

A MESSAGE FROM . . .

JOHN FRISCHIE

2020-2021 District Governor

Contact Governor John Frischie at rotaryfrisch@gmail.com

I am amazed at how District 6540 Rotary Clubs have accepted the challenges of meeting safely, doing projects, and raising funds to “Open Opportunities”. I have completed 4 virtual Governor visits and 229 other virtual visits to clubs. I am scheduling more as clubs request them.

I hope your Club president and membership chair participated in the District 6540 Membership webinar on September 29th.

There will be an exciting Virtual Foundation Gala on November 12, 6-7:15 CST.

Click here to register: <http://gala2020.rotary6540.org/>

Polio Eradication Milestone

One of our own has been named one of TIME’s “100 Most Influential People in the World.” Dr. Tunji Funsho, Rotary’s Nigeria National PolioPlus Chair was named to the TIME 100 list for his critical leadership in working with Rotary members and our partners to achieve a wild polio-free Nigeria and eradicate the wild poliovirus in the African region. He is the first Rotary member to receive this honor for our work to eradicate polio. You can view Dr. Funsho’s profile on the TIME website [here](#).



What is your club planning for World Polio Day October 24, 2020?



New Clubs and Innovative Membership Chair

Please welcome Rick Zolman of the Fort Wayne Rotary as the chair of the New Clubs and Innovative Clubs and Membership Chair. He is teaming with Carla Herr, District Membership Chair to bring new opportunities for growing your club. Rick was significant in the formation of the Fort Wayne Summit City South Rotary Club. His enthusiasm and talent is an asset. You can reach him at rzolman@gmail.com.

Hybrid Meetings

Here are some resources for “hybrid” meetings. District 5950 held a live modeling of the Zoom hybrid approach to running effective meetings, including a panel discussion with members who have conducted hybrid meetings and an overview of technical requirements. The [full training video](#) is available on our YouTube Channel.

Below are the follow up resources from the training and the slide deck from the training. They can also be found under Club Support > Training and Leadership Development.

[Going Hybrid Training Deck](#)
[Going Hybrid Set Up and Tips](#)
[Going Hybrid Buyers Guide](#)
[Going Hybrid Q&A](#)

Mentoring Notre Dame Students

I was contacted by Ethan Low, a Notre Dame student and he shared this opportunity to mentor college students. The organization 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. Our website, 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.

Club News:

Columbia City Rotary Club will be supporting the Whitley Senior Citizens Center by providing packaging for their delivered-meals program, which provides cooked meals delivered to participant’s homes.

Monticello Rotary Club will be sponsoring the Christmas Parade in Monticello.

Ossian Rotary Club has a polio survivor as a scheduled speaker for October 22nd for World Polio Day, all of their Member Minute funds raised in October will be donated to the Polio Plus Fund. And, they have a President Elect selected.



The Rotary Club of Lowell thanked all the teachers and staff during this trying school year. They drew 3 teachers names from the 3 Tri Creek Elementary schools, who will receive a \$50.00 Amazon gift card to help with their classroom supplies. They also raised funds for a “Safe Baby Box” at the Lowell Fire Department. They teamed with other organizations to raise the money.

The Rotary Club of North Manchester has starting talks with a club in Kosovo to figure out ways to help them purify water for rural school children. The Prishtina club has already helped some schools, but they would like to broaden this effort. If any club would like to partner with them and/or provide them a mentor who has done a global project, they could sure use the help.

Fowler Rotary Club sponsored a “Hamburger Fry” to raise funds for the restored Fowler Theatre. There was a solid line of cars for two hours and there are no hamburger buns or ground beef left in Fowler. They did a fantastic job marketing the event and had tremendous community support. The Benton County Fair Queens and Benton Central Interact Club helped make the event a success.



Wabash Rotary Club packed 572 BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK-Wabash County for caring for kids!!!

The North Manchester Rotary Club is taking orders for live holiday wreaths beginning October 3rd to be delivered the week before Thanksgiving.

The Rochester Rotary Club sponsored their “Shoes for Students” project, which supplies shoes for elementary students in their county, with delivery of new shoes so far to Akron and Columbia schools. They have received requests from Riddle, Caston, Mentone and Culver schools.

Rotary Club of Hammond recognized their 100th Anniversary on September 15th with a virtual meeting that highlighted some of their many programs and projects that have served the Hammond community. Narrated by various pillars of the club, the historic program was researched, produced, and printed by past club president, James McNabney.

Zone Summit



Here is an opportunity to join the fun, fellowship, and interaction at the Zone Summit on October 10th. This is the same event that was held in person in Ft. Wayne last year. Please support District and Floyd as our Rotary Director and register for this event. It's free, no travel just a chance to meet new friends and be engaged in Rotary. Thanks to those who have already registered. **Registration is open to any Rotary member in the District. I would hope that 6540 has the highest registration count.**

Register here <https://www.rizoness30-31.org/institute/rotary-virtual-summit-2020/>

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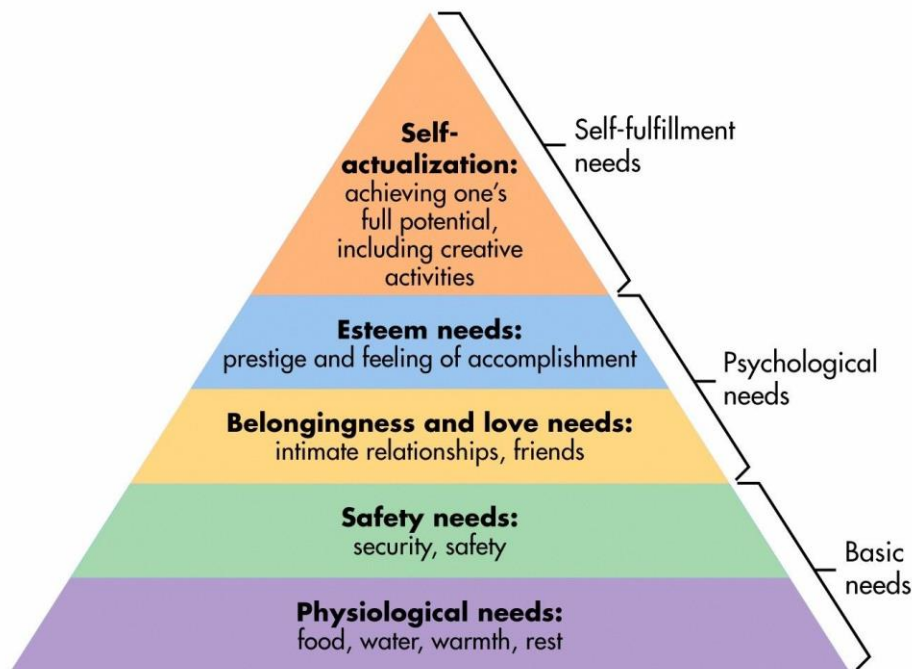
JANE ROUSH

2020-2021 District Governor Elect

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ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH



What does Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs have to do with Rotary? I think it is the basis of our service for this month of Economic and Community Development. Rotarians around the world identify needs and then look for ways to improve quality of life both in their local communities and around the world. The basic needs we seek to improve lie in the foundational levels of food, clean water,

warmth, rest, safety and security. But the value in meeting those needs is also essential to the givers. With our shared experiences in Rotary, we are growing and meeting the next levels of belonging, accomplishment and achieving one's potential. As the philosopher Aristotle said, "the whole is greater than the sum of all its parts" and that defines Rotary. I am so impressed with the work that each of our clubs have accomplished even in these uncertain times. What are you doing this month for community and economic development? Keep sharing your projects with DG John and on social media!

Presidents-Elect: Please make sure that all your information is correct in Club Runner by October 15. I am going to start contacting clubs with no PE listed and want to send out my first information to 2021-2022 Presidents before the end of October. You do not want to be missed on that communication!



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TIM GIBSON

2020-2021 District Governor
Nominee

Mark Twain said the two most important days in your life is when you were born and the day we realize why you were born. This gives us great pause to consider the mission of Rotary. “To do good in the world”.

Very, very few of us will have the opportunity to save a life from a burning building, Rotarians saves lives every day in so many ways, the standout being polio eradication.

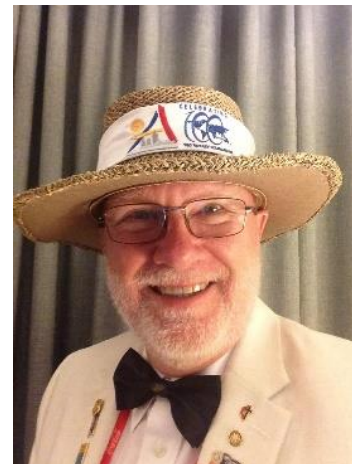
The “why” we all share in our Rotary DNA, is alive, proactive and highly visible across the myriad programs and projects we conceive, develop and execute each and every day.

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ED VAN WIJK

2020-2021 DGND/Annual Fund Chair

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The Jive Aces are the U.K.'s No.1 Jive & Swing Band!

The question is why should you care?

Read on and you'll find out!



As District Governor Nominee Designate one of my tasks this year is to encourage and promote giving to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund. The reason for me having that role is that in three years, when I am slated to be District Governor, the Rotary Foundation will send part of the monies donated in 2020/21 back to our district to be used for district and global grants. So, I have a vested interest and so do you and your club... the district and global grants that you and your club want to use for projects that will benefit people not only here but all across the world depend in part on the availability of these matching funds from the Rotary Foundation.

Because of the corona virus pandemic there is an added challenge to our fundraising efforts. The Foundation Receptions that we envisioned would take place at wineries and would include great live entertainment, had to be scrapped because of the pandemic. But we have a plan: a virtual D6540 Foundation Gala on November 12 from 6 - 7 pm CT (7-8 ET). It promises to be a fun event. The Jive Aces will headline the entertainment for the evening, they will bring Fun, Sunshine, and Love with their high energy performance to inspire us to put our gifts to the Rotary Foundation in action to bring Fun, Sunshine, and Love to those in the world who are suffering.

The Jive Aces have something in common with Rotarians, they are service oriented, they help with service projects in their community especially during this challenging time in history. Please join me, the Jive Aces and other guests on November 12, 2020. [Click here to register: http://gala2020.rotary6540.org/](http://gala2020.rotary6540.org/)





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CARLA HERR

2020-2021 District Membership Chair

As we focus on Economic and Community Development this month, it is important to acknowledge the role that new members play in Rotary. As Rotarians, our ability to aid our community is directly tied to the information we receive. The simplest way to stay informed about the needs in our community is to have a diverse group of involved members that share their observations. As the world around us changes and evolves, so must our clubs and our members. In order to stay relevant, we must represent the community we serve. Please keep this in mind when you are inviting new people to your club as potential members. Make sure to cast the net wide to maintain a positive impact in your neighborhood. I hope that you enjoyed the District 6540 Membership meeting on September 29th. I am grateful for the opportunity to share our Zone Initiative. Please contact me or your AG with any questions that you may have about the program.

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PDG LISA WATERMAN



Youth Services

Every year brings new responsibility as we welcome a new group of young people into our Rotary Club programs. Per the District Youth Protection Policy, passed in 2016, your Rotary Club has a responsibility to perform a background check on ANY ROTARY member who regularly works with or transports youth to and from events.

If something happens to a youth while involved in a Rotary program through your Club, what will your Club's defense be? The best possible defense is that a routine background check is performed, at least bi-annually, on any Rotary member involved with our youth and that you have taken appropriate measures to assure youth safety. Period. Recognize that while all Indiana school Corporations do their own background checks, your Club is responsible for performing background checks on other involved Rotarians to ensure EVERY YOUTH is protected.

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Contact your district committee chair for your program or PDG Lisa Waterman (lisarotarybiz@live.com) for information on how to initiate a background check program. Be advised that Rotary D6540 has a predetermined arrangement with InCheck to perform the background checks at a reasonable fee.

Please read the Youth Protection Policy to make sure you are doing everything possible to protect our Youth. You can find the Youth Protection Policy in the D6540 by-laws it's at the [home page](#) under " District Links" "District 6540 Bylaws Current" and it will prompt you to login before opening.



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JUDY WALKER

2020-2021 District Rotary Foundation Chair

Back By Popular Demand!

2020 Matching Points Opportunity, Nov. 1, 2020 to January 31, 2021! Double your Foundation points and become a Paul Harris Fellow! Or, *increase* your Paul Harris Fellow a level. Help a Rotary club member reach their first Paul Harris Fellow. Honor a family member with a Paul Harris Fellow. Give a gift of a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize someone for their outstanding service.

When you give to The Rotary Foundation you receive a point for every dollar. It takes \$1,000.00 to become a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF). Many clubs use their accumulated club points to match a member's first \$500.00 contribution for them to earn their first Paul Harris. Check with your club to see if they do this!

50% of the contributions given to the Annual Fund/SHARE comes back to our District 6540 in three years to fund our district's programs and grants. Watch your emails for details.

**RACISM 101:
EXAMINING,
UNDERSTANDING,
& COMBATTING**



**JOIN THE
CONVERSATION**
Learn the history
of racism and how
to move forward

October 27 - 6 to 7PM
Registration is FREE



Dr. Emily A. Daniels has been involved in the educational arena for over 20 years domestically and abroad. Her PhD in Teaching, Curriculum, and Social Change is from the University of Rochester, and her work focuses on transformative urban educators. She is a multilingual award-winning author, mentor, and consultant and has published two books and several articles.

Register at: <https://www.facebook.com/SCSRotary/>