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To: All District 5440 Rotarians

Dear Rotarian,

If you are involved in a Rotary club activity that involves youth exchange, interact, meals on wheels, or any activity involving an at-risk individual you are encouraged to complete the background check process. The process has changed for the 2015-16 Rotary year and is being managed byVerified Volunteers, ( http://verifiedvolunteers.com/) The entire cost of the background check is the responsibility of the individual Rotarian completing the check unless your club board has voted to cover the cost for their members. You will have to check with your club president with regard to that issue.

In order to process a new background check you will first have to have your club ID # and Good Deed Code. Your club president has received an email from me with that information so please contact your club president for the club ID # and good deed code.

The first time you go through this process with VV the background check will be more extensive, however, after passing the level III background check any future checks will be at a level II. Please remember all Rotarians involved in activities with at-risk individuals are required to do annual background checks.

If you are involved in any of these programs and are unsure of when you last completed the background check process you can check the list on our District website. You will find it under our Download Files section on the homepage and it is titled Cleared District Background Checks.

Respectfully
William G. Howell, District 5440 Protection Officer