

Rotary Rotary Opens Opportunities

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KNOCK, KNOCK, OPPORTUNITIES ARE KNOCKING

On August 10 the Derecho hit 20 Rotary club communities in the northern part of District 6000. Recently the National Weather Service revealed that four tornadoes spun out in Marshall and Tama counties from that line of storms. I want to thank all the clubs for helping restore their communities. A big thank you to all the Rotary clubs and Rotarians who sent funds in to the Disaster Relief committee. With Norlan Hinke's guidance, District 6000 requested and received the maximum of \$25,000 from RI. If your community was affected, an application is available for relief funds from the Disaster Relief Committee chairperson Troy Thompson. The application is also on our website homepage.

Rotarians around the world have been averaging 16 million hours volunteering in their communities. In District 6000 Rotarians are providing manpower for other non-profit organizations like, Meals on Wheels, and food banks/pantries. Living the motto-- **Rotarians: People of Action.**

I want to applaud the Rotary Club of Nevada which has started a satellite club. Even a pandemic could not curtail their goal of providing opportunities to other leaders in the Nevada community. This month the Rotary Club of Nevada inducted nine new members into their evening satellite club. BRAVO! Plus, they have inducted one new member to their noon club.

Hybrid club meetings provide the opportunity for in-person and virtual attendance. This format allows members to attend their home club meetings from any location around the world. Thus, Rotarians can remain connected to their friends and fellow club members. I find it difficult to make relationships through virtual meetings, but this is the future.

World Polio Day is October 24. Rotarians around the world must "stay the course" and not forget the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match our donations 2:1.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Holger Knaack, our Rotary International President, will be joining us live at noon Saturday, November 7 for our District-wide Foundation Luncheon. More details to follow. When opportunity knocks, find a way to answer & fulfill a need.

Proud to be a Rotarian,

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