

Holyoke Rotary Club News

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Rotary honors six who are changing the world

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Innovation was the theme at Rotary Day at the United Nations on 10 November. Nearly a thousand Rotary leaders, members, and guests from around the world met



in Nairobi, Kenya, to hear about creative solutions to challenging world problems.

The annual event, held at the only UN headquarters in Africa, recognizes Rotary's long-standing special relationship with the United Nations. UN officials and humanitarian experts inspired participants to find innovative strategies for addressing humanitarian needs both locally and globally.

Nearly a thousand people attended Rotary Day at the United Nations in Nairobi, Kenya, on Saturday, 10 November 2018. The event honored young innovators and their role in creating change.

Six Rotaract and Rotary members age 35 or under were also honored as Rotary People of Action: Young Innovators. All of these leaders spoke about how they used ingenuity to launch efforts that brought about measurable and lasting results.

General sessions and workshops covered the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the technology revolution, and young people's role in creating change. A special session on the environment emphasized the importance of sustainable development and suggested concrete actions that people of all generations can take to build a clean and healthy future.

For the first time, the event also featured an Innovation Fair where Rotary clubs, businesses, and other organizations exhibited projects and cutting-edge technology designed to address humanitarian challenges.

Keynote speakers included RI President Barry Rassin, who is a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, and Sushil Kumar Gupta, Rotary International president-nominee and a member of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, Delhi, India. Rassin said the Innovation Fair inspired him to pair Rotary's older generations' resources and experience with the energy and ideas of young people.

"We want to take you on as equals, as colleagues," Rassin told the young audience members. "You bring to the table your ideas, your ambitions, your perspective on the world's problems. We help you to enlarge your horizons, to think big, and to make your innovations practical."

He added, "Youth innovators and Rotary can make the impossible possible."

With more young people in the world today than ever before — more than 50 percent of the population is under age 30 — it's imperative for them to harness their talents, said Hanna S. Tetteh, director-general of the United Nations Office at Nairobi.

"For a more peaceful and more sustainable world for all, we need the active participation and leadership of young people," said Tetteh. "I'm grateful Rotary is representing that here today."

Member Birthdays	
Griffin, David	Dec 08
Craven, Kate	Dec 10
Burns, Christine	Dec 11
Fowler, Bob	Dec 23
Ferriter, Jack	Dec 26

Rotary Anniversaries

Burns, Christine	14 years
Shealey, Glenn	5 years
Buckley, Katie	3 years
Rudder, Shannon	1 year

Upcoming Meetings

DATE: December 4, 2018 INVOCATION: Barbara Baran EVENING MEETING: 5:30 - 7:00 pm at Slainte

DATE: December 11, 2018 INVOCATION: Rebecca MacGreggor PROGRAM CHAIR: Lasca Hoey PROGRAM SPEAKER: Ernie Fitzel, Founder of the Miracle League of Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut.

> DATE: December 18, 2018 INVOCATION: Kathy Veins PROGRAM CHAIR: TBD PROGRAM SPEAKER: TBD

DATE: December 25, 2018 NO MEETING - HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Upcoming Program Assignments

lanuary 1	NO MEETING
lanuary 8	Evening Meeting
lanuary 15	Steve Kaplan
lanuary 22	Joan Kagan Levine
lanuary 29	Maureen Ross O'Connell

