

JUNE

2020

DESIGNATION IS
**ROTARY
FELLOWSHIPS
MONTH**



“What binds Rotarians together is a unity of desire and a unity of purpose to serve society and to serve mankind . . . a unity in diversity.”

PAST PRESIDENT
C.P.H. Teenstra 1965-66

Greetings to All Rotarians in Our District!

As I write this, I realize this is my last month serving as your Governor. What a year it has been! We never expected last June that this year would bring a global pandemic that would dramatically alter the normal events of a Rotary year. Cancelling All-Ohio Pets left our incoming Presidents without the training their predecessors enjoyed. IPDG Maris and GE Keith had put many hours into the planning of this year's training. Fortunately, I know Keith and our District Trainer, Alison Frye, have found workarounds to ensure our incoming Presidents will be prepared.

I was so incredibly sad to cancel our District Conference this year. The committee had spent hours putting together a great conference. Many thanks to Jim Duke, Conference Chair, and all the members of the committee for their hard work. I spent the entire first weekend in May thinking about what I would have been doing at that time.

I have had an amazing year getting to visit all of our clubs! Every visit was so enjoyable, and the members are so committed to making a difference in their communities and the world. I thank you all for the warm welcome I received from your club. My biggest regret was not being able to revisit your club as I had promised. I also was not able to visit all the Interact Clubs and Rotoract Clubs. Once the Governor locked us in my travels ended.

The good to take away from this experience is the way we have learned to adapt and overcome the challenges. I have had more Zoom meetings in the past three months than I had ever had before. In a district as large as ours it really does make sense to look at this tool to engage more members who cannot or will not commit to driving long distances to attend district functions. I am immensely proud of the clubs who have found ways to help others during this time. Volunteering at food banks, donating to essential service personnel, and finding ways to keep our spirits up. We are truly People of Action!

To all my Assistant Governors and Committee Chairs I say Thank You! You are so wonderful! A special Thank You to District Secretary Diane Brehm and my Chief of Staff Tony Cuevas! I never could have managed this year without your help and support. My biggest Thank You must be to my G.O.D. (Governor's Official Driver) – my husband Bob who drove me all 16,000 miles this year!



I apologize if I have forgotten to mention anyone else, but I am so grateful to you all! I pray you remain healthy and safe.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Carolyn

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DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Saturday, June 13th

9AM-10:30AM

Each year the District Assembly provides a time for Rotarians to gather and hear Rotary updates as well as participate in breakout discussions. This year is no exception but we have certainly adjusted our typical topics to stay relevant in light of current events.

Join us for our first **Virtual District Assembly!**



This event is open to ALL Rotarians.

During our Assembly we will talk about ways to engage membership from afar, how we can continue to serve our communities, best practices for online and in person meetings, how to have a successful virtual fundraiser, and more. We know that our clubs and communities are at a critical point, and as a team we have come together to provide an experience that addresses what matters most to our clubs and Rotarians.

Please go to the link below to register. Although this meeting is held via Zoom, for security purposes we are requiring pre-registration. Please take 1 minute and register now! If you have any questions or issue with registration please email Alison Frye.

ROTARIANS and ROTARACT MEMBERS REGISTER HERE:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcscOCtqTjHdPhV8IkLZh_xKZAXtzZpF9G

District Training Assembly Saturday, June 13, 2020

Waiting room opens at 8:30 AM

Meeting begins promptly at 9 AM

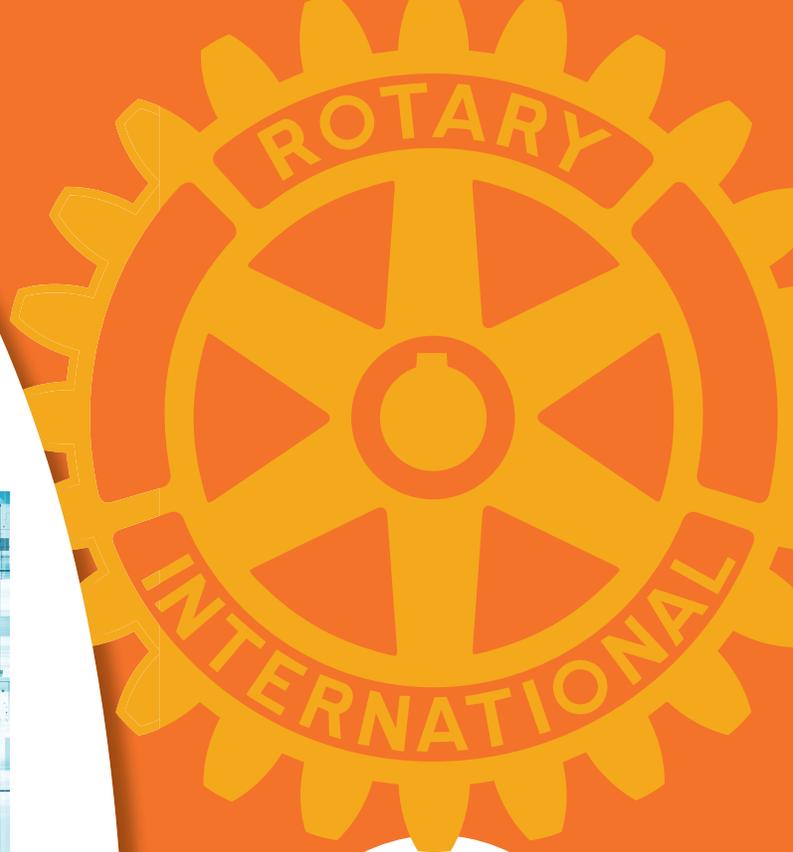
Meeting concludes at 10:30 AM

I look forward to serving as your Governor beginning July 1st, 2020 and hope to see you on June 13, 2020.

Yours in Service,

Keith W. Hodkinson

District Governor-Elect 2019-2020



Upcoming District Events

PLEASE LOG INTO
WWW.DACDB.COM FOR DETAILS ON
THESE AND OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS.

**District Governor
Keith Hodkinson Installation**

Friday, August 14, 2020 • 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
<https://www.hancockhotel.com/>



**Youth Exchange Program
Outbound Orientation
Otterbein Ohio-Erie Multidistrict
July 10-11-12, 2020**

Friday July 10, 2020 4PM –
Sunday July 12, 2020 11:30AM
Otterbein University
1 South Grove Street
Westerville, OH 43081



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POLIO UPDATE

In every corner of the world, it seems that not a single person or community is unaffected by COVID-19. You may be wondering how to stay focused on our work eradicating polio when we are dealing with a pandemic caused by a virus for which there is not yet a vaccine — a situation similar to what the world faced with the poliovirus not so long ago.

The COVID-19 pandemic response requires worldwide solidarity and an urgent global effort. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), with thousands of polio workers and an extensive laboratory and surveillance network, has a moral imperative to ensure that these resources are used to support countries in their preparedness and response.

We can be proud that in the ever-connected world of global health, the polio infrastructure that Rotarians have helped build is already being used to address — and stop the spread of — the new coronavirus, in addition to serving countless other health needs. In Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, where polio personnel and assets have a significant presence, workers from all GPEI partners are engaged in surveillance, health worker training, contact tracing, and more. In 13 countries, polio volunteers have been deployed to address COVID-19 preparations and response.

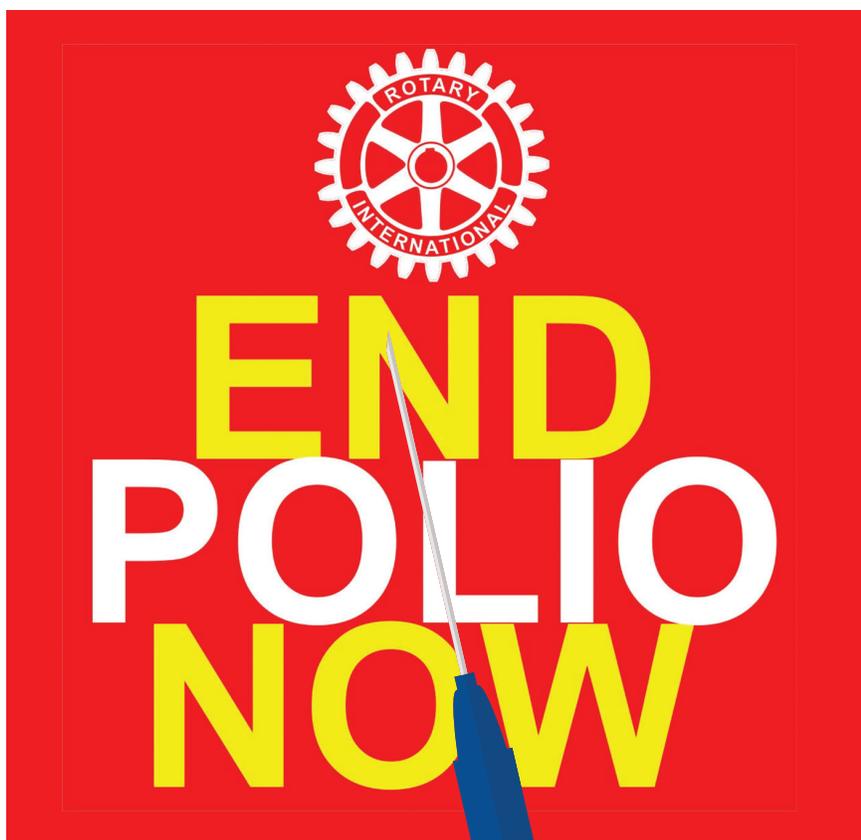
We recognize that the COVID-19 emergency means that some aspects of the polio eradication program will be affected. While addressing the new challenges of today, the most important thing that Rotary members can do to continue the fight to end polio is to sustain our commitment. We are aiming to reach our fundraising goal of \$50 million this year so we can work to safely reach all children with the polio vaccine. In the midst of a global pandemic, we understand that attention to polio eradication will be temporarily diverted, and this makes it all the more vital for Rotarians to remain strongly committed to fighting polio and not let our progress be eroded.

It is imperative that we remain committed to our work eradicating polio. Learn more about how our work fighting polio is supporting the COVID-19 response and consider making a contribution to PolioPlus.

Current count – Pakistan – 39 Afghanistan 3

All polio vaccination days and activities are on hold due to the Coronavirus Pandemic

Thanks,



THE 2020 ROTARY VIRTUAL CONVENTION

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SAVE THESE DATES FOR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL CONVENTION

GENERAL SESSIONS:

Saturday, 20 June

- 1: Together, We Connect —
8 to 9:15 am (Chicago time*)

Sunday, 21 June

- 2: Together, We Learn —
8 to 9:15 am (Chicago time)

Breakout Sessions

- 8:00 each day — Chicago Time (UTC-5)

Monday, 22 June

- 8:00 — Using Virtual Tools to Engage Members
- 12:00 — Engaging Rotary Alumni
- 18:00 — Greening Rotary Events: Be Plastic-free, Offset Carbon, and More!

Tuesday, 23 June

- 8:00 — Grow Rotary Through New Club Types
- 12:00 — President-Nominee Session
- 18:00 — How to Start and Manage RAGM Microfinance Projects
(presented in Spanish)

Wednesday, 24 June

- 8:00 — Adopt-a-River Initiative: A Rotary & UNEP Partnership Model
- 12:00 — Rotaract Elevated, Now What?
- 18:00 — Disruptive Innovation in Rotary Clubs
(presented in Spanish)

Thursday, 25 June

- 8:00 — How to Submit a Great Global Grant Application
- 12:00 — President-Elect Session
- 18:00 — Digital Trends of 2021: Using Tech to Engage Millennials

Friday, 26 June

- 8:00 — Engage Young Families with Service and Alternative Meetings
- 12:00 — The Rotary Brand
- 18:00 — Personal Growth Opportunities: Rotary's Alliance with Toastmasters

**These Live Sessions will be recorded and archived for On Demand viewing
For more details and registration consult www.riconvention.org**

*All times are Chicago time (CST)



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FROM ESTHER BALDRIDGE

4-WAY TEST ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

I am pleased to announce the winners of the Four-Way Test Essay Contest at the District Level. They are as follows:

Place	Code	Student	School	Rotary Club
1st	P3	Patrick Chen	Perrysburg Junior High	Perrysburg
2nd	211	Jonah Sheets	Liberty Arts Magnet	Lima
3rd	432	Claudia Maiteh	Anthony Wayne Junior High	Waterville

We also had the following clubs submit their winning essay: St. Mary's, McComb, Bellevue, and Bucyrus. Thank you all for participating. I know this year presented extra challenges for you.

I would also like to thank the four judges. They were Mary Crehore, Mike Makley Elizabeth Muether, and Heather Rutz. They always do such a terrific job!

Congratulations to Patrick Chen from Perrysburg for his outstanding essay! Also many thanks to Esther Baldrige for organizing this year's contest!



Esther Baldrige





A Government Grant (GG 1524842) was used for a highly successful Phase One of Sanitation Improvement in the Merendon Mountains of Honduras. We spent two years determining what the people wanted, why they wanted a Sanitation System and, in five different villages, the people voted to work with Rotary to improve their health and welfare.

PHASE ONE OF SANITATION IMPROVEMENT IN THE MERENDON MOUNTAINS



What looks like a meeting of people is a day when we were called by the people from the five villages to come up to talk to them. They surprised us with thank you comments from 85 people who attended.

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Ursula and Lima Rotary have been working together in the Merendon's for more than 17 years. We are respected clubs with a large successful relationship with the people of the area in Honduras.

In Phase Two of our efforts in the Merendon's, we are planning to raise \$300,000 to build more sanitation systems and to teach all the children hygiene and menstruations. Please consider this grant as an opportunity for clubs and other districts to work with us on this valuable project. We value your assistance and participation with us in this effort.

We also taught all the school teachers about the sanitation units and hygiene, and, as they requested, they integrated the training in to their daily teaching.

Bob Ruehl
DISC 6600, PDRFC, WASRAG Ambassador RSWN LIMA Rotary Club



The ladies in the blue vests are people to whom we taught hygiene and who serve as promotores to maintain sustainability.

These photos represent what we believe are good examples of Sanitation units for a school and for a household.



International Service



Amherst Rotary Club has made two trips to San Pedro Sula, Honduras to develop a school project for José María Gonzales Rosa school. They worked closely with Valle de Sula Rotario of San Pedro Sula. This school had children working in rooms where the roof leaked and the wind blew through whenever there was a storm. Terry Tomaszewski, Dr Jeremy Watson and Mike Molnar were the leaders. Their comments started with Honduran Hospitality.

What another great Rotary adventure abroad! Thanks to the relationships built over the years by Bob Ruehl, Sean McGhee and other Rotarians from District 6600, we continue to do important work in San Pedro Sula, Honduras! While our project was not large by any means, we found it very fulfilling to replace the roof on the Jose Maria Gonzalez Rosa school and get the classrooms spruced up!

One year ago, three Rotarians from the Amherst Rotary Club went down to San Pedro Sula on a fact-finding mission to discover a project our club could do. We saw many worthy projects including hospitals, orphanages and many schools. We also saw much of the great work being done by Rotarians! We really wanted something that would benefit the children of San Pedro Sula. After seeing the deteriorated roof on the Jose Maria Gonzales Rosa School that leaked so bad the children were unable to attend classes on rainy days, we knew we had our project!

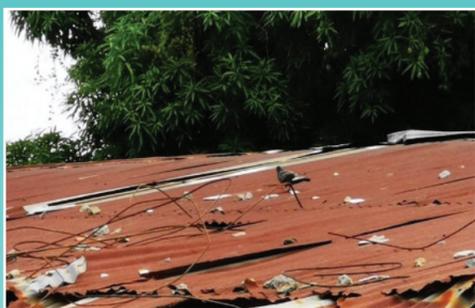
After several months of fundraising and a generous district grant, we were able to send down over \$12,000 for the project! The project was spearheaded by Michael Molnar, president of the Amherst Rotary Club. Other clubs that helped with funding included Lorain, Oberlin, and Elyria.

On this year's trip down, we got to 'get our hands dirty' and help to get a fresh coat of paint on different parts of the school. Other adventures on the trip included a pizza party at an orphanage for girls (complete with a piñata!), a formal Rotary function celebrating the 125th anniversary of Rotary and some authentic Honduran cuisine at barbeques in the back yards of the local Rotarians' houses.

We were truly overwhelmed by the hospitality and dedication of the Rotarians of San Pedro Sula and came back with a sense of gratitude and fulfillment. As is true of all things Rotary: You always receive more than you can give!

Service Projects can be of any size a member chooses. In D6600 we do not have many clubs interested in helping nations who are poor. Members who are interested in international activity, who do have support from their club can still contribute, work toward development, raise funding, as well as contribute their ideas and participate to learn. We are currently instructed to wash our hands after outside visits etc. However, what do you do when there is no clean water?

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José María Gonzales Rosa School

International Service

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Water and Sanitation are the two of the issues which Rotary is focusing on today. March was a month focused on WATER. I have letters of requests from multiple sources requesting for our districts participation with projects which they have, to make a better life for their people.

It all starts with building relationships. These usually start with Uniendo, which is a project fair held in one of the Central American countries each year in January. In 2021 it will be in Panama City.

I can help your club get started or connect you as a partner on a current project. All you need is the desire and the patience to learn the ropes. (The rope is short) After 18 years of doing projects in Central America with Rotary and other experience going back to the 1960's, there is always an opportunity to help someone through a Rotary Club. Water and Sanitation have made for many successful projects for D6600. Projects do not have to be large; they just have to be, effective and sustainable. In the case of Water, WATER.org was founded by Mat Damon he has calculated that \$12.50 gives one-person access to safe water each month; \$25.00 gives two

people access to water each month; \$60.00 gives one family access to water each month. Keep these numbers in mind when your club considers participation with a project for water or sanitation.

I hear from organizations on a daily basis asking for our help. Some of them are USAID, Water.Org, Pure Water for The World, and Water Vision.org. **If you want to read what Rotary Internationals doing check out;** <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/providing-clean-water>

Perhaps you are interested in a very, very large project. Rotary has something to review in Programs of Scale. Go to <https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/apply-grants/programs-scale-grants>

If you prefer to learn on your own check out the new learning center at <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/catalog>.

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WHO WE ARE

Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

WHAT WE DO

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to:

- **Promote peace**
- **Fight disease**
- **Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene**
- **Save mothers and children**
- **Support education**
- **Grow local economies**

OUR MISSION

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



HOW OUR MEMBERSHIP WORKS

Membership in a Rotary club is by invitation only. We want to make sure you join a club that best fits your passion and perspective. We can connect you with a club that's right for you and make it easy to get involved and on your way to membership immediately.

1 You express interest

Let us know a little about yourself and what you're looking for in a club. We'll find the local clubs in your area and let them know you're interested.

2 Rotary matches you with a club

Based on your preferences and interests, Rotary leaders in your community will match you with the local club that fits you best.

3 A local club contacts you

A Rotary club member will contact you by email or phone to discuss your interest in Rotary. You'll be invited to get to know the club better by attending a club meeting, a social event, or even to join in on a service project as a volunteer.

4 The club invites you to join

Now that you and a local club have spent some time together and determined that you're a good fit for each other, you will be invited to join. Each club has its own ways of welcoming new members; they may hold a ceremony for you.

5 You're a member!

Enjoy getting involved in your new club as a Rotary member. Join a committee. Lead a service project. Organize a social event. Lead and contribute to your new club.

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