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Rotary International Convention Highlights: Hamburg

Presented by Rotarian Mike Pollen



- More than 26,000 registrants representing 3,605 Rotary clubs in 170 countries
- Rotary commits US\$102 million this year to end polio
- Hamburg gains €24 million in tourism revenue
- First German nominated to serve as Rotary International president in 2020
- mytaxi donates €70,000 to German Rotary club projects
- 35 speeches and 98 breakout sessions
- 334 exhibit booths of which 200 featured Rotary humanitarian projects

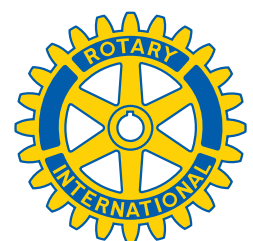
HAMBURG, Germany (5 June 2019): As Rotary closes its 110th annual international meeting at the Hamburg Messe und Congress on 5 June, Rotary members will bring home indelible memories and new insights on how to improve lives and bring positive, lasting change to communities around the world.

In his keynote address, Rotary International President Barry Rassin said, “Service to others is an integral part of our mission, whether it’s through the plans and actions of individual clubs, Rotary’s six areas of focus, or the transformational support of The Rotary Foundation. And the service that most defines us and our global mission is the ongoing goal to rid the world of polio.”

Alongside partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has achieved a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases since spearheading the initiative more than 30 years ago. Since then, Rotary members have contributed \$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from polio. Today, just two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary is committed to raising \$50 million per year, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars through a matching agreement with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Including the matching funds, Rotary is committing another US\$102 million this year to fund polio eradication efforts in 13 countries.

German Rotary members have contributed more than US\$31 million to end polio, and on 1 July 2020, Holger Knaack, owner of the real estate company Knaack KG, will oversee this effort as the first German to serve as Rotary International president. Knaack of Ratzeburg said, “I’m honored to have the confidence and support of Rotary’s 1.2 million members,” said Knaack. “As president, I plan to highlight the best Rotary has to offer where people of all backgrounds can see themselves reflected in our service and impact.”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1

Program: Highlights of the International Rotary Convention
Brenda Riley's birthday

August 6

Peggy Pollen's birthday

August 8

Program: Alaska Central for Natural Living
Betty Everts birthday

August 12

Jim Johnsen's birthday

August 13

Kathryn Dodge's birthday
Jonathan Shambare's birthday

August 15

Program: Learn CPR and How to Save a Life

August 17

Ed Randolph's birthday

August 22

Program: Potato Festival
Alysha Child's birthday

August 29

Program: Meet our New Exchange Student!
Liesha Boswood's birthday

August 31

Cheryl Kilgore's birthday

Thank you to Team August!

Captain: Barbara Schuman; Sgt at Arms: Tammy Tragis-McCook
Team members: Ronnie Ashbach, Rob Boswell, Rodger Hughes, Jim Johnsen, Kelley Rivers, Tom Scarborough, Krista Stamper



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Club Visioning to be held on September 28



The Rotary Club of Fairbanks will be participating in a "Club Visioning" project, which is a service of District 5010. Its purpose is to identify the club's top priorities through a facilitated process. Facilitators are specially trained D5010 members who are not from our region. All members will have the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive survey, and 25 selected members, representing a cross-section of our club, will participate in a workshop held on September 28. The resulting priorities will be used to develop a strategic plan for the district.

Hamburg convention (continued from page one)

During the four-day event, attendees heard from an array of world class speakers, including:

- Dr. Peter Tschentscher, First Mayor of Hamburg
- Dr. Gerd Müller, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development
- On the closing day, Eckart Diepenhorst, CEO of mytaxi presented a check for €70,000, representing 100 percent of the proceeds from all rides to and from the Hamburg Messe from 31 May through 5 June to support the following German Rotary club projects:
- A bee pasture project developed by the Rotary Club of Ahrensburg to help the dwindling bee and butterfly populations;
- Emotions Training for Autism, developed by Rotaract Germany, to support those with autism spectrum disorder thrive; and
- HANWASH, a collaborative initiative by local Rotary members, The Rotary Foundation and DINEPA to bring clean water to Haiti.

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WEEKLY AREA MEETINGS

College Club
Fairbanks Golden Heart
Fairbanks Sunrises
North Pole Club

Rotaract

Raven Landing; Mondays, 12PM
Westmark Hotel, Tuesdays, 5:30pm
Carlson Center; Fridays, 7AM
Mt. McKinley Bank (NP);
Wednesdays, 12PM
UAF Library Kayak Room;
Mondays, 7PM

