



**Rotary**  
District 7670



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December 2022 Newsletter  
*District Governor Tammy Mosteller*

### December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

By Tim Radford on Tuesday, November 29, 2022



Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, from immunizations to eradicate polio to improving drinking water and sanitation. The world relies on Rotary to tackle these global challenges, and to set an example for others to follow. Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. Disease

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Rotary sets up health camps and training facilities in underdeveloped countries and in communities struggling with HIV/AIDS and malaria. They also design and build the infrastructure for doctors, nurses, governments, and partners to reach the one in six people in the world who can't afford to pay for healthcare.

Our zone, district and club public image campaigns need to tell our story of the role we play in helping to make the world a better place through the treatment of, and the elimination of disease. By telling our story, we can encourage our members to support The Rotary Foundation as well as encourage people in our community to join us in our efforts.

# District 7670 Foundation Banquet

By Gary D. Dills on Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Thank you to all the attendees at the 2020-21/2021-22 Foundation Banquet, foundation awards and Million Dollar Drive celebrations.

On Saturday, 19 November, eighty-four Rotarians and guests gathered at the beautiful Morganton Community House for fellowship and celebration.



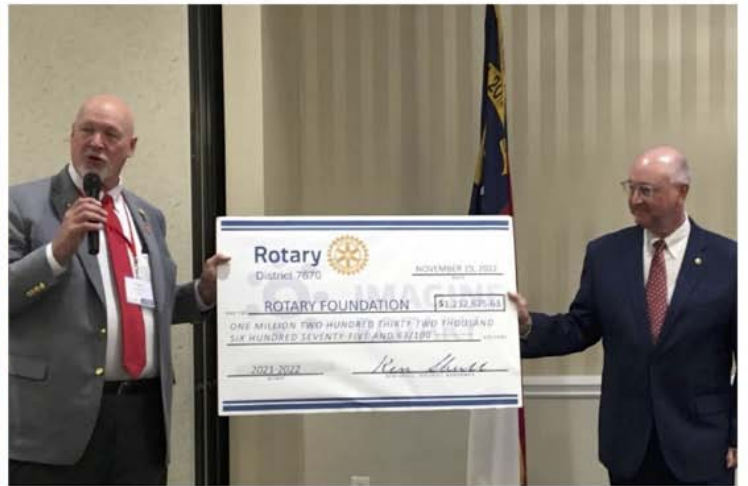
IPDG Ken Shull presented foundation awards to twenty-two of our clubs. He recognized the Rotarians from Denver-Lake Norman as the leading contributors to the Million Dollar effort. Overall, the District raised \$1,232,675.63 for the Rotary Foundation. That is an amazing success story thanks to the leadership of IPDG Ken, PDG Carol King, PDG Isaac Owolabi, PDG Gary Dills, Rick Lyons, and Celeste Renaldo.

IPDG Ken and Rotary Foundation Trustee Larry Lunsford hosted a reception prior to the dinner. Rick Hefner & Company provided entertainment during the reception. After an excellent dinner, Dr Jim Minor of Denver-Lake Norman (assisted by Dr. Jimmy Villiard of the Rotary Club of Franklin) provided an update on Polio in our country and worldwide. Following Dr Minor, Trustee Larry gave the keynote address updating the group on activities at the Foundation. He highlighted the use of Global Grants, the success of Global Scholars and Peace Scholars, PolioPlus funding, and our efforts on Disaster Relief. He reminded the group that Rotary will conclude our relief efforts once we spend the current funds. He also shared his hope that we can eradicate Polio by 2026. We hope and pray that happens.

Foundation Chair Gary Dills concluded the festivities encouraging Rotarians to make their annual fund and PolioPlus contributions on Giving Tuesday, 29 November. He asked them to go to MyRotary and hit the DONATE tab or write a check and get it to the foundation with a memo noting Giving Tuesday.

We are looking forward to next year's Foundation and Awards banquet. If you know a venue with ample parking, good access from I40 and can accommodate 100-150 people with catering, please let me know at [gddills@gmail.com](mailto:gddills@gmail.com).

Happy Holidays!!!



## 2023 District 7670 Peace Fellow Awarded

By Milton T Butterworth on Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Grace Colby has been awarded a highly competitive and prestigious Rotary Peace Fellowship. She received her first preference to study for a Master's degree at the Rotary Peace Center hosted by International Christian University in Japan. Ms. Colby worked with a committee in the Rotary Club of Asheville to obtain the Club's endorsement and with District 7670's Milton Butterworth in preparing her





application. Candidates are required to demonstrate a unique combination of experiences over at least three years in order to be eligible for a fellowship.

Ms. Colby spent a year in Zambia with U.S. Peace Corps as a Rural Aquaculture Promotion Extension Agent. She advised 12 rural farmers over a 20-kilometer radius catchment area regarding best practices of small scale fish

farming, animal husbandry, and environmental conservation promoting food security. She also collaborated with Peace Corps Zambia staff/volunteers in programs related to gender based violence, HIV/AIDS, healthy relationships, continuing education, sexual reproductive health, coming of age ceremonies and other female issues. She counseled 60 Peace Corps volunteers in gender-related programs in their respective host communities, as well as data reporting. While in Zambia, Ms. Colby learned that integration in the community is necessary to provide training and education where it is most needed. Providing technical training while authentically connecting with interested community members is an effective path to promote peace.

Ms. Colby was Travel and Research Coordinator for U of Wisconsin -Eau Claire's Domestic Intercultural Immersion Program. The program explores domestic inter-cultural dynamics by offering students opportunities to visit cities in the U.S. and dig into the local geography, social structures, and ways of life through Domestic Intercultural Immersion. Before travel, participants attend multiple sessions sensitizing them to the history of the local spaces. These experiences make clear that the more we know about our neighbors, the more empathetic we feel about our differences, and the more likely we are to help each other to develop stronger communities.

Presently, Ms. Colby is Volunteer Coordinator for Asheville Rotaract where members work to meet community needs and promote peace and development. They also work internationally and virtually with a Rotaract Club in Colombia to share and encourage international development opportunities, peace-building, and increase cultural understanding.

Ms. Colby's academic research interests in peace and development are in the sociopolitical and economic impact of supporting women in agriculture during the reconstruction process after facing disaster. She wants to explore supports involving technical training, and entrepreneurial skills to create resilient communities. The world needs the skills and understanding Ms. Colby will enhance with her Peace Fellowship. District 7670 wishes her the best!

If you or your club are interested in learning more about Rotary Peace Fellowships and how to support a candidate, please contact Milton Butterworth, District 7670 Peace Fellowships Chair at [milton.butterworth@unchealth.unc.edu](mailto:milton.butterworth@unchealth.unc.edu) or go to the Rotary Peace Fellowships web page, <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>.

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## Global Grant Scholarship Recipient

By Julie P. West on Wednesday, November 30, 2022



When I first heard about the Rotary Global Grant scholarship, I

was not very familiar with Rotary International and its mission. At the time, I was serving in Malawi as a Peace Corps Volunteer and hoping to change careers into humanitarian and refugee response, after a background of teaching English in Asia. I thought the scholarship sounded like an incredible opportunity to help me reach that goal, but I never dreamed that I would actually be selected for it. As an average student during college and burdened by student debt, pursuing a Masters degree in my chosen field seemed nearly hopeless without the support of Rotary. Getting selected for the scholarship changed my life, enabling me to pursue my dreams and study at a top-ranked university in London.

Although I did not know much about Rotary before I applied for the scholarship, I cannot say the same today. I have attended a district conference in the UK, given presentations at over a dozen clubs, and have been made an Honorary Member of my home club in Tryon, NC. My new association with Rotary has even been a topic of conversation with potential employers. Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," closely aligns with my own values as a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) and regular community volunteer at various charities and nonprofits over the years. Now wherever I travel, the Rotary logo always catches my attention every time I see it, and I hope to become a regular member of a club soon.

During the scholarship, in addition to my studies, I was also able to volunteer with a charity in London that provided livelihood and employment support to refugees and asylum-seekers in the UK. There, I served as a panelist judge evaluating applicants applying for small grants to pursue higher education or employment credentials. I was also able to intern in fundraising and online content creation for an international NGO conducting community disarmament programs in western Africa. Upon completion of my studies, I was selected for employment as a Protection Officer with the international humanitarian NGO Nonviolent Peaceforce, working in community-based protection and peace-building in South Sudan. As the world's newest country, South Sudan is plagued by natural disasters and conflict, leading to a significant proportion of the population being displaced. I worked and lived with rural communities there, facilitating capacity-building and awareness-raising activities and peace dialogues for gender-based violence prevention and response, child protection, and intercommunal violence prevention, as well as conducting advocacy for material-based aid.

Lastly, I remain closely connected to the Peace Corps community, and have guided and mentored several other aspiring RPCV Global Grant recipients through the application process. It is very important to me to be able to use my experience to help others, and I remain eternally grateful to those who have helped me along my own journey.

### **Global Scholar applications now available**

District 7670 is currently accepting applications for Global Scholars.

More than \$30,000 is available in the 2023-2024 academic year to assist students who are interested in

pursuing a graduate degree from an accredited international university. The Rotary Global Grant Scholarship provides partial financial support for tuition, books and supplies, lodging, transportation, and consular fees.

Recipients will be paired with an International (US) and Host (overseas) Rotary Club.

If you would like to have a member of the Global Grants Scholarship Committee speak to your club or for additional information about Global Scholarships, please contact Rick Molland at 828-450-8040.

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## Woman of the Year

By Julie P. West on Monday, November 28, 2022



Congratulations to Rotarian Tracy Barger!

During the 2022 Lincoln-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet, it was announced that the 2022 Woman of the Year was Tracy Barger.

What a great honor and well deserved! Tracy serves the Lincoln County community in so many ways and is a valuable part of Rotary.

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## Raising Money for Alzheimers Research

By Cynthia K. Ireland on Thursday, November 3, 2022

The Asheville Breakfast Rotary Club took on a "Fill the Jar" challenge from President Frank Ungert and CART Chair Henry Zaremba. Even though the amount raised has not been finalized, those jars were full of nice contributions for the Coins for Alzheimers Research Trust. The Asheville Breakfast Rotary Club is proud of what was accomplished during this fundraiser and is very appreciative of all those who supported this effort.





## RIF at Polk Central Elementary

By David J Scherping on Wednesday, November 16, 2022



*Rotarian Art Brown reads to Polk Central Elementary students.*

The Rotary Club of Tryon started a new year with the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program at Polk Central Elementary School. Rotarian Carolyn Jones managed the RIF program for 18 years, but this year passed the job onto Rotarian David Hosick and his wife Joanie.

The RIF program was started at Polk Central Elementary in 2004 and schedules three visits to the school



year year. During each visit, the student hear stories read by Rotarians and receive one new book to take home. The goal of the program is to help students improve their academic skills through an increased focus on the importance of reading.

Students can attend Polk Central Elementary for 7 years (PreK through 5th Grade) and receive 3 books each year. Over the time the students are enrolled, the Rotary Club of Tryon will provide 21 books for the student's home library. The home libraries can be used to help the student's younger siblings begin reading at home.



*Rotary Club of Tryon President Carol Browning*

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## Rotary Club Members help with Gabriels Creek Winter Planting

By Barbara Shepard on Tuesday, November 22, 2022

The Rotary Club of Madison County continued work on replacing invasive species with native plants on November 12 when seven Rotarians came together on a Saturday morning to plant new trees and grasses in an area of Gabriels Creek in Mars Hill. The invasive species had already been removed, so the focus was on planting, mulching and supporting new



trees and planting  
non-invasive  
grasses. Thanks to  
Ed McNally, Rick  
Molland, Mike  
Foster, Sandy  
Stevenson, Mike  
Stevenson, Phil Shepard and Penelope Glass for their hard work!



This tree planting is a part of a District Grant that the Club applied for in May 2022 to remove invasive species and re-plant the area with native species on a popular Greenway that is used by families in Madison County. On November 16, a 6th grade class from French Broad River Academy was able to pot 5 species of bare root native plants for use by the Rotary Club at Gabriel's Creek. A total of 40 shrubs and trees are ready for permanent relocation next spring. This project is on track to be completed before the end of the grant period. Rotarians hope to expand the work next year with more plantings and signage for visitors.







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## Imagine What's Next – 27-31 May 2023 – Melbourne, Australia

By Tim Radford on Wednesday, September 7, 2022  
**The Melbourne 4 Way test**

**1. Is it the truth? Have you registered?**



Register at <https://convention.rotary.org> – Take advantage of the early bird pricing up to 15 December 2022 (\$475 for those 31 and older, \$125 for age 30 and under, \$20 for guests aged 5-18, guests under 5 are free). You can also reserve your hotel room once you have registered, and there is no hotel deposit – just give them your credit card info to hold your room. Tip – If you want easy access to the General Sessions, book a hotel close to the Rod Laver Arena.



## **2. Have you booked activities for all concerned?**

Go to [www.Rotarymelbourne2023.org](http://www.Rotarymelbourne2023.org) and click on the Events tab for nightly events you can sign up for (Remember that General Sessions are from 10am to noon each day, followed by Breakout Sessions in the afternoon, along with entertainment at the giant House of Friendship).

## **3. Will you build goodwill and better friendships by participating in a tour before or after the convention?**

Yes! Once you have looked at the Events on the above site, look at the Tours tab and you will find many options. Also, our friend and former RI Director Brad Howard is offering tours just for Rotarians that are quite good – go to [www.HowardTours.net](http://www.HowardTours.net) and check them out. You can also find other tours listed in the Rotary magazine.

## **4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

It most certainly will be beneficial to those who attend! Melbourne's iconic tram network – the largest operational network in the world – is free for you within the central business district. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity! Did we mention the nice cool weather?

Need help? Contact Patrick Eakes, Zone 33 Melbourne Promotion Chair at [Patrick.eakes@cpeakes.com](mailto:Patrick.eakes@cpeakes.com), or Gary Gunter, Zone 34 Melbourne Promotion Chair at [gary@garygunter.com](mailto:gary@garygunter.com)

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## **Four Way Test**

By Julie P. West on Sunday, October 2, 2022

# The Four Way Test Rotary



**1. Is it the TRUTH?**

**2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

**3. Will it build GOODWILL and  
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**

**4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all  
concerned?**

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## Events

December 5th  
**District 7620 - Parts I  
- Virtual - Two Day**

December 12th  
**Zones 33-34  
Membership Action  
Plan | Ask Us  
Anything**

December 6th  
**DACdb University:  
Pmail/Ptext**

December 13th  
**DACdb University:  
Open Q&A**

December 8th  
**CART Monthly Info  
Meeting**

December 19th  
**Zone 33 District  
Membership Chair/DG  
Line Call**

December 12th  
**Lunch A La CART with  
Dr. Susan Kaech**

## Club Anniversaries

No Club Anniversaries Found

## Account Leaders

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District Governor

[Sean Gibson](#)  
DG-Elect





Connie M. Molland  
DG-Nominee



Eugene Cross IV  
District Membership Chair



Tim Radford  
District Public Image/PR  
Chair



Alex R Portelli  
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Kenneth Nicholson  
District Trainer



James A. Cruickshank  
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