

Rotary



District 7670

Thursday, September 1, 2022

District Leadership



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District
Governor



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Membership
Chair



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District
Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Tim Radford
District Public
Image/PR
Chair



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Club
Diversity
Equity and
Inclusion
Chair



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District
Trainer



Tiffany Ervin
District
Secretary

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District

From Our District Governor

By Julie P. West on Thursday, September 1, 2022



Rotary has a long history of providing service to youth. Each year, more than 300,000 young people participate in Rotary programs like Interact, Rotary Youth Exchange, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). Many club and district mentoring programs, immunization efforts, job training programs, literacy projects, and other initiatives also help young people or other vulnerable populations.

Unfortunately, no organization or program is invulnerable to abuse or crises. They can and do occur in even the most seemingly positive settings. Predators often seek teaching, coaching, or other positions that give them access to children and teenagers. Others who are committed to working with youth sometimes find it hard to believe that some adults will abuse the trust placed in them, so they may not notice the signs. Rotary takes youth protection very seriously, and it relies on our members to foster safe environments that prevent abuse and to respond appropriately when it occurs.

The youth of District 7670 are a valuable part of the communities in our area and benefit from the many services Rotarians give. As part of the commitment of being a Rotarian, youth protection should be a high priority. Rotary International's Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth states:

Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people with whom they come into contact and protect them from physical, sexual, and psychological abuse.

Rotary International has valuable training material for Youth Protection Services and all Rotarians who choose to participate in events, projects, etc. involving youth, must complete the Youth Protection education in MyRotary.org. Below are instructions to help you easily find and complete this training.

Sign in to **myRotary.org**
Click **Learning & Reference**
Click **Learning Center**
Click **General** in the Course Catalogs
Click **Protecting Youth Program Participants**

All Rotarians are encouraged to complete this training and commit to protecting the youth of our District. Let's stand by the young individuals!!

District Awards

By Tim Radford on Monday, August 22, 2022

On Tuesday, August 16, the 2021-22 Rotary Year wrapped up at the place it all began ... where Ken Shull was Installed as our District Governor, beautiful Point Lookout Vineyards.



Finance Chair



Michael Stevenson
Youth Services Chair



Isaac B. Owolabi
Friendship Exchange Chair



James O. Perry
District Treasurer



John E. Baumrucker
International Services Chair



Frederick E. Reidinger
Youth Exchange Chair



Billi J. Black
DCO-District Comm. Officer

Events

No Events found

Club Anniversaries

Tryon
September 2nd

Spruce Pine
September 5th

Asheville-Metro
September 20th

Hendersonville
September 22nd

Blowing Rock
September 28th

Under DG Ken's Leadership, a lot of amazing things happened within our clubs, and this was the evening to recognize some Rotarians and Clubs across District 7670. Thank you to each of you for all that you do in the name of Rotary.

To video the Awards Presentation, visit <https://youtu.be/FS7LegYlasM>

For a complete list of recipients, click on the Read More link below.



GOVERNOR'S DISTINGUISHED CLUB CITATION

- Brevard
- Catawba Valley
- Lincolnnton
- Haywood County (Third Place Medium Clubs)
- Hendersonville
- Murphy
- Madison County
- Lenoir
- Highlands
- Hickory
- Marion (Third Place Extra Large Clubs)
- Hickory Sunrise (First Place Small Clubs)
- Tryon
- Franklin (Second Place Extra Large Clubs)
- Sylva (Third Place Large Clubs)
- Franklin Daybreak (Second Place Medium Clubs)
- Denver/Lake Norman (Second Place Large Clubs)

- Valdese (First Place Medium Clubs)
- Highlands Mountaintop (First Place Large Clubs)
- Pisgah Forest (First Place Extra Large Clubs)

Small

- First: Hickory Sunrise

Medium

- First: Valdese
- Second: Franklin Daybreak
- Third: Haywood County

Large

- First: Highlands Mountaintop
- Second: Denver/Lake Norman
- Third: Sylva

Extra Large

- First: Pisgah Forest
- Second: Franklin
- Third: Marion

Overall

- First: Pisgah Forest
- Second: Highlands Mountaintop
- Third: Valdese

ROCK STAR AWARDS

- ROCKIN' FOOD AWARD - RC of Bryson City - a lot of good meals, but the favorite was Miss Meatloaf and Nanner puddin'
- IMPACT AWARD - RC of the Foothills (Impact) - New, innovative and barrier breaking new club
- BE A LITTLE BOULDER AWARD - RC of Brevard - a new approach and bringing back a club that was very challenged into a growing club with numerous service projects and a great public image campaign
- ROLLING STONE AWARD - RC of Murphy - grew and had to move to a bigger meeting site-grew some more and had to move to an even bigger site - just kept rolling
- GOT ROCKS AWARD - RC of Denver/Lake Norman-for their generosity and leadership in the Million Dollar Dinner Campaign
- YOU ROCK - Lenoir - Losing a chunk of your membership as they chartered into their own club and kept things going
- ACE AWARD - RC of Burnsville - this club lost their President and true leader to an untimely and unexpected death during her term. They rallied got a new President and continued working and moving forward. What a tribute to Chris.
- CORNERSTONE AWARD - RC of Tryon - every new construction project starts with a foundation and that needs a cornerstone. My home club Tryon did that for me this year. Thanks.
- ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH AWARD - RC of Highlands Mountaintop - Grew so much they had to remove the limit of maximum number of members from their bylaws, providing generous support to the million dollar campaign and challenged others to beat them to be able to select the site for the celebration - this followed a district record \$1,008 per capita giving to the Rotary Foundation in the prior year.
- BEDROCK AWARD - RC of Asheville Biltmore - Phenomenal giving to CART and a wonderful event - Top total giving and top per capita giving
- GRAVEL AWARD or YOU CRUSHED IT AGAIN - RC of Newton-Conover - Great giving to CART Second in overall giving and second in per capita giving.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARDS

- First: Rotary Club of Brevard 67% Growth
- Second: Rotary Club of the Foothills (Impact) 22% Growth
- Third: Rotary Club of Tryon 20% Growth
- Fourth: Rotary Club of Lenoir 14% Growth
- Fifth: Rotary Club of Madison County 11% Growth

PUBLIC IMAGE AWARDS

- Best Action Photo Award: Rotary Club of Sylva
- Best Public Image Video Award: Rotary Club of Pisgah Forest (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CScDEAbISqU>)

CART AWARDS:

Highest total giving

- Third - RC of Highlands
- Second - RC of Newton Conover
- First - RC of Asheville Biltmore

Highest per capita giving

- Third-RC of Burke Sunrise
- Second-RC of Newton Conover
- First-RC of Asheville Biltmore

CART Fund Announcement

By Tiffany Ervin on Tuesday, August 30, 2022

sAVE THE DATE: Wed, Sept 14, Noon-1pm "Lunch & Learn"

A graphic for the 'Lunch & Learn' event. It features the Rotary logo on the left, followed by the CART logo (COINS FOR ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH TRUST) with the text 'A Project of the Rotary Clubs of North America'. Below these is a large blue arrow pointing right, containing the text 'LUNCH & LEARN'. To the right of the arrow is an icon of a graduation cap and a burger. Below the arrow is a photo of Dr. Ben Bahr, a man in a suit with a medal, and the text 'Dr. Ben Bahr' and 'What's For Lunch to Protect Learning Ability and Decrease Dementia Risks'. At the bottom, it says 'Wed, Sept. 14 (Noon-1pm) via zoom'.

The CART Fund is pleased to announce a new initiative - a monthly "Lunch & Learn" series featuring a previous grant recipient! We know many of you want to hear updates on their research and other critical issues surrounding Alzheimer's Disease. Each month we will feature a different researcher who will make a presentation and take questions.

The meetings will be held via zoom and are open to ANYONE interested in learning more. Please forward the information to your friends and family who are interested in updates on Alzheimer's Disease. You can also find more

information on The CART [Facebook Page](#).

Registration is required in order to receive the zoom link. [Click HERE to Register in DACDB](#).

All sessions will be recorded and you can watch them on our [CART Fund YouTube Channel](#).

RYLA IS COMING - FIND US SOME KIDS

By Michael Stevenson on Wednesday, August 31, 2022



RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) is scheduled for March 23 through 26, 2023 at Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain. It will be here before you know it. District 7670's RYLA committee is busy planning a very full weekend of leadership training and fun for high school aged students from our district, and it is shaping up very nicely. Students will be taught leadership skills in the broad sense of the word. The kids will learn such things as when to lead and when to follow, when to talk and when to listen. They will learn to have the confidence to express their ideas to influence and guide others. They will be given tips on how to find their own leadership style and how to turn their passion into action. The

skills they learn will serve them well in any capacity whether they are leading a team of people or just going about the business of being productive classmates and citizens.

So the program is just about ready to go. What is needed now is kids. Recruiting should start this month. The cost to send a student to RYLA is still set at \$300 provided the completed applications are sent to us by December 31. All participants must be sponsored by a Rotary Club in our District. So if you know of a high schooler who would be a good candidate for leadership training, tell your club's RYLA Point of Contact (your President knows who that is). If the club has reached the limit on the number of kids they can fund, consider a personal scholarship or find a business sponsor.

The RYLA committee is very excited to tell you that, in the next couple of weeks, we will be unveiling a brand new RYLA website that will greatly help the recruiting effort. It will be the "go to" place for Rotarians, students and parents who want to know more about RYLA.

If your club wants to know more about RYLA, schedule a speaker for one of your meetings. Call Mike Stevenson at 828-380-0580

2022 Rotary-Peace Corps Week: Peacebuilding on the Ground

By Tim Radford on Monday, August 22, 2022

The theme of the second annual virtual, week-long celebration from 19-23 September 2022 is "Peacebuilding on the Ground." The week will focus on the service partnership between Rotary International and the [US Peace Corps](#). [Partnering for Peace](#) (PFP): [Friends of Peace Corps and Rotary](#), a group of Rotary members and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, is hosting the week. Rotary members, Rotary Peace Fellows, and the Rotary community are invited to join and learn about how the partnership can support your peacebuilding and service projects.

How can your Rotary community participate in this week-long grassroots initiative?

- Attend a [webinar and/or discussion](#) during the free, online event
- Invite a member of the Peace Corps community to speak about their service experience at an upcoming club meeting. To find a speaker, contact:
 - The [Peace Corps](#) office in your country
 - [Returned Peace Corps Volunteers](#) or contact info@partneringforpeace.org
- Organize a Rotary service project or social event with members of the Peace Corps community.
- Join [Partnering for Peace](#) for free (both individual and organizational memberships available)
- Honor current and returned Peace Corps Volunteers at an upcoming meeting or conference.

For more information, email_events@partneringforpeace.org or visit the [Rotary-Peace Corps Week](#) site.

For clubs in District 7670 who wish to invite Peace Corps Volunteer to speak briefly about their experience, contact Margaret Davis at margaretwd@charter.net

Video: <https://youtu.be/vwkJiM9njjo>

Partnering for Peace (PFP) is organized and led by Rotary members who have served as Peace Corps Volunteers. PFP facilitates professional connections between Rotary members and members of the Peace Corps community through ongoing networking, technical support, and fellowship.



Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak WINNER!

Thursday, August 18, 2022

On Tuesday, August 16th, Billi Black, AG Angela Dills and Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak President Vicki Lawrence set out with Gary Dills driving from FirstUnited Methodist Church and heading east.

Arriving at Point Lookout Vineyard unscathed, this group of Rotarians enjoyed a relaxing evening with other wonderful Rotarians from District 7670 as they shared in the excitement of the District Awards Night.

Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak won the Distinguished Club award and brought home a banner badge. Equally exciting was Gary Dills bringing home the same award for the Rotary Club of Franklin!

Congratulations to both clubs!!



Rotary Club of Murphy helps inspire teachers

By Nancy M Helms on Wednesday, August 31, 2022



Providing inspiration and motivation to teachers has always been important to Dr. Jeana Conley, Superintendent of Cherokee County Schools. Tuesday, August 23rd was a bittersweet day as she welcomed back Cherokee County Schools staff for the very last time as she retires from the position later this year.

It was a packed house at the Enloe building of Tri-County Community College with over 400 school staff and community leaders in attendance. Mayor Tim Radford was the master of ceremonies for the day's events as Cherokee County welcomed Dr. Lester Laminack, a specialist in children's literacy and professor emeritus at Western Carolina University. Laminack has written numerous books and articles for educators.

Both Conley and Laminack stressed the importance of teachers in students' lives. No one becomes a doctor, lawyer, professional athlete or parent without a teacher. Laminack filled his inspirational hour with relatable topics unique to our Appalachian upbringing, keeping the audience in laughter, while letting teachers know their value as well as the importance of reading.

The event was sponsored by Walmart, Murphy Power Board, Rotary Club of Murphy, Cherokee County Retired School Personnel, Unaka Community Development Club, Grape Creek Community Development Club, Tri-County Community College and organized by Nancy Helms, Cyndi Martin and Trevis Hicks.

To conclude the event, Radford spoke directly to the Cherokee County Schools staff, "you get to wake up every day and do something you love ... you get to make a positive impact on people's lives!"

Rotary Club of Newton Conover Collects School Supplies

By Joy B. Cline on Saturday, August 20, 2022

The Rotary Club of
Newton Conover
held their first



community service project of their new year under the direction of President Larry Adams. The Club chose to collect school supplies, coordinating efforts with the Catawba County United Way.

Members of the Rotary Club of Newton Conover collected a trunk full of school supplies to assist students from economically disadvantaged families throughout Catawba County. In addition, members donated nearly

\$400 in monetary support. The supplies collected will benefit students in need in all three local public school districts: Catawba County, Hickory Public and Newton-Conover. Items will be distributed through the student services offices of each district and parents needing assistance can contact the school guidance counselor's office.

Dianna Cloninger, Events Chairperson shared, "Our Rotarians are so gracious and generous when it comes to supporting the community. They raise the bar on community service."

The Rotary Club of Newton Conover was chartered in 1949. The club's mission is "Be recognized as a Vibrant Club Working Together to Make a Lasting Impact on the Lives of Others." Currently, the Rotary Club of Newton Conover has approximately 40 active members. For additional information, contact Joy Cline, jcline@bolickfoundation.org.

Pictured: (l-r) Preparing school supplies for delivery are Rotarians, Siobhan Loendorf, Larry Adams, and Dianna Cloninger.

Don Swaby Paul Harris Fellow Plus 4

By Nathan Patrick Moran on Thursday, September 1, 2022

Don Swaby was presented with his Paul Harris plus 4 by Isaac Owolabi our former district governor and our guest speaker. Thank you to Don for his generosity!

Rotarian Don Swaby of the Rotary Club of Asheville Breakfast was presented his



Paul Harris
Fellow +4 award

recently. PDG Issac Owolabi was the guest speaker for the meeting and had the honor of presenting this prestigious award.

Thank you, Rotarian Don for your generosity!

DACdb TIPS - Using PMail to Contact Committees

By Joey Macaluso on Thursday, September 1, 2022

Calling all Committee Chairs!!! Did you know you can use DACdb to keep in touch easily with all your committee members? Its simple:

1. Log in to DACdb
2. Click the "My CLUB" tab at the top of the page.
3. Click on Club Committees
4. From the list click the **PMAIL Icon**  next to the committee you want to contact.
5. Add a subject and compose your email in the space provided.
6. When you are ready click Send, at the top right!



Club Committees

The TO list on the mailing page will list those you are sending the email to. This includes all the committee members that have listed email contacts in DACdb. You can also add more members by clicking the **TO button** and using the pop-up window.

Leaving the Dear {%FName%}, in the text will allow PMAIL to auto-fill the person's first name when sending the email.

