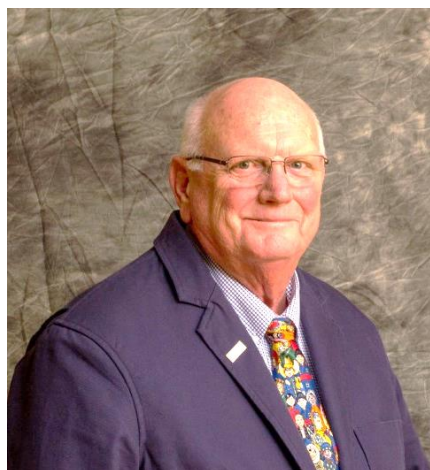




Rotary Opens Opportunities



A MESSAGE FROM . . .

JOHN FRISCHIE

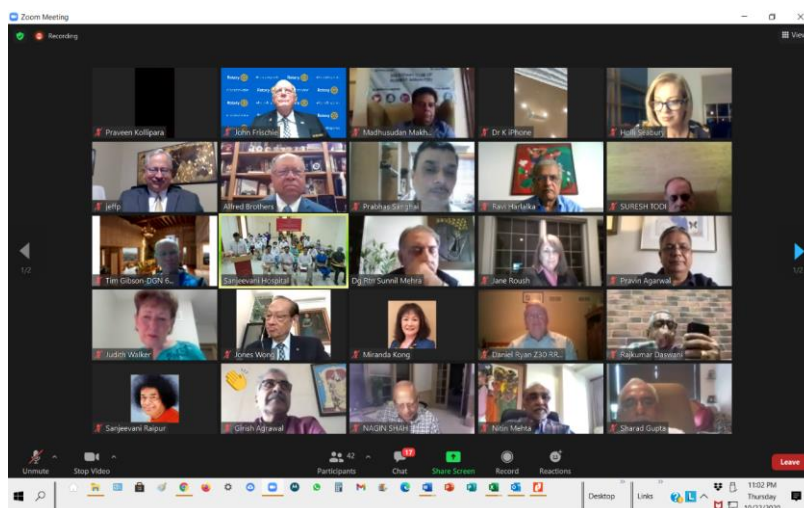
2020-2021 District Governor

Contact Governor John Frischie at rotaryfrisch@gmail.com

This has been a busy month. We held an AG Coffee hour on Thursday October 21. The AG's shared their club success stories and opportunities. I'm very excited about what 6540 Rotary Clubs are doing safely. I have completed 9 virtual Governor visits and 243 other virtual visits to clubs. I am scheduling more as clubs request them.

Dedication of Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Free Children's Hospital

Several members of our district attended the handover of Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani free children's hospital in Navi Mumbai, India. This global grant was supported by our District. Jeff Peat, Fort Wayne president; PDG Dan Ryan; Dr Praveen Kollipara Fort Wayne; RFC Judy Walker; PDG Al Brothers; DGN Tim Gibson; Holli Seabury, Fort Wayne PP; DGE Jane Roush and I participated in the ceremonies. This hospital provides free treatment for children with heart issues. This is just one example of what our Rotary Foundation Annual Fund Donations will do!



District Foundation Giving Recognition

I also had the opportunity to participate in the Heart of America Zone 30-31 Recognition webinar on November the 20th. I congratulate DG Al Brothers, RFC Judy Walker and the Foundation Committee for their success in raising funds for the Rotary Foundation during 2019-2020. Thank you to all the D6540 members who support the Annual Fund! The Foundation Gala Committee is looking forward to a successful Gala and an even better year this year.

Zone 30 Recognitions...

Alfred Brothers Jr
Rotary Club of Anthony Wayne IL

Zone 30 District 6540



4 th Place Annual Fund Per Capita	\$119.15
4 th Place Endowment Fund	\$146,361
3 rd Place Total Contributions	\$735,693



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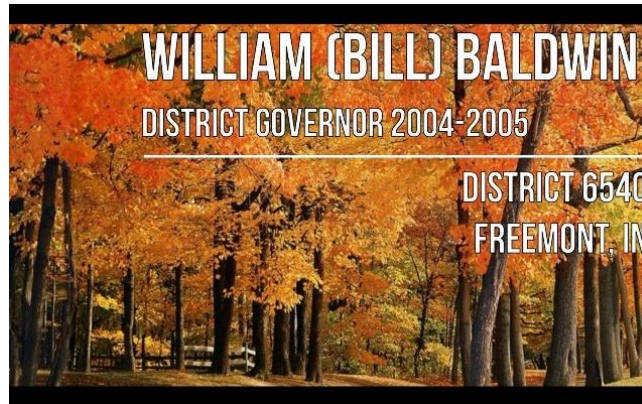
Sorry Al, Zone had our state incorrect. You are still from Indiana!

HONORING PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

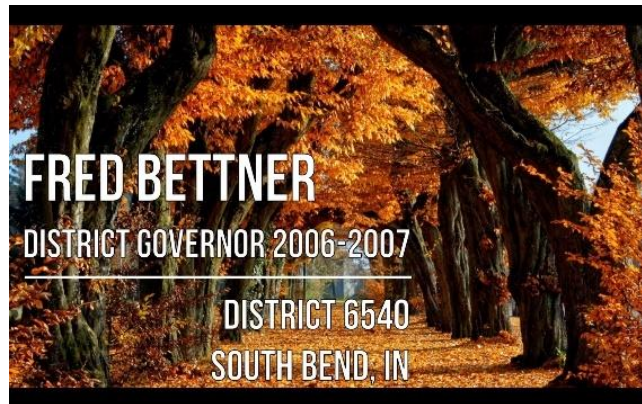


Rensselaer Rotary Club dedicated a park bench in memory of PDG Dr. John Egan. John was District Governor during the 1991-1992 year. PDG Dan Ryan was the guest speaker. Dan and John were very good friends and if you ever met PDG John and he knew you from Rotary you could probably expect a hand-written note from him! I treasure the ones I have. It was also good to see PDG John Balvich at the ceremony. There is a rich history of District Governors from Rensselaer.

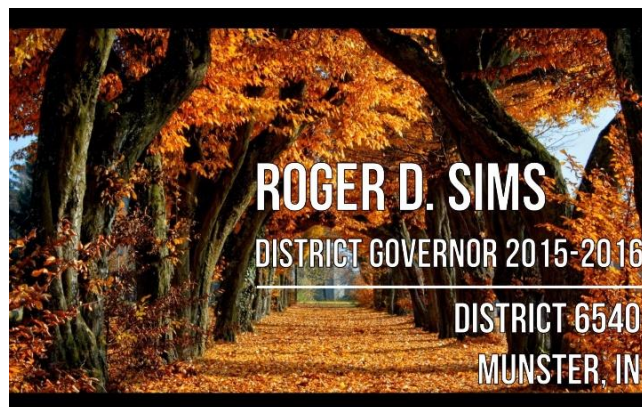
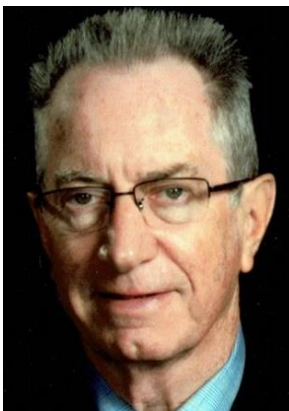
During the past year District 6540 experienced the passing of three PDGs. They were honored at the Zone 30-31 Zone Summit.



William (Bill) W. Baldwin, Ph.D., 80, passed away Tuesday, August 25, 2020 in Ft. Wayne, IN. Born in Fort Wayne, IN on July 27, 1940.



Fredric (Fred) Keith Bettner, 83, passed away after an extended illness, January 13, 2020 at the Center for Hospice Care, South Bend, IN. Fred was born on January 27, 1936.



Roger D. Sims, 76, passed away suddenly on October 31, 2019. He was born on June 30, 1943 in Chicago.

District Global Grants Logansport/Kokomo Global Grant

I am excited that Logansport and Kokomo (District 6560) Rotary Clubs, have applied for a grant to supply a maternity ambulance with cancer screening equipment for women in a remote area of Uganda. This grant still needs donations of cash to be approved and your club or members can be part of this grant. Please email Cheryl Maple cherylmaple@gmail.com or Jane Horner horner8@purdue.edu on how you can help!

District Membership

Congratulations to the clubs that have increased membership since July. This is not an easy time, but these clubs have "Opened Opportunities."

It can be done!

	07/01/20	10/23/20	#	%+
Merrillville	33	38	5	15%
Angola	16	17	1	6%
Auburn	17	18	1	6%
Elkhart	144	153	9	6%
Delphi	19	20	1	5%
Granger Sunrise	21	22	1	5%
La Porte	41	43	2	5%

Club Fundraisers

The **Concord Rotary Club** is selling raffle tickets to win a trip to the SUPER BOWL in Tampa Bay, Feb 7th, 2021. You get 2 tickets to the game, 4 nights lodging, and \$1000 cash (to get there), see attached. The cost is \$5 per ticket or if you purchase 5 tickets for \$20. What a deal!! Second place is \$500 cash and third place is \$250.

Kentland Rotary Club is holding its annual Pickup Truck Raffle to raise funds for local high school and adult scholarships. Over the years, the club has raised over \$246,000.00. Only 600 tickets will be sold! The winner receives a new truck or \$30,000.00. Click [here](#) to purchase.

Lowell Rotary Club will be holding a Pot O' Gold raffle. We are selling 500 tickets for \$50 each and will do a live raffle every day in March giving away \$500.

Otterbein Rotary Poinsettia Sale: Deadline for placing orders: Tuesday, November 10.

Pick-up date: (approx.) December 2 - 4 at Otterbein Community Center on Main St. Pricing: \$12 each or \$10 each for orders of 4 or more. Payment by Cash or Check at time of pick-up.

Questions: Telephone: Lise Maddox (765) 426-7468 or email: OtterbeinRotary@gmail.com.

Monticello Rotary Club Fruit Sales: Welcome to Monticello Rotary Club's Fruit Fundraiser! Forms and orders are due Nov 20, with delivery @ the 2nd week of December You can even have the fruit directly shipped to your customer. Contact Information; Monticello Rotary Club, Brenda Johns, Phone: (574) 870-3534 Email: brenda@pampel.com for order form pickup and details.

A MESSAGE FROM . . .

JANE ROUSH

2020-2021 District Governor Elect



CHANGE

To those of you who like everything to stay the same: CHANGE is good! That is probably a tough message to hear right now, with the coronavirus rendering most aspects of our daily lives almost unrecognizable. I will readily admit that it has caused me some consternation lately on how to keep training and events interactive, informative and motivating. As we focus on the changing seasons and the adjustments we make, I am reminded that we must constantly change, or we don't succeed. *"When you're finished changing, you're finished."* Benjamin Franklin

ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES

I am sure when Holger Knaack chose this theme, he never expected a pandemic to affect the world in such a dramatic way. In normal years, we would never have had the opportunity to attend the dedication of a hospital in India. I would not have the opportunity to share in a District 6400 Passport Club to hear our own PDG Jim Jeselnick speak. Clubs would not have the opportunity to engage program speakers from around the world. You have opportunities to attend training and our upcoming Fundraising Gala in the comfort of your own home or celebrating with a small group of family and friends. Please share your opportunities from your club to rotaryroush@gmail.com.

TRAINING

In District 6540, we currently have only 36 of 56 President-Elects listed in ClubRunner. Training will start soon, and I need your help. Please make sure that you have your President-Elect that will become President in 2021-2022 listed in ClubRunner by the end of November. You can contact me at 260-349-8291 or rotaryroush@gmail.com. I will be glad to help in any way that I can.

Did you know that you need to identify your next President Elect (2021-2022) in December as part of your annual meeting?

PLANNING

Your District Trainer, Ed van Wijk and I are currently in the process of planning training for PrePETS, PETS and district leaders. District 6540 is also reviewing our Strategic Plan from 2016 and building a new one for the next few years. Please let me know how the District can help our clubs be stronger which makes us all better. If you are looking at strategic planning for your club, I suggest that you review the Rotary International Action Plan: <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/strategic-plan>. If we all work together, great things can happen.



A MESSAGE FROM . . .

TIM GIBSON

2020-2021 District Governor
Nominee

“Silence is Golden”

- Ever wonder why so few people hear a Rotary tree fall even when it's in their own backyard?
- Is there a sound when two drops fall on the tongue of a child being inoculated for polio?
- Can the human ear detect a perfectly beating heart in a small child who recently had catheter surgery in India?
- The silence of a sleeping child in a Shelter Box because now, there is a feeling of security after the storm.
- The planting of over two million trees in Rotary year 2017-18, providing all the resources that only tree can give, in their special quite ways.
- A letter read by a student with notification of their RYE year ahead somewhere in the world.
- Early Act students creating images in their minds as Rotarians teach them to read.
- A recent high school graduate seeing the Rotary scholarship credit on their college tuition statement.

**Rotarians, this silence is heard around the world and
your pride speaks volumes.**

INTERACT NEWS!

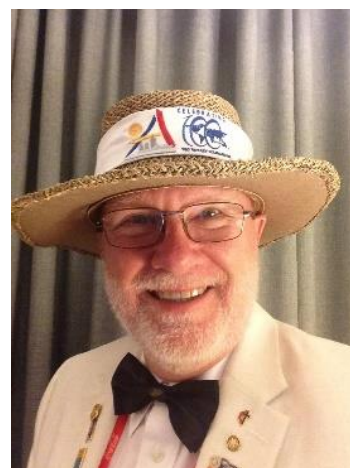


Interact at Crown Point High School started the Fall of 2020 off great! They organized a fundraiser at Chipotle in October to benefit the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Along with a donation from a local Rotarian, Interact raised \$250 to donate to the Foundation. The group also gathered have a pizza party and carve pumpkins for our High School Courtyard. We are looking forward to a great school year!

A MESSAGE FROM . . .

ED VAN WIJK

2020-2021 District Trainer



“The Show Must Go On!” That is what the Jive Aces, the headliners for our virtual D-6540 Foundation Gala tell their on-line audience every day. As I write this, they have just completed their 222nd consecutive “Jive Stream,” a daily 1-hour long show aimed at bringing Fun, Sunshine, and Love during the ongoing worldwide Corona virus pandemic.

“The Show Must Go On!” That is what High School band directors tell their administration and students. And they don’t leave it at that... they take action and make it happen, sometimes against all odds... we now know that the Corona virus mostly spreads through respiratory droplets from infected persons that can remain airborne for minutes to hours especially in poorly ventilated indoor spaces, so singing or playing wind instruments inside is not advised.. what is a band director to do? Go outside, keep distance, cancel your in-person Fall band concerts and make them virtual by video-taping your individual bands/groups and posting the recordings on-line. Oh, and make one of those videos available for the D-6540 virtual Foundation Gala! You don’t want to miss the Kankakee Valley High School advanced band students’ performance...

We can learn from the attitude of the Jive Aces and High School band directors and students, because our show must go on too! November is Foundation month in Rotary, that is why we will hold our virtual D-6540 Foundation Gala on November 12 from 6 - 7:15 pm CT. “The Rotary Foundation Show must go on!” People around the world that live in places where there is no peace, where there is disease, where there is no safe potable water, where maternal and child health is in jeopardy, where basic education and literacy remain a challenge, where economies and communities are under-developed, need our help. That is what The Rotary Foundation is all about, that is what our Gala is all about, that is what your giving is all about! It is not about the money, but it is about what the money can do for those who are struggling around the world. Will you join me for an hour of Fun, Sunshine, and Love, on November 12 and will you give generously to the Annual Fund so that **“The Show Can Go On?”**

Rotary Regards, Ed Van Wijk



A MESSAGE FROM . . .

JUDY WALKER

2020-2021 District Rotary Foundation Chair

We're putting the **FUN** back into **Fundraising**! No more traveling for a couple of hours or purchasing high-priced tickets for dinner. Grab some snacks and your favorite drink and relax in the comfort of your own home for ninety minutes of upbeat musical entertainment, interesting videos, and stories of heartwarming grant experiences. Reserve Thursday evening, November 12th, 7pm EST - 6 pm CST for our district's *2020 Foundation Virtual Gala*.

Special guest speakers will be Rotary International President, Holger Knaack; Rotary Foundation Trustee, Brenda Cressey; and our own Floyd Lancia, Rotary International Director for Zones 30-31.

Join us on November 12th to witness the amazing things that your contribution to The Rotary Foundation has made possible.

Grab Your Favorite Beverage & Join Us For

Rotary
District 6540

Foundation Virtual Gala

Thursday, November 12

Door Prizes! ~ Featuring ~ Special Guests!

The U.K.'s #1 Jive & Swing Band!

JIVE Aces

[Click Here](#)

To Register

You will be sent an email invitation to join the ZOOM meeting after you register.

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A MESSAGE FROM . . .

RICK ZOLMAN

2020-2021 New Clubs & Innovative
Membership Chair



I am becoming more settled in my new role as New Clubs and Innovative Clubs chair. We are beginning to contact key Rotary leaders in District 6540 that have expressed interest in forming a new club or expanding an existing club's offerings. Our goal is to identify where we are with each potential club development and discover what is the next step in the process. If you have thoughts or insights regarding potential areas for new club development, please reach out to me at rzolman@gmail.com.

Thanks, Rick Zolman



A MESSAGE FROM . . .

CHRISTINA DOUGHERTY

Past District Governor

WHAT IS YOUR ROTARY LEGACY?

Begin your legacy to Rotary **today** by supporting the Foundation and becoming a **Benefactor**. You may become a Benefactor to The Rotary Foundation by making its Permanent Fund a beneficiary of your estate or by making an outright gift of US \$1,000 or more to the Permanent Fund. When you become a Benefactor, you will be presented with:

- A commemorative certificate
- An insignia that may be attached to a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin
- A letter of appreciation
- Benefactor Form [Click Here](#) to download form. Complete this form to become a Benefactor today.

The Bequest Society

Promote a better world beyond your lifetime by including The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund in your Estate plan. The principal amount of a monetary gift to the Permanent Fund is never spent, so a portion of the investment earned will always be available for Foundation Programs.

Your bequest may come from the following funding options:

- Will or living trust
- Charitable remainder trust
- Retirement plan (IRA/401(K))
- Life Insurance
- Donor advised fund

The Bequest Society Recognition Levels (in US dollars)

\$10,000	\$100,000*	\$ 500,000*+
\$25,000*	\$250,000*+	\$1,000,000*+
\$50,000*		

**Qualifies for a customized named fund; +Qualifies for posthumous Arch C. Klumph Society member*

Rotary's tomorrow depends on what we do today.

For more information contact: Past District Governor Christina R. Dougherty

Email: christina.rotary13@gmail.com or Call: 219-617-3268

A MESSAGE FROM . . .

STEVE SORENSON

Past District Governor & District
6540 Nominating Committee Chair



Application Process For District Governor Nominee Designate

The Rotary International **Manual of Procedure** directs each District to convene a Nominating Committee to solicit and select Candidates for the Office of *District Governor Nominee Designate* or to replace the District Governor Nominee, etc., upon their resignation, if necessary.

As the chair of the Rotary District 6540 Nominating Committee, the process will begin very soon by having Club Presidents and Club Secretaries identify and nominate qualified candidates from your Club for this vital leadership position. We will be seeking applicants for the Position of *District Governor Nominee Designate* who will serve as our District Governor for the Rotary year **2024 - 2025**. So, this is a great time to be thinking about it.

Candidates must be nominated by their respective local Rotary clubs and have the qualifications that are outlined in the **Bylaws of Rotary International, Article 16.070**. Briefly, they are as follows:

- Must be an active member in good standing (other than honorary) of a functioning Rotary Club that has no outstanding debt to Rotary International or to Rotary District 6540.
- Must have been a member of a Rotary Club for a least seven (7) years and served as a Club President for a full Rotary year.
- Must be willing and have the ability - *physically and otherwise* - to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a District Governor.

Further, the District 6540 Bylaws (Article 10.1) require that the nominee serves as an Assistant District Governor (or "lieutenant" governor or a governor representative prior to 1997) or a District Trainer for at least one full Rotary year.

A fully completed application form, with the required signatures and a recent photo of the applicant, **must be returned to PDG Steve Sorenson by the deadline provided, in the email that each Club President and Club Secretary will receive separately in the coming days. *Do not send them to the District Office or to the current District Governor.*** Please scan and email the documents as a PDF and send them directly to steve.rotary6540@yahoo.com. You can also mail the required information to Steve at his home address: 503 S. Park Drive, Fowler, IN 47944. It may be necessary to do candidate interviews in a virtual format again this year. We will keep the candidates informed of necessary changes.

Please feel free to communicate any questions you may have directly to Steve Sorenson by email or phone (765) 430-5756. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration and participation in this very important procedure for recommending our future district leadership serving as our District Governor.

Yours in Rotary Service,
PDG Steve Sorenson

Rotary Clubs, Sangam Charitable Foundation Raise over \$50,000 for COVID-19 Relief Fund

The Sangam Charitable Foundation of Fort Wayne and the Rotary Clubs of Fort Wayne and Summit City South have raised over \$50,000 for their newly established COVID-19 Relief Fund.

Relief funds went toward purchasing:

- 1,000 isolation gowns and face masks for Lutheran and Parkview hospitals' front-line staff
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) for Matthew 25, Neighborhood Health and Rescue Mission staffs

Dr. V. R. Prasad Nalamolu, a local cardiologist and member of the Sangam Foundation Board of Directors said, "Over 9,000 healthcare workers have been infected with COVID-19. We know that the frontline workers are at the highest risk. On a daily basis there has been a tremendous commitment by doctors, nurses, technicians, janitors, and administrators to 'form a line.' They are answering the call and showing up for work to keep us safe. We felt that the best way to honor them would be to support their service. Sangam Charitable Foundation is proud to lend our support to such a worthy cause." He added, "In short, as a community, we will succeed together."

The three organizations established the Relief Fund in late April 2020, with members of the Sangam Charitable Foundation raising \$25,000 within the first week.



Delivering PPE to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne are from left: Dr. Prasad Nalamolu, unknown Lutheran employee, Emma Seabury, Jane Wilks, Holli Seabury, Tim Gibson, Lynne Gilmore, Dr. Praveen Kollipara



Lynne Gilmore and Tim Gibson discover PPE doesn't weigh much!

Holli Seabury, 2019.2020 president of the Rotary Club of Fort Wayne, said, "The generosity of the Sangam Charitable Foundation members is legendary. In our club's work with them, I have been amazed time and again. They are pillars of charity in the greater Fort Wayne community, along with the Jyothi Corp, with whom we have collaborated on numerous charitable projects in India."

Rotary is an International humanitarian service organization with numerous service projects locally and around the world. The Sangam Charitable Foundation supports area charitable, educational, religious and cultural activities. Sangam board members ordered the difficult-to-obtain PPE through their approved medical suppliers.

The Rotary Club of Fort Wayne has participated in several Rotary International global grants projects in India. Through those projects, the Club has cultivated friendships with the Fort Wayne Indian community, who developed the Sangam Charitable Foundation in 1984.

"For the past few years our Rotary Club has participated in projects helping medical facilities in India," Seabury explained. "When our Fort Wayne community had a need, our friends at Sangam reached out to us to partner in raising funds for our local hospitals and other groups. We have seen our international partnership truly come full circle to help our health care workers in the Fort Wayne region."