



# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE GOV DESK

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### DGE HOLLI

*Make someone smile with the Rotary District 6540 Governor Installation / Service Project on June 13 at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne.*

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## 2025 IN CALGARY, CANADA

Rotarians from around the world will convene in the western Canadian province of Alberta in the city of Calgary next year. Be part of the excitement as you learn about Rotary projects, hear world class speakers, choose breakout sessions that appeal to you and your club and mingle with other Rotarians in the House of Friendship. **PAGE 5**

## FROM THE DESK OF GOVERNOR ED

*With only, but still, two months to go in the year I serve as your District Governor, I reflect on what lies behind and what is still ahead. We are not done Creating Hope in the World. We will never be done with that because we are Rotary. Our annual theme may change and still we put Service Above Self and “Together, see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”*

*It has been my privilege to visit 57 of our 58 clubs thus far. Thank you for inviting me to your projects and fundraisers and celebrations as well. You have inspired me with all you do in your communities and across the world.*

*Your generosity towards this year’s district*



*project to raise \$57,000.00 for the medical clinic for girls rescued out of sex trafficking at Bashor Children’s Home in Goshen is heartwarming. As was disclosed at our recent District Conference so far, we have raised over \$50,000.00 and gifts are still coming in! You know we don’t have to stop at \$57,000.00.*

*Let’s finish the year strong!*

*Yours in Rotary Service,*

*Ed van Wijk.*

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# FROM THE DESK OF DGE HOLLI



All District 6540 Rotarians are invited to participate in a large-scale service project in Fort Wayne which will incorporate my District Governor installation.

TeamSmile will be hosting a free dental event on June 13 at Parkview Field from 8am to 2pm EST, with the DG Installation immediately following. I would love for you to attend and please share this information with your club members. This will be a great service event not only for Rotarians, but also to invite community members to introduce them to Rotary.

TeamSmile is the nation's premier volunteer organization partnering with dental and general volunteers to provide free dental care to children who are in need of care. TeamSmile hosts their events in partnership with professional sports teams to provide an exciting and fun atmosphere for children to receive the dental care they need. At the event, 250-300 children will receive dental care.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

General volunteer duties are:

- Check in
- Check out
- Data entry at check in
- Runners to take children from station to station
- Entertain children between stations

Register as a volunteer here:

<https://forms.gle/J1RqUMh4zmgHzKKA>

Please contact me at

[RotarianHolli@gmail.com](mailto:RotarianHolli@gmail.com) with any questions or for a flier you can share with your club!



This will be the first time the national non-profit TeamSmile has come to Fort Wayne.

Check them out in action:

<https://youtu.be/NZh5hC5dqSE>.

# FOUNDATION GIVING - DO NOT MISS OUT

*A special announcement from DGND Terri*

District 6540 is offering a special points program for donations made to the Rotary Foundation until May 31, 2024.

During this program members will receive additional points to help move forward in achieving the next Paul Harris level.

We are pleased to announce several club members in the district have donated their reserved points as a match for gifts to the **Annual Fund SHARE**. 90,000 points have been donated, so act quickly to ensure your match before the points run out.

The Annual Fund SHARE gifts are the only gifts that come back to our District. Half of your donation made to this area will be returned to District 6540 in three years to be used for District and Global Grants.

To participate please include the following information on your donation:

Name, Address, Club, Fund: Annual Fund SHARE, and Rotary ID Number.

**Points will be matched with donations only to the Annual Fund SHARE, in the amounts of:**

- **\$500 – matched with five hundred points. (Allows the donor to automatically move up to the next Paul Harris level!)**
- **\$200 – matched with two hundred fifty points**
- **\$100 – matched with one hundred points**

Either pay online at: [www.myrotary.org](http://www.myrotary.org) or mail your check to the Rotary Foundation at 14280 Collections Center Dr., Chicago, IL 60693.

For your convenience you can view or print the form at [bit.ly/6540\\_May24](http://bit.ly/6540_May24)

If you have questions, contact: Terri Rickel – [terririckel@comcast.net](mailto:terririckel@comcast.net) DGND, (574) 612- 5162.

Donations **must** be received at the Foundation by May 31, 2024.

# 2025 ROTARY CONVENTION CALGARY, CANADA JUNE 21-JUNE 25 IN 2025

Rotarians from around the world will convene in the western Canadian province of Alberta in the city of Calgary next year.

Be part of the excitement as you learn about Rotary projects, hear world-class speakers, choose breakout sessions that appeal to you and your club, and mingle with other Rotarians in the House of Friendship. All this in a cool western city with great food and exciting activities.

Registration begins immediately following the Singapore Convention later in May, and can be accessed at the [Convention](#) website.

We have planned an amazing pre-convention trip for interested Rotarians from our district starting in Vancouver where we tour the city before boarding the Rocky Mountaineer rail for a two-day journey through the Rockies arriving in



Banff where we explore the national park for the next three days. We then transfer you to Calgary for the start of the International Convention.

Check out this link for several short videos to learn more about the [Rocky Mountaineer Rail Adventure](#).

View all the details of this pre-convention adventure at [bit.ly/6540\\_Canada2025](https://bit.ly/6540_Canada2025)

For more information, contact:

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## FROM THE DESK OF LEARNING FACILITATOR JANE

*Thank you to all that have made the transition to DACdb View and Edit! If you have not done that yet, the month of June is the best time to make that change so that you are ready for the new Rotary year starting July 1. It is very easy to do: An officer in your club should Log into My Rotary and go to your club page. At the bottom of your club page is the vendor management section. You will need to Terminate Club Runner, Terminate DACdb as View only and then Add DACdb back in as View and Edit. Your information will then transfer back and forth between Rotary International and DACdb.*

*Events/Calendars training to view the video*

*Learn how to add events and calendar entries for club activities. You can add events requiring registration or just information for members to attend.*

**DACDB EVENTS &  
CALENDAR VIDEO**

**COTS TRAINING VIDEO**



*Review the video if you were unable to join us or if you just want to review the video to be walked through step by step.*

*Newsletters/EZ Stories on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 7:00/6:00 p.m.*

*This session will focus on preparing newsletters in DACdb and also EZ stories which are shorter news articles highlighting club activities. Sign up for this session at [Register here!](#)*

*It has been a pleasure to serve as your District Learning Facilitator for the last year and a half. Please contact me at [rotaryroush@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryroush@gmail.com) if you have other learning needs. All the best in the new year!*