

## January 2021 Zone 28 & 32:

two languages, four countries, six time zones, Rotarians in Bermuda, Canada, France and the United States.



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Although it is a new calendar year, it is only the midpoint of our Rotary year. We have accomplished much despite the pandemic. With the advances in technology over the past ten months, communication and staying connected seems



to be almost on par with in-person meetings in terms of its connectivity, graphics, inclusive innovation and much more. However, I know you join me in looking forward to the day when we don't have to say, "you're on mute"!!!

To the Club Presidents and District Leadership Teams - Your leadership has been inspirational! In conversation with many of you, I have heard many say that they have accomplished much in the past six months. With six months to go, I know many of you will continue to embrace "our current normal" and lead to inspire your community and Rotarians. I have had the pleasure of inducting new Rotarians, welcome back those who left and celebrate new club charters, Rotaract charters and Satellite Clubs. We celebrated the Holiday season together with concerts, service at the food bank, delivery of food hampers, and providing shelter from the cold. We are People of Action.

We have travelled the globe on Zoom and realized the Rotary world is accessible and our reach is far. Let's not lose the momentum. The year 2021 will bring promise and opportunities to serve.

The pandemic has caused upheaval around the globe in the areas we take the most pride in -education, water, sanitation projects, and maternal health just to name a few. In 2021 we must dig deeper, create a bigger effort and work harder than ever before to ensure the programs and initiatives that Rotarians create and support around the world are able to continue to change our world for the better. The world depends on Rotary at the best of times but today, more than ever.

The year 2020 will go down in history for all its good and bad. It was a time of reset and a time to realize what we value; kindness to others, compassion and service. Our Core Values; Service, Fellowship (physically distant), Diversity, Integrity and Leadership which will never change and certainly helps us navigate our every day lives.

I look forward to 2021 and the opportunities ahead of us. On that note, on behalf of Mark and I, we wish each of you a Happy New Year and best wishes for 2021.

# The Kessler Report

#### Thank you, Ron Decaprio!

For those who have heard the story I am about to write please indulge me!

pected way. I just purchased my first home and in short time I began a friendship with my new next-door neighbor, have all received during our Rotary careers. Regardless of a young attorney named Ron. As we became more comfortable with each other Ron asked if I would join him that coming Thursday for a Rotary meeting. Now, up until that point I had no idea what Rotary was. I was not exposed to Rotary in school, no one in my family was a Rotarian or a member of any service organization for that matter so I naturally asked Ron "What is Rotary?". His answer (which I think is the best answer even to this day) was "don't worry about what Rotary is, show up this Thursday and I will introduce you to the movers and shakers of our community". How could I possible say no to an offer like this? I was just starting my professional career in Banking and Ron was I would be remiss if I did not thank the countless people about to introduce me to a group of successful local peo- who have supported me and provided opportunities ple. That Thursday I attended my first Rotary meeting and throughout the years. While I know I cannot name all those Ron held up his end of the bargain. In front of me was the who were there along the way, there are some key individ-Mayor of the town, a Supreme Court Judge, a Vice Presi- uals and groups who I would like to recognize. My home dent of the local Bank and on and on. But it is what hap- club of North Rockland for getting me involved early and pened next that really sealed the deal for me as I was not often in leadership positions, PDG Bunny Webb for asking introduced to these people as successful professionals me to be an Assistant Governor, PDG Carole Tjoa for her much my senior rather, I was introduced to Gary, Bud and mentorship during the District Governor process, PDG Ka-Bill. These gentlemen did not see me as a 20-year-old kid, ren Ziegler for tapping me on the shoulder to serve as an they saw me as a potential member and an equal. In the Assistant Rotary Coordinator which brought me onto the simplest way, that is the beauty of our organization. No Zone team, PRIVP Dean Rohrs for putting my name forward matter who you are, how much success you have had in to serve on the Young Past District Governors committee business or life, your background, your ethnicity, your race, and District 7210's Executive Board for providing me supgender or age; when you walk through the doors of Rotary port and a family outside of my own. you are an equal.

ripple effect began. How could Ron have known that by what I am sure was an exhausting process of online inviting me to my first Rotary meeting I would be hooked? meetings. How could Ron know that because of his ask I would have your confidence in me and I gone on to invite countless others to join our organization? promise to make you proud How could he have known that over the next 20 years I in the coming years and would take on roles at every level of our organization? The beyond. concept of "the power of one" is within all of us as we all have the power to be Ron and shape our organization for the better. My guess is many of us have a Ron story in how we were exposed to Rotary and it is with hope that many of us were and continue to be Ron for others. Membership has been a key opportunity for Rotary, specifically in North America, since I got involved all those years ago. While we continue to attract new members, we find ourselves losing

even more with the overall membership declining in this part of the world. Now more than ever we can be relevant to all demographics and provide a platform for like-minded individuals. If we want to make sure our organization is My Rotary journey began almost 20 years ago in an unex- around for our kids and grandkids, we must continue to reinvent ourselves and provide the quality experience we medium, whether it be in person or online, we can invite, mentor and engage others into the Rotary world.

> I will never be able to provide the gratitude I would like to express to Ron for asking me to attend my first meeting and the mentorship he provided to me in the following years. In a way I hope to thank him every time I ask someone if they would like to attend a Rotary meeting to see what a special organization we have. I implore all members to be like Ron and ask a friend, a family member, a neighbor, and/or a colleague to attend their first Rotary meeting.

Last of all, I would like to recognize and thank the Zone 32 This is my origin story, one man asked one question and the Nominating committee for their commitment to a new and

Thank you for

Vicki, the kids (all 5 of them especially my younger boys) and I are beyond excited for all that is to come and look forward to the journey.



## **Calendar of Events**

January 14, 2021—Director Dialogue

February 1-11, 2021—Virtual International Assembly

June 12-16, 2021— RI Convention, Taipei, Taiwan

June 4-8, 2022 — RI Convention, Houston, Texas

**2023** — RI Convention, Melbourne, Australia

**2024** — RI Convention, Singapore (tentative)

**2025** — RI Convention, Calgary (tentative)

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#### **Vocational Service Month**



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Rotary Club of Troy and D6380 are proud to invite you, your clubs. and their members to join Rotary International General Secretary and CEO, John Hewko in an intimate discussion on the future of Rotary and the next few years. This district wide program is being held on Wednesday, Jan. 6th, 2021 starting at 11:30 AM US-EST. John Hewko oversees the operations of both Rotary and the Rotary Foundation and manages a combined operating budget of over \$450 million and assets of more than \$1 billion. John also manages Rotary's relationship with strategic partners and governments and leads a staff of almost 800 at Rotary's world headquarters in Evanston, Illinois and in 7 offices outside the United States.

Kick off the New Year with a fresh new perspective from Rotary International General Secretary and CEO John Hewko. Did you know John is a local Michigander? He speaks 5 languages besides English. Come prepared to ask your questions as John shares his vision of Rotary. Registration is required for this free event! Please click this link to register: <u>https://</u> tinyurl.com/y2gxslqr

Please share the above note with your entire membership.

## **Elevating Rotaract – What Does This Mean?**

Past RI President Barry Rassin will be Director Valarie Wafer's headline guest at the next Director Dialogue set for Thursday evening, January 14, at 7:00 pm ET/4:00 PT. It was past RI President Barry who pushed - and occasionally nagged – to make Rotaract more integral to Rotary. That officially happened at the 2016 Council on Legislation; since then it's been up to all of us to fully take advantage of the enthusiasm, qualities, and passion of our young Rotarians.

Join with Barry and Valarie as they discuss what has been accomplished in this critical area – and what still needs to happen. Barry will be joined for a panel discussion with two Rotaractors who are making the future connectivity between Rotaract and Rotary come alive. Phoenix Maclaren sits on Rotary International's Rotaract committee. Joey Vaesen serves as a Rotaract advisor to the RI Board of Directors. Both are observant and candid reporters on our organization's shared vision.

They will be followed by two active Rotaractors from our Zones – Reid Eyre and Cole Baker – who will offer a call to action for all Rotarians interested in the future of our movement.

Join the conversation! Click on the link to register for this remarkable call!







The next "Director Dialogue" is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 7PM ET/4PM PT. Rotary International Director Valarie Wafer's special guest will be Past R.I. President Barry Rassin. They'll be discussing the concept of "Elevate Rotaract" and what it means to Rotary's future. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to register for the *free* webinar.

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> *To be presented by Ron Smith (Blue Bell RC, D-7430)* & Tusu Tusubira (RC Kampala North D-9211)

Rotary District's 7430 (Pennsylvania-USA) and 9211 (Uganda) GG1868175: Reducing Maternal & Neonatal Mortality in Uganda has been selected to present during the inaugural Rotary Day at the WHO which will take place on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in hybrid format (Virtual and in-person) at the WHO Headquarters in Geneva Switzerland. This meeting is being held under the auspices of Dr Tedros Adhanom GHEBREYESUS, Director General of WHO and Holger KNAACK, President of Rotary International.

Please mark your calendars to see the global impact this project is making in delivering training in Emergency Obstetrics and Newborn Care in limited resource countries such as Uganda. The global pandemic is showing that it is imperative that modern means to deliver education to the front-line health centers be employed.



This VTT and Humanitarian Global Grant project has been conducted over the past 8 years with a series of three

Global Grants totaling over \$420,000 (USD). The project is being conducted in partnership with RC of Blue Bell (D-7430 USA), RC of Kampala North (D-9211 Uganda), Makerere University (Uganda) and Drexel University College of Medicine and Jefferson University (Philadelphia, PA). The need

for improved Maternal and Child Healthcare Education in suburban and rural areas of Uganda, emerged from meetings with faculty from Makerere University and Rotarians from RC Kampala North. Visits were made to candidate health centers and interviews with health officials and ministry of health



data showed midwife education in emergency obstetric care and childbirth interventions was needed.

The project that emerged is:

- Focusing on Maternal and Child healthcare education.
- Exchange healthcare professionals with multiple VTT's to develop sustainable results.
- Developing a sustainable computer network and content for educating midwives in Emergency Obstetrics and Newborn care.
- Improving community health center infrastructure with equipment and supplies.

VTT's from both Drexel University (Ob-Gyn, Pediatrics, and Information Technology) and from Makerere University College of Health Sciences have exchanged doctors, nurses, midwives, and IT faculty. Training in Helping Babies Breathe (an American Association infant resuscitation in limited resource settings) and Helping Mothers Survive (a Jhpiego/US AID developed training program to train midwives on saving mothers in labor) is now being conducted regularly with the knowledge content being delivered over the internet.



The project has left the training materials behind with simulators and information on a training computer network with digital libraries with terabytes of healthcare information (the IT component).

A Train the Trainers (ToT) model has been adopted where the VTT members from Makerere and Drexel / Jefferson have implemented teaching methods and course content for training via "distance education" in combination with hands on skill training using simulators for mother and newborn birthing interventions.



This project has proven to be sustainable in two ways. The entire effort is developing a network of IT enabled, distance education enabled Health Centers which will become regional training centers. These centers are now connected via the internet and by the personal/professional relationships that have been forged with world renown medical schools. These universities have now signed major collaboration agreements that will sustain this effort well beyond these Global Grants. These "pilot" Ugandan health centers will become Regional Centers Midwife Training and demonstrate how other Rotary Clubs, universities, and governments both in Uganda and in the rest of Africa can work together to develop sustainable, technology-based healthcare education remote systems to improve maternal and child health.





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# **Greet the New Year With Hope**

By Dean Rohrs, Trustee, The Rotary Foundation

Every day the clock resets. Your wins don't matter. Your failures don't matter. Don't stress on what was, fight for what could be. "-Sean Higgins

Christmas is over and we now turn to stepping through the doorway of 2021 and welcoming a new year - a year that will be very different to the one we have just shut the door on. This time last year we had no idea that we would be challenged in unimaginable ways and indeed, our personal lives, our families, our communities, our Rotary Clubs. In fact, the whole world has buckled under the pressure of a pandemic. Buckled but not broken. Challenged but not defeated.



Together all of Rotary greets this new year with the hope that we will soon resume our traditional

activities with meetings and fellowship in real time; with hands on volunteer projects on our communities and internationally; welcoming back stronger and vital fund-raising events, joining our VTT's and visiting our International projects and growing Rotary around the world.

I am honoured to have joined the Board of Trustees of the Rotary Foundation and seeing firsthand how this helps Rotarians do good in the World. We have many adventures ahead of us. Let's make 2021 a very special year for all those we will touch in our Rotary journey as we work together in Zones 28 and 32.

During this new year, I look forward to sharing with you how The Rotary Foundation works, how we can work together to serve humanity and how we can support the programs that make us effective Rotarians.





## Past Rotary International Director Lynmar Brock



PRID Lynmar Brock was RID in 1992-94 from D7450

Date of Death: 17 December, 2020

Survived by wife of 57 years, Claudie J. Brock, sons Christopher Lynmar Brock and Andrew Juliard Brock and three grandchildren (Yannick, Tobie and Hudson).

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Donations can be made to The Rotary Foundation, <u>https://my.rotary.org/en/donate</u>

Obituary:

https://www.foundsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Lynmar-Brock?obId=19390438#/celebrationWall

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## Can You Use Your Vocation To "Grow Rotary"?

#### By Rotary Coordinator Zone 28 PDG Bill Robson

Vocational Service is difficult to define, so it is sometimes called the "Forgotten Avenue of Service". One reason is that Club, Community, International and Youth Service activities usually involve groups of Rotarians. They enjoy the fellowship of Club Service, the satisfaction of serving the needs of their communities, and the hope that their International Service promotes world peace and understanding. But Vocational Service – the second Avenue of Service -- is generally conducted by individual members.

During January, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Discussions on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects.

# Here are five ways you can incorporate vocational service in your club activities and possibly "Grow Rotary":

- Host a virtual club meeting at your workplace and share about your profession; take time to learn about fellow members' occupations.
- Use your skills and expertise to serve a community.
- Practice your profession with integrity and inspire others to behave ethically through your words and actions.
- Encourage local businesses to create mentorship, internship, or practicum opportunities to help young people achieve their career goals.
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development.

Below are a couple of completed and successful Vocational Service projects from Rotary Showcase:

<u>Hong Kong</u>: On 16th of Nov 2020, we organized a Vocational Service for young ladies from age 16-21 years old to help them understand beauty business. The background of these young ladies they are either from superintendent discretion scheme or underprivileged families with limited exposure of opportunities therefore we invited them to join our one of our member's beauty shop. With social unrest and COVID-19 in pass year, we want young people to understand they still have hope. The aim for organized these services are allow young adult to understand in Hong Kong still have plenty of opportunities for them, more resourceful people in Hong Kong will extend helping hand, still we have upward mobility opportunities. Secondly, by let them to explore to our member's beauty shop and demonstrated how Rotary four ways test apply to her business and how these values help their business to grow under COVID-19 environment We have 13 young ladies join this service and 6 dragon members helping out.

<u>Nigeria</u>: This was a project that we had to train the students at a Junior Secondary School on how to bake small chops and cakes, the project took place with the students where they learnt the need to become their own boss even after their junior WACE (West African Certificate of Education), it was an insightful one which the students were willing to learn more from us. One of our Rotaractors was the teacher for that day, the school's teachers and principal were present with the students, they were taught on local ways to bake. Which the students asked a lot of questions and answers was given to them.

Your vocation, career, or job can open opportunities!

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# **Opportunity: Rotary's Best Retention Tool**

*By Rotaract Canada Deputy General Secretary Gus Lopes, assistant public image coordinator for Zone 28 East and a public relations undergrad student in Toronto* 

Have you ever considered what Rotary has to offer to Rotaractors, young professionals and students? Is your club or district creating a membership experience that empowers youth and keeps them engaged?

In this past quarter, I had the opportunity to present in several Rotary clubs across the zone. In my talk titled "Do It With Intention: Leveraging Strategic Communications to Build a Vibrant Club," inspired by a quote from Director Valarie Wafer, I challenged Rotarians to think of Rotary as a business when it comes to public image and promotion. As with any business, you have a product or service, some form of competition and a need to stay relevant in the minds of target audiences. Our product is membership into a global platform of empowerment and personal development for change-makers. It allows us to do the fantastic work we do in the community and "sell" Rotary's ideals to new potential members and keep the wheels turning for another 100 years or more.

In that logic, the membership experience is our most important asset. It allows us to do the fantastic work we do in the community and "sell" Rotary's ideals to new potential members to keep the wheels turning for another 100 years or more. Rotarians ask me all the time: "How do I make Rotary appealing to Rotaractors and other younger, diverse audiences?" No matter what public you are dealing with, it always starts with understanding your target audience. What is Rotary's value proposition and why should they care? As a 23-year-old who's spent the last seven years actively engaged, I can tell you there is so much in Rotary that a 23-year-old may care about. My generation is interested in sustainable change, personal growth opportunities and sense of belonging — all things I found in Rotary. We need to make sure that we can communicate that and build an experience that translates to the interests of students and young professionals

A common frustration I hear about from Rotaractors is that they feel Rotarians are interested in Rotaractors because they are young, not because of what they can bring to the table or the experience they can get from Rotary. Beyond getting the average age down, what will that Rotaractor actually do for your club? Most importantly, what kind of experience, growth opportunities and skills is your club going to provide them? Younger generations are highly engaged and cause-driven, as long as they can see their engagement translate into growth for the community, the world and themselves.

As an assistant public image coordinator, I get to put my professional skills for good use, creating sustainable change. Being able to support clubs and districts with their strategic communications and growing their reach is not only a great professional development opportunity for me, but also not something most of my peers in undergrad get to experience. By bringing Rotaractors to the table, participating in committees, leading initiatives, and gaining mentorship from more senior professionals in Rotary, we can bring refreshing perspectives to our organization while building a strong, valuable membership experience no young professional would want to turn down.

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## A Working Model For Collaboration Among Rotary Clubs One man's vision becomes a multi-club force for change

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Peter Martin of Anacortes, Washington, was visiting Mayan ruins in Honduras in 2011 when two chance encounters changed his life.

One was with a child in a village near Copán who told Peter about her village's needs. The other was with a shopkeeper in Copán who had a Rotary wheel on her wall. She was a member of the Rotary Club of Copán Ruinas, Honduras, who also talked about their community's needs.

Peter knew he wanted to do something to help the people in Copán but realized he couldn't do it alone. When a neighbor invited him to join the Fidalgo Island Rotary Club, a light bulb turned on. This club is famous for its emphasis on international projects, so it could make his hopes for Copán a reality. He joined the club in 2013 and an international Rotary project was born.

The International Project Alliance (IPA) started as an informal partnership of six Rotary clubs in District 5050 that were already keenly interested in international work, but small enough that sustaining international partnerships was difficult. Since that time, the IPA has grown significantly. The IPA now includes 11 U.S. Rotary Clubs, and a foundation which is a registered tax-exempt organization. The budget will grow to over \$300,000 in 2021 for direct project expenses in Honduras. Projects will be overseen by the Copán Ruinas Rotary Club members, two paid contractors, , and a number of technical experts on the ground, as well as many volunteers in the IPA member clubs. Additionally, the scope and number of projects has necessitated the establishment of two new (Rotary volunteer) director positions within the IPA organization: Operations (Walt Guterbock, Fidalgo Island) and Marketing (Marty Pease, La Conner).

Projects are based in 38 indigenous Mayan villages in the Copán area. The villages are small. Many projects too are small, such as purchasing classroom furniture for a school of 35 children or supplying seeds for five home gardens. Some projects are larger, as was the one that brought electric power to a village, and another that built a footbridge over an unpassable stream that isolated the school in the rainy season. All projects are the joint conception of and execution by the villages and IPA. For larger projects, villages must commit to sustaining the project after its completion.

Reflecting during a strategic planning session this month on the six years of IPA's existence, IPA members are pleased. Peter Martin's initial hopes to bring needed assistance to Copán have been realized and his appreciation for the power of Rotary and collaboration among Rotary Clubs has only grown. He says, "This is a prime example of the synergy multiple clubs can have, particularly with the long-term commitment to the region the partnership enables." IPA Marketing Director Marty Pease adds, "The beauty of the IPA model is how Rotary clubs can come together to do projects that are too large for one club. I love the ongoing



efforts, the relationships, and the positive impacts that are clearly visible."

Peter Martin meets with village teachers as they confirm school supplies needed.

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# **Polio Activities in Zone 28 Central Districts**

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The creation of the new Zone 28 brought five new Districts under the Zone umbrella. All of these Districts are in the State of Michigan. Three of them are International with Ontario portions in the southwestern part of the province and one in the northern part of the province.

All of these Districts have been active with World Polio activities over the past three months. Some examples include District 6310 where the Rotary Club of Bad Axe hosted 2 projects, "Pints for Polio" was hosted by 6 local establishments and for each draft beer sold a \$1 was donated to Rotary's Polio efforts. The other project allowed individuals to donate to the Polio Plus Fund for a sneak peek at a never seen before public trail system. They called this event "Tramp Down Trails to Stamp Out Polio".





Larry Arendt, Rotary Club of Bay City Morning D6310, rode his recumbent bike 325 miles in September for Polio. Member pledges totaled \$4615.00

The Rotary Clubs of Midland did "Pies for Polio" and The Rotary Club of Pigeon sold 5 hundred individually wrapped cake pops in vanilla or chocolate at \$2 each for "Pops for Polio".





District 6400 was able to raise \$20,000 from its District wide "Skydive for Polio Event" hosted by District Governor Noel "Captain Rotary" Jackson. The generosity of the community as well as the business owners in southwestern Ontario benefitted many of the Canadian Clubs through "Pizza for Polio". The LaSalle-

Centennial club was able to raise more than \$5000 through its efforts. In Windsor, an "End Polio Now" banner was once again strung across Windsor's main thoroughfare. This created awareness for not only Rotary and the Polio eradication efforts, as well as raising funds for Polio through the generosity of the local downtown restaurants who provided the tax portion of their invoices as their donation and helped to raise \$18,550.00.

In October, Districts 6360 and 6400 co-hosted a panel discussion on Polio Eradication in 2020 that was arranged through the assistance of EPNZC Neil McBeth and District EPNC PDG Ed Foster. This webinar garnered over 500 participants from over 25 countries who joined to hear the latest on Polio Eradication from John Germ, Mike McGovern, Jennifer Jones and Aruna Koushik in an event moderated by Nick Krayacich.



District 6380 had many events across the District in Celebration of World Polio Day 2020. Farmington Rotary Club led A Purple for Polio Crocus Bulb Sale with the profit from the sale of bulb being donated to Polio Plus.

Several of our clubs involved their Interact Clubs in the planting activities. We look forward to the Purple for Polio Spring Flowers!

Ann Arbor Rotary Club staged a Shred Polio event where for a \$10 Donation to Polio Plus participants could

bring unlimited boxes of documents to be shred. Pizza for Polio events were held in many of our Canadian and USA Clubs. Linda May, our own Journalist from the Macomb Rotary Club wrote an awareness article for the Macomb Daily. Linda is a polio survivor. Waterford Rotary Club is raising funds to answer the appeal from incoming Rotary International Trustee Aziz Memon for Masks to protect the Vaccinators and participants during NIDs and beyond from Covid 19. They recently received a very generous US \$5,000 from the Wallaceburg Club towards this pro-



ject. The project runs through the end of December 2020. We look forward to enjoying these successful events 2021 as we continue to work towards Polio Eradication.

