

Rotary

District 6560

NEWSLETTER



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Gatherings



Lots of opportunities are on the horizon for Rotarians and would-be Rotarians to engage with Rotary and others!

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DISTRICT CALENDAR | 2022-2023

MARCH

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

- 11 District Speech Contest
- 14-18 World Rotaract Week
- 17-19 RYLA
- 18-19 LOLPETS, Effingham, IL
- 31 Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

APRIL

Environment Month

- 14-15 DistCon23, Murat Shrine
- 19 Paul Harris Birthday
- 22 Rotary Club of Greenfield's Gift of Life Fundraising Gala
- 30 Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due



**IMAGINE
ROTARY**



Wheels Up!!

Time continues to go by quickly this year. In February, we celebrate Black History, Valentine's Day and Peace and Conflict Resolution. As a district, Rotarians continue to give back to their communities in big ways, and we're not finished. The calendar continues to be filled with opportunities to serve. We are doing more than just Imagining Rotary; we are making it happen!



There are some key events happening over the next 30 days (see page 3). President-Elect Training and the DistCon 23 will provide opportunities for us to get together for fun, fellowship, and training, while RYLA and the district Speech Contest give future Rotarians a chance to learn and grow together. Words cannot express my excitement for these upcoming few months. See you soon! **Remember, you are appreciated!**

Mekey McAllen, District 6560 Governor

Around the District



Rotary Club of Greencastle President Scott Monnett serving the elementary children through the "Real Men Read" Program. #ImagineRotary #youthservices #community #ServiceAboveSelf



"Stranger at the Gate" has been nominated for an Oscar. Bibi and Saber Bahrami are Rotarians and co-founders of the Islamic Center of Muncie featured in the short film. [Link to Muncie Star Press story](#)



Muncie Sunrise Club - Walk a Mile in My Shoes 2023! Raising awareness and funds for the homeless and less fortunate in our community!



Lebanon Rotarians packed over 600 bags of candy for the teachers in Lebanon and Western Boone schools to show our appreciation for them. Lots of thanks to the Boone County Community Corrections ladies as they came and pitched in at the end.

February is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention month!

Don't Miss It...

We have some exciting events coming up. Please make every effort to participate with our fellow District 6560 Rotarians through the remainder of the 2022-23 Rotary year.

Land of Lincoln Presidents-Elect Training Seminar in Effingham, IL



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
MARCH 18-19, 2023

LAND of LINCOLN

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PRESIDENT-ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR

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District 6560 Speech Contest

Saturday, March 11, 2023 | 9:00 AM | Anderson University, Hartung Hall

Save The Date



DistCon23
April 14-15, 2023
Murat Shrine - Indianapolis



RYLA

Rotary Youth
Leadership Awards

March 17 - 19, 2023

Camp Tecumseh
YMCA Outdoor Center
Brookston, IN 47923

See page 5 for more info!!



MELBOURNE
2023

Melbourne Welcomes You!

Rotary International Convention
27-31 May 2023

Learn more at:
<https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/>



District Governor Nominee-Designate

Rotary District 6560 is pleased to announce its District Governor selection for the 2025-2026 year. Mr. Ryan Henry, a member of the Rotary Club of Indianapolis-East has been selected as the District Governor Nominee-

Designate. Ryan served as Club President during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 Rotary years. Currently, Ryan serves as our District Trainer and Assistant Governor for three of the Indianapolis clubs as well as PR Chair, Fundraising Chair and Webmaster for his club. Professionally, Ryan says he “helps people who describe their tech skills with loud four-letter words!” His experience will prove invaluable

to the district as we continue to “Imagine Rotary” and our basis “Service Above Self.”

In addition and in accordance with Rotary International Manual of Procedure; section 6.120.1, the District Selection Committee also chose Past District Governor Joe Collings to serve as our next (2023-2024) District 6560 Vice Governor. PDG Joe will serve from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. The Vice Governor will replace the District Governor in case of temporary or permanent inability to perform the District Governor’s duties.

Congratulations Ryan and PDG Joe!

Celebrating Paul Harris

In April, we’re honoring Rotary founder Paul Harris, who was born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868. His vision of finding fellowship and making community connections endures to this day. Join us in celebrating the anniversary of his birth by **learning about his legacy** or **making a special gift** to The Rotary Foundation. **Subscribe to the quarterly Paul Harris Society Resource** to receive updates and learn more about how society members are leaders in giving.



District 6560 Gift of Life Program

The Gift of Life Program was introduced to our Rotary D6560 by Dr. Bill Hatfield during his 1998-1999



year as District Governor. Since then, this program has funded surgeries for more than a hundred children at Riley Children’s Hospital in Indianapolis. The program has also funded global grants that sponsored Vocational Training Teams to Uganda led by Dr. Mark Turrentine of Riley Children’s Hospital and Dr. Stephanie Kinnaman of the Rotary Club of Greenfield. Additionally, it has funded medical team trips to perform heart surgeries for countless children in countries as far as Jordan, Lebanon, and beyond.

Identify Rotary Peace Fellowship candidates



Applications are now being accepted for the 2024 **Rotary Peace Fellowship!** Help us promote it and find the next cohort of global peacebuilders. If you know any peace and development leaders in your community, encourage them to **apply** for a fully funded master’s degree or professional development certificate at one of our Rotary Peace Centers around the world. You can also use the **referral form** to tell us about potential candidates. Follow the **Rotary Peace Centers Facebook** page to learn more or write to rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org.

To raise funds for this humanitarian program, the Rotary Club of Greenfield annually holds a **fundraising gala** that includes a great dinner, plus online, live and silent auctions. Any Rotary club, Rotarian or individual can offer an item for auction, can participate on-line, or attend in person. This year will be the club’s 24th auction. **Please save April 22, 2023 from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm on your calendar!**

To participate please visit www.rotaryclubgreenfield.org or <https://forms.gle/cgeQENgrH3xWySPz9>.

Would your Rotary club like to have a program about Gift of Life? PDG Salim Najjar (District Gift of Life Co-Chair with Sara Joyner) is happy to make a 20-minute presentation featuring a surgical mission to Jamaica. Please call him at 317.435.7456 or contact him by email at sknajjar1@outlook.com and offer a couple of open dates.

Zoom with DG Mekey!

Last Monday of each month | Check it out on DACdb!

RYLA



Our Last Class of Rotary District 6560 RYLA Participants from 2019

Registration for RYLA 2023 is now open. Hopefully you are in the process of choosing your student applicants now. We will register the students as guests using DACdb. The link provided here will be the **only way to register students for Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) RYLA 2023**. If you have not done so already, please let us know asap if you will participate and how many sophomore or junior students you plan to send.

As a reminder: all RYLA forms are available from the District files in DACdb in a secure folder entitled RYLA 2023 – Files and Docs. Download the documents to your desktop first so that you can then attach them to an email. The updated pdf version of the application includes a place for a photo.

The student pdf application is a fillable document and we encourage you to forward it to your high school contacts so they may include it in an email to selected student applicants and their parents. Completing the application electronically helps expedite the process and provides

Questions?

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us with a more legible document. However, it is still necessary to have handwritten parent and witness signatures on file. The last page of the form containing the signatures must be printed and scanned before your school liaisons return it to you.

To satisfy legal requirements, a legible copy of the student application that includes the handwritten signatures must be submitted to Terry via email or mail. **Please review the application for legibility and completeness before sending it.** Screenshots of the application pages taken with a phone are not acceptable. Payment is preferred via a credit card online, but check payments are also accepted as long as they are received by Friday, March 10, 2023.

We look forward to your participation this year at RYLA, held **Friday March 17, 2023 10:00 AM to Sun March 19, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Camp Tecumseh**, And as always, if you have any questions or need help with the registration process, please contact Terry via email or phone number listed in the box.



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