



Rotary Opens Opportunities



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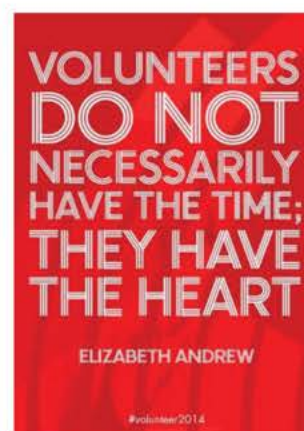
JOHN FRISCHIE

2020-2021 District Governor

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TIME TO REFLECT

What do you think about during the holidays? Church, family, entertaining, gifts or other things. Our family normally gathers together to share our gifts and blessings and we may even have a dog in our house for a few days. We certainly have no shortage of traditional family foods, and friendly games of Euchre or Pictionary. We are thankful for the health we have and share the sadness of family and friends who have passed away, and pray for others be healed. This year has reaffirmed that it should be a time to think about others and share with them. Thank you to all of the Rotary Members in District 6540 for your efforts to "Open Opportunities". I am very thankful for all of the news articles from District Committee Chairs and very impressed with clubs that create a newsletter every week!



One of my goals this year is to celebrate clubs! Here goes, let's celebrate!!

- **Per capita giving.** In third place is the Elkhart Morning club with \$411 per member, the Kentland Rotary Club was in second place with \$435 per member, and the Granger Sunrise was 1st with \$520 per member.
- **Total giving per club annual fund** Number 3 was Kendallville with \$16,200, in 2nd place was Fort Wayne at \$21,330 and ranking first was the Elkhart Club with \$26,327 in annual fund giving.

- **Total giving to all foundation** Accounts have some amazing numbers. Number three club was Elkhart with \$28,377, second place was Anthony Wayne with \$31,222 and Fort Wayne with an amazing number of \$404,667.
- **Total Giving for the District** to all programs including polio was \$735,692, that's almost three quarters of a **Million** dollars.

Foundation Gala

Thanks to all who joined us for the Foundation Gala. There was over \$12,500 in online donations that evening. Our goal for total giving this year is \$800,000.00! Your support is requested and will be needed.

This goal can be reached by each member giving \$1.00 per day, every day, all year.

ON TO MORE OPPORTUNITIES

December's Rotary theme is Disease Prevention and Treatment

Yes, go ahead and use this as a Sargent's question! This past month Rotary has given me the opportunity to consider the funding of Global Grants with the funds that Rotary Foundation returned to us from your donations to the annual fund three years ago. I had to make choices regarding a maternity ambulance in Uganda, a dialysis lab in India and an autism program for children in Mexico. There are also requests for support of a Mother's Milk Bank in India and an operating lab in Sringeri.

All of these requests focus on Disease Prevention and Treatment.

It is time to begin planning YOUR District Grant Application.

Each year clubs apply for District Grants and do amazing projects in their communities and around the world. Grant Applications will be available on District [website](#) January 1, 2021.

Examples include:

Water Supply Village in Ecuador, Home Roof Repair thru local non-profit, Repairs to Sunny Meadows Home, Environmental Education Book for Elementary Kids, Educational Software for Elementary Kids, Pocket Constitution for 5th Graders, Shoes for Kids, Phase 2 Duffle Bags for Kids, PPE for Mathew 25 Clinic, Equipment for Disability Network, Park Benches at Splashpad, Cultivate Real Services at St. Margaret's House, Picnic Tables for Parks, Cargo Trailer for Volunteer Fire Dept., Preschool Classroom Equipment, Baby Box for Fire Dept. Kohl's Vouchers for Clothe Our Children, Memorial Bench at Hospital, Food Backpacks, Seating Wall at Local Park, Classroom Equipment for Entrepreneur Program, Equipment for Elementary STEM Program, 4 Community Projects, Equipment for Mobile Library, Rotary Reading Corner at Library Plaza.

What creative ideas do you have?

Mentoring Notre Dame Students Some 6540 members have joined this effort.

I was contacted by Ethan Low, a Notre Dame student who shared this opportunity to mentor college students. The organization Generations Unite hopes to bridge the gap between our young and older adult generations through phone, facetime, or video calls. **We already have an abundance of interested young adults who are hoping to connect with older adults in order to facilitate these cross generational connections.** We pair our older adults with a young adult based on common interests. This website, <https://www.generationsunite.org/> has more information and contains a registration and scheduling system to allow for older adults to schedule their calls on their own schedule. Please contact Ethan Low at elow@nd.edu for more information!

Rotary Leadership Institute Returning (RLI) to D6540

District 6540 is joining with other Zone 30-31 to provide virtual RLI training. District Chair, Burne Miller is working on the details. We plan to be able to continue with those that have completed Level One, and or Two and will be encouraging new participants. Details coming soon!



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JANE ROUSH

2020-2021 District Governor Elect

Is Your Club Ornament on the Christmas Tree?

Albion
Anthony Wayne
Auburn Berne Bluffton
Boswell Chesterton-Porter
Columbia City Concord Crown Point
Delphi Elkhart Fort Wayne Fowler Gary
Goshen Hammond Huntington Kendallville Kentland
LaPorte Ligonier Logansport Michigan City Monticello
Munster Nappanee North Manchester Ossian Satellite Otterbein
Peru Plymouth Portage Rensselaer Roseland South Bend
Syracuse-Wawasee
Valparaiso
Wabash
Warsaw

Thank you to all the Clubs who have identified and added their President Elects in Club Runner! **If your club name is not on the Christmas Tree, please email me and add your President Elect and contact information in Club Runner today!**

During the month of December, each club should be electing their President for the 2022-2023 year. Here is the resolution from the 2019 Rotary International Council on Legislation.

Term of President. The president shall be elected as provided in the bylaws, not more than two (2) years but not less than eighteen (18) months prior to the day of taking office and shall serve as president-nominee

upon election. The nominee shall take the title of president-elect on 1 July in the year prior to taking office as president. The president shall take office on 1 July and shall serve a period of one (1) year. In cases where a successor has not been duly elected, the term of the current president shall be extended for one year only.

Why is this important?

We are currently preparing our training for the Presidents in 2021-2022. I will be sending a letter mid-December with all the dates for PETS, PrePETs and Leadership Training so I need to have names and contact information readily available in Club Runner. GLRPETS is virtual this year as MEGA PETS with Midwest PETS from Illinois from March 11-13. I am hoping we can still meet in person as a group with our District PEs later in the Spring. I really want to have our interaction and opportunities to meet District Presidents in person.

*I am here to help your club grow and be Vibrant!
I am looking forward to working with you!*



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TIM GIBSON

2020-2021 District Governor Nominee

INTERACT IS ALIVE!!!!

Schools may be shutting down due to the spike in COVID-19 cases, Interact Clubs are being creative with their mission to serve their communities. From my Zoom meetings with faculty advisors, this is what they shared:

- Clubs now have Google Drive available to post their projects and connect with all Interact Clubs in the district
- Most clubs worked with their sponsoring clubs to help with World Polio Day fundraising projects
- Many ideas are now available to our Interact Clubs through the Interactive-Quarantine project sponsored by District #6840
- Faculty advisors and student Interactors will be taking courses on the Learning Center specific to their roles as advisors and students that are available in November-December. (Remember you don't need to be a Rotarian to have an account at Rotary.org)

Mrs. Fezatt at Morgan Township H.S. received this email from Savannah White their Interact Club president and asked me to include it in our newsletter. I assured her it will be submitted.

"I think that our growth in members is really something to be proud of. We have also gotten school wide involvement from things like selling the yuda bands and the raffle. And I believe that since Morgan's Interact Club started, Interact itself has started to become recognized more and more outside our community much like other well-known clubs like student council and Key Club. I think this happened because we have been involved in an increasing number of community services. We have also been able to introduce our peers to Rotary, something that everyone has been intrigued and impressed. I had not known about Rotary until I joined Interact, but now I have been able to have a closer look at what they are doing for the community and how passionate they seem to have hearts full of service, it makes me so glad to be a part of something that is connected to Rotary. If anything, Interact has brought unique opportunities to Morgan Township students to be involved in service, witness the compassion of others, and discover their own passion for helping others. I'm so proud of Interact and couldn't be happier to be the President of a club that I am so passionate for!"



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ED VAN WIJK

2020-2021 District Trainer & Annual Fund Chair

**So which hat shall I wear this month? True, the hat in the picture didn't change! DG John wants me to wear two hats this month . . .
Annual Fun(d) Chair and District Trainer.**

Let first talk about the Annual Fund. Wasn't the virtual D-6540 Foundation Gala a lot of fun?! Oh, you didn't attend... well that is your loss, but not to worry, here is the link https://youtu.be/lhsgT_enPR8 to the recording so you can watch it still! The Annual Fund is important to me, because three years from now part of our giving to that fund in the current Rotary year will be returned to our district as DDF (district designated funds), and those funds will help us, you and I, wearing yet another hat (District Governor), support district and global grants that do good locally and in other areas of the world! I am thankful to all of you who are already giving to the annual fund and encourage those who have not had the chance to give yet, to start doing so. It is never too late to give and open opportunities!

Now a word from me as your district trainer. Training will continue to be different this Rotary year. Most if not all training will be conducted virtually. There are pros and cons to this. The pro, no long hours of travel on slick midwestern roads this winter! The con, we will miss out on being physically together in one place to hang out, chat, eat, and drink together... the Dutch call that 'gezelligheid,' which is an untranslatable word, but coziness, togetherness, fun, are words that come close to convey its meaning.

DGE Jane Roush and I are starting our planning for pre-PETS and PETS, and we need your help! Please make sure that your club enters their President Elect for 2021/22 in the Clubrunner database. We rely on that information to email the invitations for these important training events.

Lastly, check out the district Youtube channel for training videos that might answer some of your questions. Oh, one more thing . . . contact me with your questions about Clubrunner, Rotary Club Central, or anything about Rotary. If I do not know the answer to your question, I will find out and get back to you.

Rotary regards,
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JUDY WALKER

2020-2021 District Rotary Foundation Chair

What a fun, fast moving evening was this year's virtual fundraising gala on Thursday, November 12th! A very special thank you to all who attended and to our district leadership who made it all happen.

Continue the giving through December and not only get a tax deduction but matching points! The instructions and online fillable form are on our website: www.rotary6540.org. On the home page, click on **Matching Points 2020** for the instructions. To the left of that page a **menu (Points Page)** will appear which will include the following downloads:

Understanding Foundation Points, IRA Rollover Form, 2020 fillable Points Form, and the Promo (campaign details). We have **90,000.00 points** available, so let's **use them all!**



Even though vaccines soon will be available for COVID-19, the effects of this pandemic will linger well into 2021. There still will be basic needs to be met for many—food, household items, clothing, school supplies, etc. A **District Grant** would be one of the ways your club could help. Up to \$3,000.00 may be awarded for a grant.

Clubs will need to contribute a minimum of 25% to the project and will be reimbursed for the project when it is completed. *The project for which you apply may not be started until July 1, 2021.*

The **deadline to submit** a District Grant application *for the Rotary year 2021-2022* is **March 31, 2021**. The downloadable grant application will be available on the district website January 1, 2021.

In January, 2021 there will be a **District Grant Webinar** to explain the process. It will be given on two different dates and times: **Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. EST**, and **Wednesday, January 13 at 10:00 a.m. EST**. District Grant Chair, PDG Mike Crabill, will present the half hour webinar, **you will need to register** on our district website.



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RICK ZOLMAN

2020-2021 New Clubs & Innovative
Membership Chair

The Wolf & Dessauer department store began in 1896 in Fort Wayne. In the photo are two iconic holiday displays, created by W & D, edited into one very cool image. As a part of my day job, I coordinate the annual



lightings held on the night before Thanksgiving. This event usually draws more than 20,000 attendees. In 2020, not so much! COVID forced us to create a solution without drawing a crowd. We were covert and successful by lighting the holiday displays live at the top of a newscast in less than five minutes. The displays are on and available for the community to enjoy safely.

How does this correlate to new Rotary clubs? COVID has forced many clubs to conduct meetings virtually instead of

meeting in person. What if we as Rotary members each look at this situation as an opportunity for growth. An opportunity to serve others in different ways, and yes, possibly as a new club. A Passport club might be the perfect solution. Passport clubs are typically virtual, focused on service and connectivity. A new way of doing Rotary that includes meeting flexibility and encourages members to visit other clubs and participate in their club activities.

When Wolf & Dessauer created the Santa and Wreath lighting displays I am sure they never imagined that they would still be creating memories and traditions 80 years later. What if you had an idea for a new club and 80 years from now that club continued to share the gift of Rotary? Please reach out to me at rzolman@gmail.com to explore and discuss those ideas. Have a safe and healthy holiday season!



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CARLA HERR

2020-2021 District Membership Chair

For Rotarians, every season is truly the season of giving. I would like to acknowledge that all of our members are unique gifts. We give of our time, talents, energy, and hard-earned money. We have even been known to lure in family and friends to assist with large events. Every project that is completed, every

Polio vaccine that is administered and every scholarship that is given improves the wellbeing of an individual or a community. We share these labors of love with no strings attached, hoping that the recipients pay it forward in their own manner when they are able. It is a cycle of giving and improving that is beautiful. Finding people with a Service Above Self mindset is quite simple right now. Look for those in your community that are busy helping others and that share their talents with abandon. Do not assume that someone is "too busy" to invite to your meeting. The busiest people are the ones with passion that accomplish mighty tasks. It is easy to spot someone with a Rotary heart. Although I cannot give a specific definition of what it takes to be a Rotarian, you will know it when you see it. You will recognize the generosity of spirit, the empathy for others and the "can do" attitude. They just need an invitation and an outlet that will enable them to make a difference on an even larger scale. Please continue to be a gift to the world and to collect more gifts along the way.

Wishing You Peace & Love to All



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MISSY HOUGHTALING

Paul Harris Society Coordinator



Paul Harris Society (PHS) members make a commitment that they intend to contribute \$1,000 or more per year (when financially able) to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund or an approved Foundation grant each year. Rotarians continue to find ways to respond to the COVID-19 crisis and help people affected by it. If you are able, would you consider this level of giving to support our communities, change lives and make our world a better place?

Joining the Paul Harris Society is easy! Rotarians can join online or by mailing in the PHS brochure. Gifts can be made automatically [online](#) as recurring gifts, or they can be made as one-time donations.

Remember, it's not about the money. It's about what the money can do.

Whatever Rotary may mean to us
to the world it will be known
by the results it achieves.

- Paul Harris



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PDG STEVE VAN SCOIK

International Service Chair

Global Grants

We often take for granted that if we dial 9-1-1 for an ambulance, an ambulance will actually show up at our house. And, it won't just show up, but that well-equipped ambulance will deliver us to a hospital staffed with experts and equipment and resources to solve our medical needs.

But the reality is that this experience is not true for much of the world.

At the first Rotary Convention in 1910, Rotarian Arthur Fredrick Sheldon delivered a speech to those gathered in Chicago and said that "only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best."

And since that speech in the early days of our organization, this has been the Rotarian's creed. Everything we do in our local clubs is designed around the belief in ***service above self***. So we invest in our local communities; we invest in our neighborhood schools; we invest in the youth down the street.

As a global organization, we work with Rotary International to tackle global issues collectively. We fight poverty. We find vaccines. We dig for clean water. We invest in people.

Whether we use our passport to cross international borders, or not, it's important to remember that we are a part of a global community and we must work as a local club to contribute our skills, expertise and financial support to the needs of our neighbors worldwide.

Global Grant Projects are opportunities for your local club to partner with an international club in supporting a community project somewhere around the globe. One club in our district has been working with a hospital in India to meet the medical needs of that community. This local club believes in the lasting impact that quality healthcare can have on a community and decided to tackle this project.

Another club in our district has discovered the need for an ambulance in a community in Uganda. But the size was too big for their club, so they partnered with another Rotary club in a neighboring district. Together they are working to supply a safe, well-equipped medical transportation for the people of that region of Uganda.

Sometimes when we hear of stories like these, it's easy to think, "Those must be big clubs to be able to afford funding a hospital or an ambulance." When the reality is - that is not always the case.

But through the combined efforts of the Global Grant Projects, local clubs are able to receive matching grants through the World Fund, Foundation Grants and Global Grants. There are, of course, requirements for each of these.

But it starts with a need.

It starts with a *vision* to fill that need.

It starts with asking a question.

It starts with one person caring about another person who happens to live on the other side of the world.

Perhaps it's time your local club decides to step up and tackle that need you've been talking about.

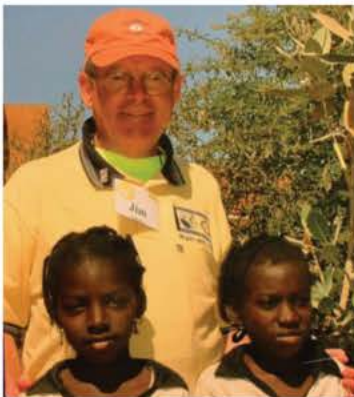
Maybe it will be a hospital, or an ambulance. Or just maybe there is a need out there that we don't even know about yet. Your club could be *just the club* to find out.

Don't let the size or the cost of the project; the paperwork or even the application process become a barrier for you.

Don't let the *unknown* be the thing keeping you from "serving your fellows.... best".

Please feel free to contact me with any needs or concerns you may have. I am here to assist you.

Steve VanScoik PDG
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PDG JIM JESELNICK

District Polio Chair

I recently found some newspaper articles from the 2005 Pittsburgh Post Gazette that celebrated the 50th anniversary of the successful polio vaccine. You see, Dr. Jonas Salk and his team, working at the University of Pittsburgh, developed the vaccine that helped millions of children live normal lives. Franklin Roosevelt, our 32nd President, contracted the virus at the age of 39 and founded the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and soon the March of Dimes was generating millions of dollars to fight the disease.

Today, thanks to the work of Rotary and thousands of world-wide volunteers, we are getting ever closer to eradicating the disease. Fourteen years ago this week, I traveled to Niger in Africa to administer vaccine drops to children. It was a life-changing experience and I still think about the Interact students who helped me to translate French and maneuver the streets of Niamey. We need to continue to donate to the polio plus campaign and hopefully eliminate the virus from Afghanistan and Pakistan. Your dollars will go a long way towards achieving that goal.

END POLIO NOW



KENTLAND

Kentland Rotary is conducting its' annual Truck Raffle. The Kentland Rotary Club has funded over \$246,000 in scholarships to South Newton students and more adult scholarships in our county. You could win \$30,000 or a new truck. It is cash free this year so just go to kentlandrotary.org, enter your check, routing number and account number and you will be good to go! You will be eligible for the \$30,000 December 19. If you don't like online banking you can mail a check to **Attn: Kirby Drey, PO Box 145, Kentland, IN 47951.**

WANT TO PUBLICIZE YOUR CLUB NEWS? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

It's easy! Write your article, include photos if you want, and email it to Governor John - rotaryfrisch@gmail.com by the 20th of each month. We'll include it in the next 6540 Monthly Herald.