

District Newsletter 2024-25



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November is Rotary Foundation Month

By Santos Salinas on Sunday, November 17, 2024



In the Rotary world, this is the month we focus on The Rotary Foundation. With Thanksgiving and the Holidays right around the corner, it is also the month we give thanks and celebrate the spirit of giving. One of the best things about giving to The Rotary Foundation is that The Foundation holds your gift to the Annual Fund/SHARE for 3 years, and then about half of that amount comes back in the form of District Grant funds and the other half is available for Global Grants. How are we using those grant funds in Central Indiana? This year:

- In **Zionsville**, they were able to provide 10,000 meals to those with food insecurity.
- **Indianapolis Northeast** provided food and clothing to Chuck's Closet, an organization serving those less fortunate in that community.
- **Portland** provided major appliances to their local Jay County daycare that serves 150 children.
- **Lafayette Daybreak** provided training programs on Mental Health for Nurse Practitioners.
- Across the world in Sierra Leone, **Fishers** has continued to utilize the power of the Foundation to provide clean water.

All of this has been accomplished because of YOUR contributions to the Annual Fund. If you are like me and want to see your projects continue and even increase in scope... [Read More](#)



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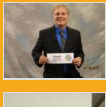
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REGISTER NOW: Awards Celebration & Foundation Recognition

By Jennifer L. Stanfield on Sunday, November 17, 2024



Have you registered for the Awards Celebration and Foundation Recognition?

I am looking forward to celebrating with you, your club and our District as we look back to what we accomplished, focusing on the 2023-24 RI theme, "Create Hope in the World".

This event is for everyone. Those of you who served as a Club President in 2023-24, your lunch is at no cost. We want you there. For the rest of us, we need to be prepared to purchase our lunch for \$45. DG Santos and I are working to bring you a fast-paced program and a 5-Star luncheon at Seasons 52 Restaurant, 8650 Keystone Crossing. Doors open at 11:30. Please register by Wednesday, 11/20, so we can make a place for you at the table.

You can request an [EZ Link](#), or register for the event on the District Calendar in DACDB.

Who will be recognized by our District as the Rotarian of the Year? Look at this gorgeous trophy for the Richard Kendall Award for Service to Humanity. Who will be named Rotary's Rising Star? Don't wait for the newsletter to find out, you can be in the room where it happens.

RECORDING/PPT AVAILABLE: District Grants Training

Sunday, November 17, 2024



Many thanks to DG Santos, PDG Bryce Adam, our District Rotary Foundation Chair, and DGE Ryan Henry, tech guru, for their commitment to providing a virtual option of the District Grants Training seminar on Saturday, October 12. We had 70 people attend! The purpose of the training:

- Understand how to manage a Rotary grant
- Learn stewardship expectations
- Prepare clubs to implement the MOU
- Qualify clubs to receive grant funds

The recordings and PowerPoint Slides are now available:

- The recording is on the [District YouTube page](#). The first half is the overview of The Rotary Foundation and the grants specific training begins at **1:18:26/Slide 29**. Please note that the sound is not distinct-the technology did not fully cooperate.



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Club Anniversaries

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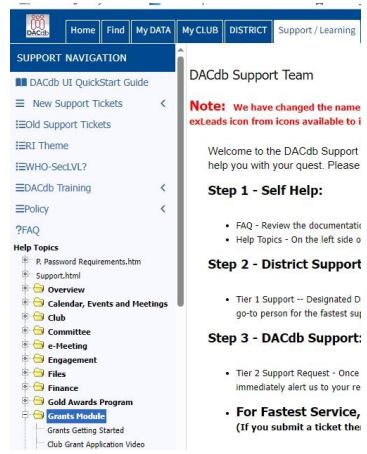
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- The **PowerPoint slides** are available in our District Dropbox. The grant specific training begins on slide 29. The slides include specifics on the Grants module in DACDB. If you need additional information, remember that DACDB has a Support/Learning Tab with great information on the left-side navigation, which generally includes screen captures.

Contact District Administrator **Leigh Perry** if you have any problems accessing the information.



A Simple Reminder? 4-Way Test!

By Valerie Sue Helms-Mejia on Sunday, November 17, 2024

Rotary FOUR-WAY TEST FOUR QUESTIONS – 24 WORDS	
THE UNIQUE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS	PROCESS TO ACHIEVE DESIRED OUTCOMES THAT ARE ETHICAL, FAIR AND BENEFICIAL TO ALL
IS IT THE TRUTH? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarity Transparency Fact checking Ethical behaviour 	That we do our homework to collect information and to apply critical thinking by asking questions to know the difference between facts, beliefs, assumptions, and opinions as well as know what we don't know.
IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion Empathy Acceptance Belonging Accountability 	That we use empathy to see other points-of-view in the context of the problems to be solved and the goals to be reached.
WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trust Do good Feel good Have fun 	That the process is civil, and there is a feeling of respect and openness to ask the "dumb" question, they can lead to creative and innovative answers. Also, people prefer to work with people they like, respect and trust.
WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What if scenarios Trade-offs Being creative and innovative Better decision making 	That these are the conflict transformative answers and decisions that can lead to mutually satisfying solutions, that are sustainable and scalable. This can be an iterative process as we learn more from doing and continuously improving with time.

After my Sunrise Rotary meeting, I decided to run a couple of errands. I stopped at the store to get a few items and have some keys made. While the gentleman was making the keys, I picked out a few new key rings and slid them on my finger as my hands were full. I went to the self-check-out lane to ring up my items. Since it was early, the store was empty. The staff person who was overseeing the check-out came over and scanned everything for me. I thanked her for her kindness and went on my way. As I was getting into my car, I noticed the 3 key rings on my fingers that had not been scanned, and I had not paid for them. My first thoughts were the faces of the Rotarians I had just left and the 4-Way Test I had just recited! In all honesty, I would like to believe that I would have headed back into the store just because it was the right thing to do. But it was not lost on me that my first thoughts were of my Sunrise Rotarians and the 4-Way Test! It was a good reminder to me that the 4-way test is not just a nice motto that we recite at each meeting. It is a way of life that truly means something to Rotarians. I am so blessed to be a part of a group of people who want to do the right

thing and make the world a better place! Sometimes it is the simple little things in everyday life that remind you how truly blessed you really are!

Foundation Moment: Eradication of Polio

By David Anders on Sunday, November 17, 2024



In the early 20th century, polio was one of the most feared diseases in industrialized countries, paralyzing hundreds of thousands of children every year. The Polio virus attacks the brain and spinal cord, killing the nerve cells which control muscle movement in the body, thus causing paralysis.

On April 12, 1955, Dr. Thomas Francis Jr. announced that clinical trials had proven that the polio

vaccine developed by doctors Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin was 90% effective at preventing Polio. It was 30 years later, in 1985, when Rotary International launched a global effort to immunize the world's children against Polio.

In 1988, the World Health Organization launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) to eradicate polio worldwide by the year 2000. When the GPEI started, polio paralyzed more than 1000 children worldwide EVERY DAY.

Shortly thereafter, the Gates Foundation joined the cause, and in October 2022, the Gates Foundation announced a \$1.2 billion pledge to help end polio globally.

Currently, our eradication efforts have been 99.9% effective, with the only active cases reported in Afghanistan and Pakistan, where political instability and limited healthcare access continue to challenge eradication efforts.

Gift of Life Program-Still Saving Lives

By Salim K. Najjar on Sunday, November 17, 2024



The Rotary Club of Greenfield is a major sponsor of the Gift of Life Program (GOL) in our Rotary District 6560. For over 25 years, our GOL program has offered free pediatric heart surgeries and saved countless lives of children both here at home and in foreign countries. This GOL Program continues to support ongoing pediatric heart surgery missions.

In 2024, three mission trips were organized by the Riley Children's Hospital's Dr. Mark Turrentine and his team. The March Mission performed 11 heart surgeries in Amman, Jordan, and was the 50th Mission undertaken by Dr. Turrentine since he started volunteering and leading these missions. The August 2024 Mission to Amman also supported 13 surgeries, several cath procedures, with more surgeries contemplated to be done on the mission's November trip. A follow-up mission is planned for early 2025.

In 2024, our Gift of Life Program joined hands with GOL International to sponsor a mission to Uganda. Other initiatives are being considered for 2025 to support GOL International missions.

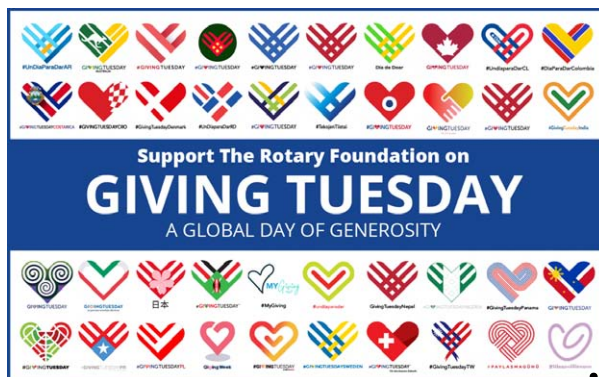
The Rotary Club of Greenfield undertakes the major fund-raising efforts in our Rotary District for GOL and stands ready to continue their support for years to come. This GOL program joins hands with several other groups to continue to provide life-saving pediatric surgeries both here at home and abroad. Our Mission Partners are RC of Greenfield, Gift of Life International, Gift of Life Amman, Rotary District 6560, Chain of Hope, and Josh Lindblom Foundation.

Please mark your calendars now to "Save The Date" for the Gift of Life Fundraising Gala on Saturday, April 5, 2025. Watch your email for more information!



Prepare Now for #Giving Tuesday 12/3!

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Here's how you can prepare for Giving Tuesday:

- [Donate](#) to The Rotary Foundation on Giving Tuesday.
- [Download](#) the TRF Giving Tuesday graphic and share with your peers

• [Watch](#) the TRF Giving Tuesday video with your club.

Rotarians & Youth Exchange Students Unite for Peace

By Dan Wolfert on Sunday, November 17, 2024



In the spirit of "Service Above Self," the Muncie Rotary Club and Muncie Sunrise Rotary Club recently partnered with Indiana Youth Exchange Students and Rotary District 6560 to celebrate peace in a meaningful way. In August, they came together to install the area's first [Peace Pole](#) at Rotary Park located in Muncie.

The Peace Pole, a global symbol promoting peace and harmony, serves as a reminder of Rotary's commitment to fostering goodwill and understanding among diverse communities. With messages of peace inscribed in multiple languages, the installation highlights Rotary's international mission to build bridges and spread hope.

For the Muncie Rotary Clubs, this initiative reflects why Rotarians volunteer their time—not only to serve the local community but

also to contribute to a greater cause. Whether it's raising funds, providing hands-on help, or advocating for peace, Rotarians aim to make the world a better place through acts of service.

This installation marks the first of many steps toward promoting peace locally, and it was a powerful moment of collaboration between Rotarians and young leaders, embodying Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."



Peace Pole Installation - Rotary Youth Exchange

By Jennifer A. Dale on Sunday, November 17, 2024

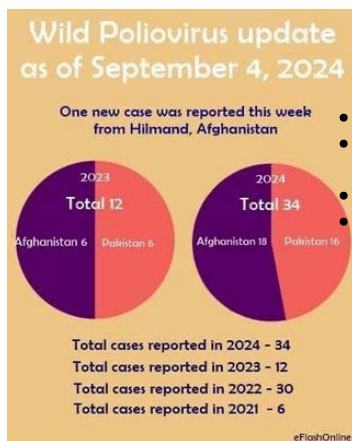


Rotary Youth Exchange coordinated the August installation of a **Peace Pole** at the Michael Ellis Rotary Park in Muncie. Exchange students from all three Districts in Indiana (6540, 6560, and 6580) participated. Muncie Sunrise and Muncie Noon helped coordinate and install the Peace Pole. Each side of the pole has a different language, representing the home languages of all the Indiana Rotary Youth Exchange students from 2024 and 2025. The Peace Pole celebrates how Rotary and Youth Exchange strengthens International Peace.

If your club would like more information about Youth Exchange, please contact the [District Youth Exchange Chair](#).

What Did Your Club Do for World Polio Day?

By Ginger Scott on Sunday, November 17, 2024



What did your club do to promote awareness and/or raise funds for World Polio Day? We would love to hear about your club's participation for World Polio Day:

- What did you do?
- Was it successful? How many people participated? How much was raised?
- Will you do it again next year? Any changes?
- Do you recommend other clubs do it?

As you can see from the graphic, we need to get those vaccines to the children around the world to stop the spread of Polio for good! We can only do this by providing more vaccines and boots on the ground. These and many other aspects of administering the vaccine requires funds to keep up the good work of Rotary and the World Health Organization moving forward to stamp out Polio! Did you know every \$1 you give helps save a child's life? With the Gates Foundation match at 2:1, every \$1 you give is

tripled and buys a vaccine to save a child's life! As long as there is one case, polio is just a plane ride away.

[Click HERE](#) to email PolioPlus Chair Ginger Scott with your input.

World Polio Day: The Iron Lung

By Janet L. Brewer on Sunday, November 17, 2024

On Tuesday, October 22, the Anderson Club had an amazing meeting commemorating World Polio Day! Ascension Hospital Anderson hosted the meeting and Dr. Thomas Bright, pulmonologist, spoke very eloquently (and knowledgeably) about Polio and the iron lung. Elizabeth Hart, Manager of Mission & Volunteer Services at the hospital, helped coordinate the meeting and joined us, as did several guests from the Anderson Morning Club and an Ivy Tech nursing class. An iron lung was on display, and many of the attendees had never seen one. Several commented on the limited quality of life it provided. It was a very educational and moving experience.



Hartford City's Dual Purpose Event

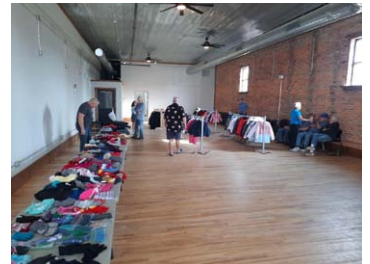
By Gary Cheesman on Sunday, November 17, 2024



Hartford City held their annual Coat A Child event on Saturday, October 12th, and their efforts promoted two causes.

First, the Coat A Child event provided free coats and winterwear for every child in the area who participated. They were able to stop by, get fitted, and take home a new or gently-worn coat. Hats, toboggans, gloves and even snow pants were part of the items collected or purchased by the Club and shared with the children.

Secondly, the event location was new this year, downtown in the renovated Newberry Building. The event provided the public and visitors a chance to tour the \$2.3 million renovation which the city and county supported. Adjacent to a downtown park on the square, the location is absolutely ready for a restaurant or other type of eatery.



The club was so successful this year that they have some coats left over and will be partnering with another organization to distribute them to children in need.

DATES & DEADLINES

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- November 15: 990 forms due to IRS from each Club
- November: Elect PE (15 clubs still need to do this)-deadline 12/1
- November: Nominate a Past President for DGND-deadline 12/15
- December 20: Update membership roster in DACDB and run RI MEMBER COMPARE-Invoices from RI come out 1/1.

Events

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