of the people and animals who live in an ecosystem, it impacts the economic welfare of the community it encompasses. Graffiti-filled walls and litter-strewn streets are rarely, if ever, associated with an economically thriving community. That's why it's up to all of us to serve as stewards of our local environment.

Rather than merely observing litter and expecting someone else to pick it up, get in the habit of carrying a plastic bag to collect trash during your evening stroll or sign up to [Adopt-A-Road](#) through Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful or your local affiliate, regularly policing your adopted stretch of roadway. As a matter of fact, there are dozens of ways to get involved in the stewardship of your county's local environment. Beautifying the local area also has a positive impact on the environment, so you can plant a shade tree or an entire garden this spring. Whatever resonates with you personally and makes you feel as though you are making a difference in our little corner of the world!

I hope you will join me in making a conscious effort to make our local environment a focus in your life. Let's work together to make every day Earth Day!

