

# District Newsletter 2024-25



## District Governor Santos Salinas

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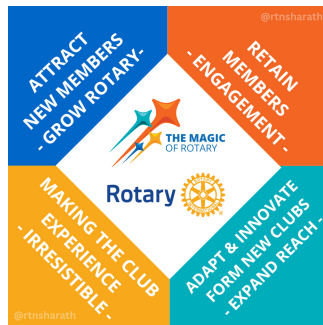
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### Note from the District Governor-August

By Santos Salinas on Monday, August 19, 2024

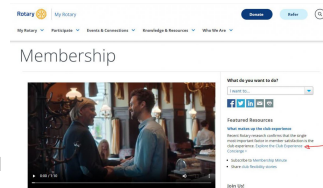


Starting a new Rotary year is exciting. It's challenging. And, it really moves quickly! Here we are, one month into the new Rotary year. August on the Rotary calendar is focused on Membership and New Club Development. Our goal as a District this year is to finish the Rotary year with 100 net new members. The more members we have, the more good we can do in the world.

So far this year (according to the RI verified report from July 31), Indianapolis, Muncie Sunrise, Greenfield, and Fishers have led the way by adding at least three net new members. In addition, Frankfort, Kokomo, Lafayette Daybreak, Muncie, Plainfield, Sheridan, and Lafayette all added at least one net new member in July. Keep up the great work-we know things are already changing in August.

Just in the first 2 weeks of August, Hartford City has added net 10 new members-an increase of 30%! Be sure and check out their article in this issue.

In addition to adding new members, it's important to keep our current members engaged in the membership experience. Our goal is ambitious yet attainable if we continue to stay engaged with our members and our communities. Check out the "Club Concierge" on My Rotary at [rotary.org](#) to help you figure out where to start. All of these resources are there to help you, and they are included in your Rotary dues-so take advantage of them! (*My Rotary > Knowledge & Resources > Resources & References > Membership Materials*)



Developing new clubs this year can be easy. Are you or your spouse in a book club? Do you have a favorite after-hours gathering with your friends? These are all opportunities where people already gather and may have a cause they are passionate about. Contact District Membership Chair Stan Jacobs or me to get started.

Looking forward to every club ending this year in the +1 category. Together we can get it done!



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**Mark McKinney**  
District Youth Protection Officer



**Leigh Perry**  
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### Club Anniversaries

New Castle  
August 1st

Indy Metro  
August 14th

### Events

August 22nd  
**DG Official Visit - Indianapolis Northeast**

August 27th  
**DG Official Visit - Noblesville Midday**

August 29th  
**DG Official Visit - Brownsburg**

September 10th  
**DG Official Visit - Rushville**

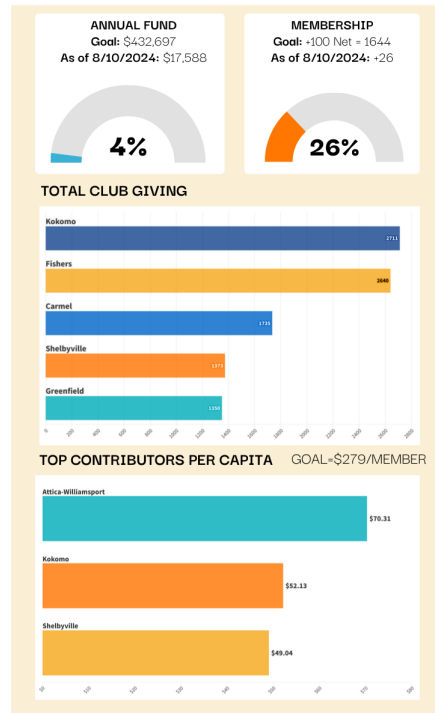
September 11th  
**DG Official Visit - Greencastle**

## District Goals & Standings

By Santos Salinas on Monday, August 19, 2024



### Goal Progress Report July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025



## August is Membership Month

By Stan Jacobs on Monday, August 19, 2024



In recognition of August being Rotary Membership and New Development Month, I would be remiss, as your District Membership Development Chair, if I didn't share some tips to help your club. Those of you that have heard me speak at District Conferences or perhaps during one of my visits to your club, I cannot stress enough how important it is that your club actively promotes and markets itself to your local community. Such actions create increased awareness and visibility and will bring prospective members your way. And the costs, in most cases,

are absolutely free...

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## Hartford City Wraps-Up 2023-24 with Fantastic Recruiting Event

By Gary Cheesman on Monday, August 19, 2024



Hartford City ended the 2023-24 Rotary year with a wildly successful recruiting meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024. After weeks of planning, the club hosted over 25 potential members for a one-hour meeting /recruiting event. Spouses of Rotarians made snacks and the evening featured a fast-paced welcome and introduction by president Scott Malott. Four club members then each presented a short 4-5 minute segment covering:

- The history of Rotary, and the local club with emphasis on service and donations to important community causes.
- Powerful experiences with beneficiaries of the club's charitable projects.
- The club's ownership of the "Scout House" meeting place and how the building is used by area groups.
- The honest need for a breath of fresh air from new members to help the club survive and grow.

By the end of the meeting... [Read More](#)

September 12th  
[DG Official Visit - Danville](#)

September 12th  
[DG Official Visit - Shelbyville](#)

September 16th  
[DG Official Visit - Connersville](#)

September 16th  
[DG Official Visit - Rockville](#)

September 17th  
[DG Official Visit - Richmond](#)

September 18th  
[DG Official Visit - Anderson Morning](#)

September 18th  
[DG Official Visit - New Castle](#)

September 18th  
[DG Official Visit - Portland](#)

September 18th  
[DG Official Visit - Indy Metro](#)

September 23rd  
[DG Official Visit - Indianapolis Progressive](#)

September 24th  
[DG Official Visit - Lafayette](#)

September 25th  
[DG Official Visit - Crawfordsville](#)

September 25th  
[DG Official Visit - Attica-Williamsport](#)

September 26th  
[DG Official Visit - Grant County](#)

September 28th  
[Rotary Vision Planning- SAVE THE DATE](#)

September 30th  
[DG Official Visit - Winchester](#)

September 30th  
[DG Official Visit - Hartford City](#)

October 3rd  
[DG Official Visit - Zionsville](#)

October 29th  
[DG Official Visit - Southport International](#)

## Have You Ever Wondered?

By David Anders on Monday, August 19, 2024



Have you ever wondered how you might energize your club into supporting the Rotary Foundation? Are your members routinely recognized for their support of the Foundation? Are your members familiar with the various levels of recognition that they can achieve in their support of the Rotary Foundation?

Well, I think I can help. I am Dave Anders, District 6560's Paul Harris Society and Major Donor Chair... [Read More](#)

## PolioPlus Society-Now More Than Ever

By Ginger Scott on Monday, August 19, 2024



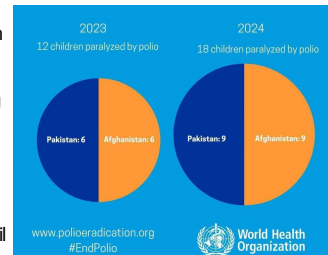
A great big THANK you to the 45 charter members of the PolioPlus Society during the 2023-24 Rotary Year! A reminder: if you did not set up an automatic recurring payment, it is time to make your annual payment.

We still have work to do to eradicate Polio! The numbers are going the wrong way and now there is concern in Gaza and Nepal. How can you help? Join the PolioPlus Society (PPS), which is a new District 6560 program to promote individual giving to the PolioPlus Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

To become a member of the PolioPlus Society, all you need to do is to agree to make an annual donation of at least \$100 to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus Program until polio is eradicated. To make your commitment, send an email that you pledge to make the annual donation. The next step is to complete your contribution in one of three ways:

- Online – [Annually-manual](#) select Polio Fund and One-time donation
- Online – [Recurring](#) select Polio Fund and Recurring donation
- Check – Contact your PolioPlus Program Chair [Ginger Scott](#)

For your pledge, you will receive... [Read More](#)



## High School JROTC Gets a Boost From Portland Rotary Youth

By Andrew D. Houck on Monday, August 19, 2024



The Portland Rotary Club youth embarked upon a project to make their school and the community a better place. This year Jay County High School students, Trenton Franks and Desirae Bonifield, have sought to make their local JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp) program more competitive by fundraising for funds to construct a competition training course. Both Trenton and Desirae are members of JROTC and have served as Junior board

members of Portland Rotary.

Approximately 90 students participate in the Jay County JROTC, but it currently lacks the necessary resources to practice or host other schools for competitions. Initially, the students' goal was to construct a Raider wall (standard in every JROTC Raider competition) so that they could practice for upcoming competitions, but the response from community members and Rotarians was so overwhelmingly positive that they decided to go a step further. To date, through the efforts of the Portland Rotary Youth, there has been \$11,925 raised for the project and the Jay School Corporation has approved funding for an additional amount up to \$20,000 for the project total.



The mission of JROTC is "to motivate young people to be better citizens". The program's mission and values align with the Rotary 4-way test. This project is a testament to how a small idea can grow and have a much greater impact than ever imagined when a commitment to new ideas and community philanthropy come together.

## Fishers: A Club on the MOVE!

By Susan J. Leonard on Monday, August 19, 2024



Fishers Rotary is on the move! A vibrant club, Fishers has not only inducted two new members (with two more in the pipeline) since the start of the Rotary year, but has also changed its meeting location.

After two years of meetings at the American Legion Post in Fishers, the club has finally returned to its previous home at City Hall. You may have heard that Fishers City Hall was demolished and rebuilt on the same site. During the remodel, the club was housed through the

courtesy of Legion Post Commander and Rotarian of the Year, Matt Rapp and his fellow veterans.

With the new City Hall completed, Mayor (and friend of Rotary) Scott Fadness invited the club to return to meet in the new black box theater at City Hall. As you can see, the space is ideal, and we feel fortunate to have access to a state-of-the-art A/V system. Our 2024-25 club president, Dereck Vogler, is excited to begin his year in these beautiful new surroundings. We look forward to welcoming many new members to the space.



Visitors will find a warm Rotary family at Fishers City Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, at 7:00 a.m. on Fridays. Come join us!

## A Decade of Service: Muncie Rotary Clubs Unite

By Dan Wolfert on Monday, August 19, 2024



For the past ten years, the Rotary Clubs of Muncie and Muncie Sunrise have partnered in a shared mission of "Service Above Self," demonstrating their commitment to the local community by volunteering at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Each year, members of both clubs come together for six days to manage the front gate and collect gate and parking fees during the Fair Fundraiser to raise essential funds for local high school sports teams.

This year alone, over 50 volunteers dedicated their time to this cause, with the proceeds benefiting the Muncie Central High School Wrestling, Volleyball, and Soccer teams, as well as the Delta High School Tennis program. Through the combined efforts of hundreds of Rotarians, nearly \$25,000 has been raised over the past decade, directly supporting the youth of our community.

This initiative is more than just a fundraising effort; it's a testament to the Rotary Clubs' commitment to serving others. By volunteering their time and energy, Rotarians not only contribute financially but also build stronger community bonds and inspire the next generation to live by the principle of "Service Above Self."

## Lafayette Daybreak Awards Grants

By David S. McGaughey on Monday, August 19, 2024



Lafayette Daybreak recently awarded a total of \$5,500 in grants to the following non-profit organizations in their local area: Boys and Girls Club of Tippecanoe County, Cars for Keeps, Recovery Café' Lafayette, Tippecanoe County Historical Association, Transformed Birth Services, West Central Indiana Fetal & Infant Mortality Review.

The funds used for the grants were generated from the Club's annual fundraiser "Toast To Mental Health". Since

2007, Lafayette Daybreak has hosted this fundraiser, which features both silent and live auctions with packages donated by local and national businesses. Held the first Thursday evening in May (during the Rotary Mental Health Awareness Month), the event has raised over \$590,000 and supported many area non-profits. Mark your calendar now to join us at the next Toast!



## Greenfield Steak N' Bake N' Raffle

By David Anders on Monday, August 19, 2024



Join the Rotary Club of Greenfield at their 11th Annual Steak N' Bake N' Raffle on September 21, 2024. This fun and casual event features a steak BBQ dinner, a \$2,500 Reverse Raffle, live music and a host of games of chance all benefiting local non-profit organizations. You must be 21 to attend; there will be a cash bar with alcohol and non-alcohol drinks. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 pm with the "Final Ten" Raffle Ticket Holders elimination starting at approximately 10:30

pm. The event will be held at the Hancock County 4H Fairgrounds located at 620 Apple Street, Greenfield, IN 46140.

For more information on the event, sponsorship and marketing opportunities, contact event co-chairs [Jake Kersey](#) or [Sarah Riggs](#).

## Election 2024: Politics and Rotary

By Jennifer L. Stanfield on Monday, August 19, 2024



As the US gears up for the 2024 presidential election, it is important to remember that Rotary is apolitical. The [attached document](#) outlines the RI policies that apply to politics and politicized subjects and Rotary clubs. Following the guidelines helps reduce club conflicts, political tension, and public relations responses. Please feel free to contact your Assistant Governor or DG Santos for guidance or with any questions.

## Scam Targeting Rotarians

Monday, August 19, 2024



NOTICE FROM RI: A new email purporting to be from Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick is targeting Rotary members. The email falsely claims that Urchick is seeking help from members to secure gift cards for a hospice that treats veterans. The email has the subject line "Rotary" and uses a fake email address for Urchick.

Please note that no one from Rotary will ever ask you to send gift cards or give personal information or credit card data via email. Rotary staff is working to resolve the issue. To avoid being the victim of scams, delete any suspicious email.

## DATES & DEADLINES

Monday, August 19, 2024



**August**-RI Club Dues-see invoice on rotary.org  
**August**-RI verifies July 1, 2024, membership numbers  
**August 31**-DEADLINE-District Grants due for grant certified clubs  
**August 31**-DEADLINE-District Dues payable to District 6560  
**September**-Basic Education and Literacy Month  
**October 6, 2024**-Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week  
**October 24, 2024**-World Polio Day