

Chat Highlights from the Meet Your New BFFs, Regional Leaders Event 6 October 2021

Note: There is a lot of info below as we had so much to share with each other. The chat highlights are organized into sections. Read what is useful to you!

Welcome:

From Mary Lou Harrison to Everyone:

- Welcome to our fabulous BFF event!

From Marjolein Lloyd:

- Greetings to everyone joining us!
- We're talking about being well branded!
- In the Rotary World of Acronyms, BFF is Best Friend Forever!
- This is a great chance to meet your Rotary Coordinators
- Where can you find contact info for your newest buddies??? Facebook, Instagram, Clubrunner, Zone website!
- Need a speaker for your next District event? Connect with your BFFs!
- Contact info for the 2021-22 regional leaders -
<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50077/sitepage/resources/zones-leadership-team-directory-2021-22>

Who Was There:

- From Michael Angelo Caruso: MichaelAngeloCaruso@gmail.com 248-224-9667
- From Michael Angelo Caruso: Shirley-Pat Chamberlain = DGN and current ARPIC for Z28
- From Shirley-Pat Chamberlain: Awees :) Here to serve :) Thanks for the shoutout Michael!!
- From Michael Angelo Caruso: Doug is RC for Z28, Herb is RC for Z32
- From Doug Logan: Doug Logan dlogan@bell.net
- From Doug Logan: Herb Klotz herbk.rotary@gmail.com
- From Rocky Martinez: Hello from Rocky Martinez D7170 DGE - beverage for tonight - Oktoberfest
- From White River Junction Rotary USA: Hi! DGN David Saturley, D7870 Southern NH/VT
- From John Cosgrove: Good Evening everyone from DGN John Cosgrove District 7490 in New Jersey. President of a company that designs conveyor & storage Systems
- From Mary Lou Harrison: Welcome DGN John Burns, D7070. So happy to have you here
- From Bloomfield Rotary: Greetings from DGE Ralph Brandt D7120
- From Lisa Bishop: Hello Lisa, DGE, from D7090 Bi-National District: North Western New York and South Western Ontario. Vocation: Community Mental Health Nurse/ Health Care Executive
- From Susan Cherry: Hello fellow DGNers!
- From Christine Burns: Hi! from Christine Burns, 7890. Western Massachusetts and Northern Conn.

- From Pardeep Ahluwalia: Hi All from D7040; good to see everyone. I'm in Ottawa ON; the District extends from E. Ontario to W. Quebec incl. Montreal, and part of the Seaway in New York, and North to Iqaluit
- From Mike Gallagher: Hi from District 6360! SW Michigan. Hey. This is Kathy on Mikes computer...Kalamazoo. Yes!
- From Mary Lou Harrison: 7040 includes Canada's capital – Ottawa
- From Susan Cherry: Hello from beautiful northern Vermont and District 7850.
- From DGN Len Gieseler, 7430 : Hello from 7430 - Eastern PA
- From Claudia Frost: Hello from Claudia, DGE 7780. I am retired - but really I am working as a Rotarian! I was a performer - singer, conductor - and many people can't understand why I am not 'doing music.' I am so glad to put that energy into Rotary!
- From Mary Lou Harrison: @Claudia - so much important Rotary work
- From Tari Marshall Day: Greetings from D-7980 DGE
- From Mike Chaffee: Mike Chaffee D6330 Flint MI
- From Shirley-Pat Chamberlain: D5040 DGN Shirley-Pat - from the Back of Beyond BC
- From Christine Burns to Everyone: I safely destroy unwanted/expired drugs.
- From Collyer Smith: Collyer Smith, 6380 DGN Ann Arbor
- From Susan Cherry: I am a graduate of Westminster Choir, and have recorded with Leonard Bernstein.
- From David Lukov: David Lukov, DGN 5050 from beautiful Mount Vernon, WA. And I am a funeral director which means if anyone gets out of line, I will measure you for a new casket.
- From Marjolein Lloyd: Bring it, David Lukov! I can marry them and you can bury them!!!
- From Rotary Vieux-Montreal MWKS: Greetings everyone from DGE Michel Wong Kee Song, D-7040, Montreal, Quebec.
- From Mary Lou Harrison: So many new BFFS! 🥰
- From iosif ciosa 7070: Greetings from D7070!
- From Brent Collingwood: Greetings from Brent Collingwood, DGN 5370
- From Victor Tom to Host: Victor Tom DGE 7910 : Hi greetings from MA. I'm a scientist, for DoD, but also developed the pitch tracker for Major League Baseball. Cooperstown has a great Club.
- Bala Murthy to Host: Greetings from D6380
- From Hadi Mortada (D7040): Good evening
- From Martin Schulman D7230: Good Evening and Greetings All! Smiles and fist bumps from D7230 NY where I just returned from a beautiful meeting tonight in Bermuda! Hope you all go there on the Zone event and say Hi! to our D7230 clubs.

BFF Event Comments:

From Louis Turpin: Shout OUT to all the DGN's from their Training Team!

From Marjolein Lloyd: Trainer extraordinaire, Louis, Sean and Lisa!!!

From Shirley-Pat Chamberlain : Nice work Brad :)

From Lisa Bishop: Dancing in my chair!

From John Burns: Glad you can't see me dancing

From Mary Lou Harrison: I can imagine it though DGN John

From Claudia Frost: Oh my! what was that music?

From Mary Lou Harrison to Everyone: Claudia – “You Spin Me” – by Dead or Alive

From Michael Angelo Caruso: Welcome to our DGEs and DGNs! We’ve got a fun program planned for you!

From Mary Lou Harrison: Just a note that you can turn off the chat if you find it distracting. We’re going to send out a file with chat highlights after this event. **One fabulous show coming up....**

From Marjolein Lloyd: Your Regional Teams are here to help you; feel free to reach out with questions and concerns....that’s what friends are for!!!

From Mary Lou Harrison: Song - Good People by Great Big Sea

From Marjolein Lloyd: Fun Tip for you, friends! - put the contact information of your new BFFs into your cell phone contact list

From Marjolein Lloyd: By the way, friends; you do NOT have to be a DGE or DGN to reach out to the Coordinators and their teams. Just sayin’

From Mary Lou Harrison: #truth

From Marjolein Lloyd: Team Work Makes the Dream Work, friends! Your BFFs have BFFs, too! Lots of Assistant Coordinators assigned to YOUR District. Help is on the way!!!!

From Martin Schulman D7230: Visit as a guest this Saturday @ 9:30AM EDT—for speeches, leadership and a friendly experience: www.Goodwilltoastmasters.toastmastersclubs.org. IT is an alliance cub of Rotarians in RD7230, TMI D46

From Shirley-Pat Chamberlain: 3 essential elements for vibrant club - the triangle of awesomeness - membership, foundation, and public image :)

From Marjolein Lloyd: We need to play nice in the sandbox - Foundation, Public Image and Membership need each other in order to succeed. Do you agree?

From Ingrid Neitsch: Absolutely! We support each other and thereby enhance the impact!

From Marjolein Lloyd: Those RPICS are “busy bodies”but in the most lovely way!!!

From Lisa Bishop: WooHoo Valarie!!!

From Larry Palant: When I grow up I want to be just like Drew

Membership – 2022-23 Rotary Co-ordinators Doug Logan (28) & Herb Klotz (32)

From Mary Lou Harrison: More members, more action, more public profile! And more \$ for our Rotary Foundation.

From Marjolein Lloyd: Membership Workshops?!?! Yes!!!! Who needs new members in their clubs and Districts???? Oh Oh, pick me, pick me!!!

From Marjolein Lloyd: Contact Doug Logan or Herb Klotz for more information about membership workshops

From Shirley-Pat Chamberlain: The Triangle of Awesomeness!! (membership, foundation, public image)

From Mary Lou Harrison: R&D = rip off and duplicate - why reinvent what works?

From Shirley-Pat Chamberlain: R,D, & L - rob, duplicate and then localize

From Marjolein Lloyd: I prefer “aggressively borrow”, haha!!!

From Mary Lou Harrison: #GrowRotary

From Shirley-Pat Chamberlain: #MembershipEveryonesBusiness

From Marjolein Lloyd: Question of the Moment - should older clubs be reinvented, or do we start new clubs? Let us know what you think!

From Ray Cywinski D7490 (NJ): Need a critical number of engaged members for a successful club.

From John Burns: getting new members is one thing, but retaining them is equally important

From Larry Palant: Yes John, engage them right away

From Marjolein Lloyd: Absolutely! Legacy members and those with a range of skills and expertise are very important as well

From Mary Lou Harrison: 100% agree with DGN John. A member not retained is bad public image.

Foundation – 2022-23 Foundation Co-ordinators Ingrid Neitsch (28) & Eileen Rau (32)

From Marjolein Lloyd: Foundation Coordinators coming up on deck!! Way to go, ladies!!! Loving the Zoom dance moves!

From Mary Lou Harrison: Sunshine in my pocket and also \$ for the Rotary Foundation. I donate using **Rotary Direct**. So easy! Do you?

From Martin Schulman D7230: Gifts, gifts and more gifts to bring DDF \$\$ home to our clubs!

From Shirley-Pat Chamberlain: Rotary Direct is the best!!!

From Michael Angelo Caruso: I've been using Rotary Direct for YEARS, every month I AUTOMATICALLY donate an amount of money I never miss. And, every once in a while, my club presents me with a Paul Harris Award. Win-Win

From Michael Angelo Caruso: <https://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct>

From Shirley-Pat Chamberlain: #Truth

From Marjolein Lloyd: Do you have clubs in your District who need some extra encouragement to support TRF?! Reach out to your Foundation Coordinators; Ingrid and Eileen would LOVE to hear from you

From Sherry Chamberlain - Rotary D.5060: Sherry Chamberlain here as ARRFC for D.5050, D5060, D5360

From Hadi Mortada: Hadi Mortada ARRFC zones 7040 & 7790

From Mary Lou Harrison: So many people to help you make magic with our Rotary Foundation

From Mary Lou Harrison: So much good **polio** news. Tell us your WPD plans here

From Mary Lou Harrison: [Endpolio.org](https://endpolio.org) to share

From Rotary Vieux-Montreal MWKS to Everyone: I started a fun raising already at my Club level.

John Burns to Everyone: <https://rotary7070.org/event/world-polio-day-2021-live-from-the-rotary-global-classroom-at-durham-collegeurham-region/>

19:36:05 From Bala Murthy: I'm running again the Detroit Free Press Marathon on Oct 17, to raise more funds for EndPolio. During 2019, I ran the marathon and raised record funds both personally and from our district D6380. We raised over \$200,000 including the match from the Gates Foundation.

From Marjolein Lloyd to Host and Panelists: Looking for weekly updates about polio?

www.polioeradication.org

From Marjolein Lloyd: How will you encourage members in your District to contribute to TRF? Let us know your ideas!

From Marjolein Lloyd: Zone Foundation Gala is coming up, friends! Plans are in the works for February 23rd - Save the Date!

From Peter Schultz to Everyone: Hi Everybody! Here tonight as ICA (Innovative Club Advocate) and the chair of the **23 Feb TRF Gala**. Great things happening, if YOU want your venue to be visited during the opening warm-up by none other than President Elect Jennifer Jones then let me know!

Peter.Rotary5060@gmail.com

From Shirley-Pat Chamberlain to Everyone: I love D7890 - had the privilege of speaking at a District Foundation Event :)

From Marjolein Lloyd: D7890.....there's a fun tidbit....the only consecutive numbered District!

From Mike Gallagher: Can we get those Foundation stats? Answer = You Bet!

Stats for Zone 28:

- 1334 Paul Harris Society members.
- 18% of Annual Fund comes from 27,000 Paul Harris Society donors worldwide... ensure a steady stream of income.

Zone 28 - Giving during the pandemic:

- Annual Fund for our 21 districts was \$5.55 million - highest since 2017.
- Annual Fund per capita- \$156.18 - higher than previous three years.
- 211 major donors and 106 major gifts - both categories higher than previous three years.
- PolioPlus donations for Zone 28 were among the top five in the world!

Stats for Zone 32:

- 38.8% of Zone 32 members were EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) ie, they gave at least \$25 to the Annual Fund last year.
- 29% of Zone 32 members were sustaining members; they gave at least \$100 to the Annual Fund in 20-21.

Public Image - **2022-23 Rotary Public Image Co-ordinators Mary Lou Harrison (28) & Laura Spear (32)**

From Lori Karas, D7930, DGN to Everyone: Great theme song (Shout It Out Loud by Kiss)

From Michael Angelo Caruso: MLH = Great lady!

19:34:04 From Marjolein Lloyd: Karaoke Night! No fibbing, friends... Who's lip syncing the words?

From Shirley-Pat Chamberlain: ARPIC - SP in the house :)

From Marjolein Lloyd:

- Who needs help with Public Image, social media, branding, etc????? Your RPICS are here to help!
- Mary Lou is not only your BFF, but she can also be your cheerleader!!!
- **Nov 4th - Public Image Awards.** Stay tuned, friends!

From Lisa Bishop: WooHoo 7090!!! So PROUD

From Marjolein Lloyd: There are a couple of Districts in the Zones who have spent some serious \$\$\$\$ to creatively promote Rotary and their clubs

From iosif ciosa 7070: District 7070 did a website refresh as well.

From Marjolein Lloyd: #ConnectingPeopleWithPurpose, shameless plug for my peeps in District 5060

From Sherry Chamberlain: Rotary D.5060: <https://rotary5060.org/> has done a large advertising campaign this past year. New site with clubrunner underneath. Social media spending and campaign planning. Attracting new Rotarians to Rotary. Check it out. Our theme and hashtag is #connectingpeoplewithpurpose

From Karl Ruether: D5060 Connecting People with Purpose campaign with website refresh

From Mary Lou Harrison: #YouGotThis #WeCanHelp

Some Closing Comments:

From Mary Lou Harrison:

- Rotary attracts leaders, and we are so grateful to all DGNs and DGEs. You got this! We can help:)
- Please book us for in-person and/or online events.

From Lisa Bishop: Absolutely, amazing! Thank-you for INSPIRING ME! I FEEL CONNECTED!

From Marjolein Lloyd to Host and Panelists: Super cool Rotary [International](#) and Zone events coming up in the next several months....stay tuned!

From Marjolein Lloyd:

- Where do YOU plan to meet your zone leadership team?
- International Assembly will be held for the first time in Florida in 2022...Pop quiz!!!! Where was IA held before that for many years???
- From Ray Cywinski D7490 (NJ): San Diego

From Karl Ruether: Thank you great event.

From Brent Collingwood: Thanks everyone, great to meet you all!

From John Burns: enjoyed it Michael, loved the style of the presentation

From Marjolein Lloyd: In case you were wondering, DEI is **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**

From Mary Lou Harrison: I read the revised DEI statement during a Public Image presentation recently. Asked people to close their eyes.

From Martin Schulman D7230: Nicely done MAC! Stay well leaders, we need you!

From Juanita Hodgson: Thank you Val :)

From Rotary Vieux-Montreal MWKS: Thank you for this evening of sharing

Victor Tom: Thank you all, very informative evening!

More Links!!!:

From Mary Lou Harrison to Everyone:

- <https://www.bowmanvillerotaryclub.org/stories/rotary-supports-rainbow-crosswalk>
- The above link is to a great Rotary story!

From Michael Angelo Caruso to Everyone:

- Get Michael's free "Effective Leadership" ebook at <https://www.michaelangelocaruso.com/leader-ebook>
- If you do speaking for Rotary or for work, get ongoing tips for being your best (on Zoom, too!). Join Michael's <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PresentLikeAProGroup/>
- Give the purrefect talk every time with Michael's Presentation Check List <https://www.michaelangelocaruso.com/presentation-checklist>

From Marjolein Lloyd:

- How to Drink from a Fire Hose? Go to a Rotary International Convention.
- What's that? You don't know when the International Convention is? June 4th-8th 2022, friends
- In Houston, Texas! YEEEEHAAAAA!
- <https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston>

From Marjolein Lloyd:

- Have your clubs entered their goals into My Rotary? MyRotary.org
- Did you know that Zones 28/32 have a Facebook page? Well, we do!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/547818681932360>
- The Zone 32 Foundation Team has a Facebook page-
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1383858038604043>

What We Were Drinking:

From Michael Angelo Caruso: What are you drinking right now — be honest!

- From Ray Cywinski D7490 (NJ): Ice tea
- From Hadi Mortada: Ginger ale
- From Mary Lou Harrison: Fizzy water in a lovely Rotaract Canada mug. Wine later!
- From Christine Burns: iced tea
- From Pardeep Ahluwalia: Sipping Famous Grouse scotch
- From Martin Schulman D7230: H2O
- From Michael Angelo Caruso: Pradeep, I have beverage envy.
- From Bob Palmateer, Ontario. CA: Hockley Classic Lager
- From Lisa Bishop: Agua Natural con glace
- From Roger Sevigny: French wine, of course!
- From Russ Jones D6400 DGN: Current beverage - Octoberfest Homebrew

Our Travel Plans:

From Michael Angelo Caruso to Everyone: Where's your first trip to after Covid?

- From Hadi Mortada: Hoping I can make it to Dubai for the holidays.
- From Russ Jones D6400 DGN: First trip Myrtle Beach June 2020
- From Lisa Bishop: The 32 US Clubs in our Bi-National District
- From Mary Lou Harrison: First trip = Cuba! Where are others headed?
- From klsims59@gmail.com: Florida for a Rotary Wine Fest
- From Mary Lou Harrison: Kate! Take me, take me.
- From Pardeep Ahluwalia: Caribbean, small yacht cruise! Yaay!!!
- From Martin Schulman D7230: IA in Orlando—>Bahamas, Mexico cruise that week afterwards