

# Rotary



## District 6580

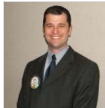
### District Leaders



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District Secretary

## August is Membership Month in the Rotary World!

### Featured in the August 2021 Newsletter:

- \*Governor Kirk's August message: \*Scenes from Governor Kirk's Club Visits
- \*Thinking about Leadership? Consider attending Emerging Rotary Leaders \*Greensburg Rotary Membership Drive was a HIT!!
- \*Rotary International Board of Directors Strengthens Rotary's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement \*Martinsville Rotary Club Announces: Silent Disco is back, and BETTER than before!
- \*Get INSPIRED through 2021 Virtual Summer Leadership Seminars \*Greensburg Rotary Club's Service Above Self Award: The second of three essay contest winners: Jaxon Kramer
- \*2021 Ryder Cup for the Rotary Foundation was a SUCCESS! Thank you to the Hole Sponsors and those that came to play! \*What's Coming up on the District Calendar?????

Do you know of Stories of Rotary's work in your community to share in this newsletter? Please contact Bettye Dunham, [bdunham@rauchinc.org](mailto:bdunham@rauchinc.org).

### Governor Kirk's August message:



Governor Kirk, Becky and Ozzie



Shanon Kae  
O'Toole  
DGN



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Greetings District 6580 Rotarians,

I hope all is well with your family, friends and fellow Rotarians. July 2021 has been a very busy month in our clubs and our district. When I interviewed for the district governor position several years ago, many past district governors told me that the most enjoyable part of being district governor for them was 1.) the international assembly of all governors elect and 2.) the district governor club visits. Well, the international assembly for me was a series of zoom meetings. Although very helpful and informative, it did miss the mark from previous governor experiences. Club visits on the other hand have been outstanding, memorable experiences for me thus far.

I hit the ground running at our New Albany Club on July 1. Although many of the club members have been in district leadership with which I was acquainted, it was great to meet so many Rotarians, face to face in their home club environment. Becky and I attended the Evansville @ Night opening dinner meeting of the new Rotary year. Since then I have visited Evansville and Greensburg. All visits have been met with a warm welcome and great meal. While all the faces are different, the

basic story is the same service to the community. Wow, all the service projects and programs that WE do as Rotarians in southern Indiana! The fellowship, philanthropy and sharing of ideas is astounding to me.

The PDGs were right, the district governor visits are the highlight of this very busy year for Becky and me. Bettye Dunham is working hard scheduling my visits to our 37 clubs, including our three Roteract clubs. I hope to get around to see all of you by the end of 2021. I look forward to every visit as I always meet new folks that share our Rotary spirit of Service Above Self. Have a great month of August, stay safe, cool and I will see you soon. Thanks for all you do to serve to change lives!

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## **SCENES from the Governor Kirk's Club Visits**

***THANK YOU to the clubs that hosted Governor Kirk in July!!  
New Albany, Evansville@Night, Evansville, Greensburg***

***New Albany***



Governor Kirk with New Albany President, Steve Kiger.



Governor Kirk recognizes President Steve Kiger, PDG's and AG, Scott Peyton at the New Albany meeting

***Evansville@Night***



Governor Kir recognizes leaders, President, Sharon Olivia, DG Kirk, and Leigh Perry.



YUM!!! Rotary Themed Cookies!!

***Evansville Rotary Club***



Governor Kirk with President, Rick Moore

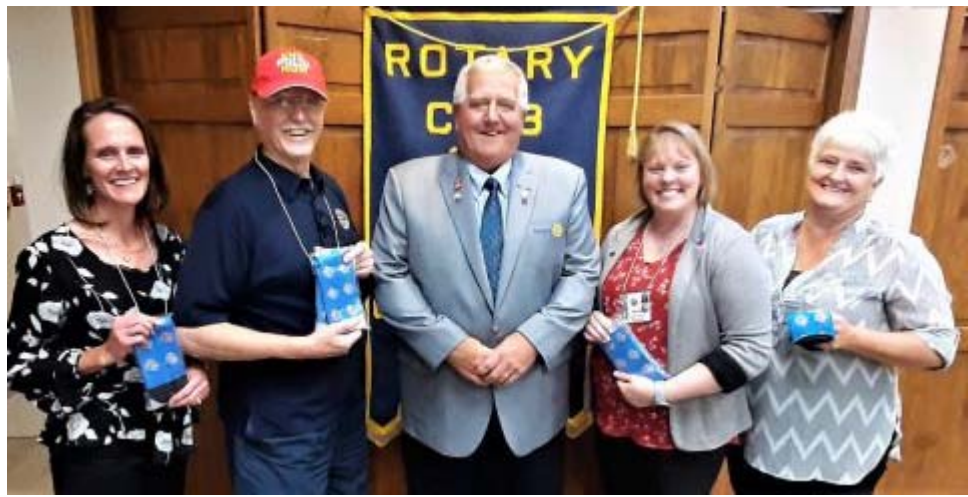


Governor Kirk presents Evansville Rotarian, John Whinery with a PHF +5 pin!

### **Greensburg**



Governor Kirk with new member, Jill Hart, and Greensburg President Jenni Hanna



Governor Kirk recognizes leaders of the Greensburg Club; Jenni Hanna, President; Jerry Fox, PDG,; Mandy Lohrum, AG and PHSociety Chair, Tami Wenning, iPP.

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## Thinking about Leadership? Consider attending Emerging Rotary Leaders

By Jessika Hane, iPDG, District Foundation Chair

We are excited for you to join us for Emerging Leaders: Pathways to District Leadership in Chattanooga, TN on Friday Oct 1st.

Join your trainers, Past District Governors Michael Owsley and Jessika Hane (hooray!!) and other Rotary Leaders, for a memorable session.



We can't wait to show you what we have up our sleeves for this exciting and interactive training.

Attendees will:

- ◆ Hear from past and current Rotary leaders including PRIP John Germ, RIPE Jennifer Jones and Rotary Director Elizabeth Usovicz.
- ◆ Connect and exchange ideas with your fellow future leaders.
- ◆ Learn skills to use on your leadership journey (in Rotary and in life).

There will also be plenty of time for questions and LOTS of fun.

Who should attend: Everyone interested in serving as a District leader

When: Friday, October 1st- 8:30am-4:30pm (lunch included)

Where: Chattanooga, TN

Your investment: Registration is \$100 for the full day program (lunch included). Hotel cost is \$149 per night. Emerging Leaders can also register for ERL and the Zone Conference for a total registration fee of \$395.

Rotary Club Members of District 6580- I sincerely hope you will join me at this training.

If you need help getting registered, please let me know.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.rizones30-31.org/institute/rotary-summit-2021/#Registration>

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## **Greensburg Rotary Membership Drive was a HIT!!**



by Barb Jakad, Greensburg Rotary Club  
Greensburg Rotary Club's June 23 membership drive meeting at The Branch was a hit! Thanks to Alex Sefton, we were the first group to enjoy the incredible coffee drinks and see the inside of this beautiful new gathering space which opened officially on

June 25.

Lora Williams, Past President, welcomed the 40+ members, guests and potential members in attendance. They heard about how The Branch got its start from Alex and about Rotary from Lora Williams, Bill Robbins, Mandy Lohrum, Steve Freeman and Larry Moore. They had time to mingle and enjoy a delicious lunch and drinks with Rotarians and friends. They also learned about the coffee company and met the baristas. Membership chair Kelby Owen handed out membership applications and club brochures.



Everyone who took part in planning this wonderful event deserves a great big "THANK YOU"! Thank you to Jeff Emsweller for the photos!



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**Rotary International Board of Directors Strengthens  
Rotary's Diversity, Equity,  
and Inclusion Statement**





**from RI email:**

At its June meeting, the RI Board of Directors, with guidance from the DEI Taskforce, took additional steps to ensure our organization values and lives the principals of diversity, equity and inclusion by revisiting and strengthening Rotary's 2019 DEI statement. The result is a new Commitment to Diversity Equity and Inclusion adopted in June 2021:

***At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.***

We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.

Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive.

We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and

belong.

In line with our value of integrity, we are committed to being honest and transparent about where we are in our DEI journey as an organization, and to continuing to learn and do better. The Board of Directors convened the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Taskforce in 2020 and tasked it with assessing the current state of DEI within Rotary and developing a comprehensive plan of action with achievable, measurable, and meaningful outcomes for Rotary. This plan is currently in development and will be presented to the Board of Directors in October 2021.

Additionally, the Board agreed to:

- ◆ Provide DEI training for incoming, current, and past RI officers
  - ◆ Promote the Rotary Code of Conduct
  - ◆ Establish protocols to report Code of Conduct violations
- More information about these decisions, and our ongoing focus on DEI, will be available on [rotary.org/dei](https://rotary.org/dei) in the coming weeks.
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### Martinsville Rotary Club Announces **Silent Disco is back, and better than before!**



by Jeff Main, Martinsville member

The Martinsville Club began holding ◆ Silent Disco ◆ fundraiser events in 2019 after Jeff Main attended a similar event in Louisville, and realized it could be a really unique and fun change of pace. No disrespect meant to the more traditional golf scramble, 5k or similar; but they wanted to do something different. Attendance started with about three dozen people, and quickly doubled and then some. With the August 2021 event

being their fourth, and also a great chance for people to get out and do something fun after receiving a Covid-19 vaccination, they are expecting the attendance to continue to increase. Jeff Main says **◆** I realize the title sounds strange to anyone unfamiliar **◆** I had exactly the same response when a friend first invited me! But there is something so fun about being in this kind of environment. We often see people dancing in groups, sometimes listening to the same song and sometimes people in the same dance group listening to different tunes. It gets especially fun toward the end of the evening, when the DJ programs well-known party anthems, and everyone sings along together. All in all, we**◆**ve had SO MANY people who tell us they weren**◆**t at all sure this would be fun, but now can**◆**t wait until the next one!!**◆**

What IS it?

A Silent Disco is an event where people dance to music heard through wireless headphones. The music is transmitted directly to each person**◆**s headphones **◆** on three separate channels **◆** rather than played through speakers. Those without headphones hear no music (other than people who sing along to what they are hearing). The three channels of music can be selected using a simple switch on each person**◆**s headphones, and headphones light up blue, red or green to show visually what channel you are listening to. People can dance to the same tune as others with them, or to their own selection. If you hear a song you don**◆**t like, or get tired of a particular style of music, just switch channels.

### **Playlists?**

**Blue** **◆** a mix of 70**◆**s and 80**◆**s dance hits and 80**◆**s and 90**◆**s alternative rock (eg Rick James, Devo)

**Red** **◆** hip hop and current dance hits (eg Kendrick Lamar, Shawn Mendes, Flo Rida)

**Green** **◆** classic rock and danceable country tunes (Bon Jovi, Mellencamp, Darius Rucker)

\*When is it? Saturday, August 21st from 7-10pm

\*Indoor/OUTDOOR: new for this event, an outdoor dancing area will be available!!

\*Price? \$20 in advance or at the door

\*Age? 21+, Cash Bar? YES! Crowd Size? Attendance is limited to the first 150 people, because there are 150 headphones!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/485661262731465/>

Sound like an interesting fundraiser? Questions??? contact  
Rotarian Jeff Main: 812-360-6934 or [jmain@rwbaird.com](mailto:jmain@rwbaird.com)

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### ***TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK***

by DG Kirk Bouchie

Although I currently hold the title of Rotary International District Governor for 6580 and am charged with the overall leadership of our district, it truly takes a strong team, working together, to make District 6580 successful, year after year. When I was asked to consider serving in the DG role, my first thought was about the strong team concept we have in our district. My feelings on that have only grown in these past few years of preparing to be your DG. I believe our district is strong due to the continuity of leadership from year to year, not only the immediate governor line, but the continued involvement of and counsel from our past district governors. Many of our PDGs have served the district well before and after their year as district governor, and I thank them for that. Likewise we have several assistant governors and committee chairs that have served multiple years of service to the district, while still be very active in their home Rotary clubs. The following is a list of our current district leadership team and their area of responsibilities. Please contact any of us at any time if we can assist your club. Also, if you have a particular interest in getting involved in leadership at the district level please contact me.

**Here is the best leadership team in Rotary:**

**District 6580 Leadership Team 21-22**

District Governor Kirk Bouchie

District Governor Elect Lance Eberle

District Governor Nominee Shanon O♦Toole

Vice Governor: Laura Carie

**Assistant Governors:**

**Area 1: Kim Ingalsbe** (Brazil, Sullivan, Terre Haute, Terre Haute South)

**Area 2: Charles Miller** (Franklin, Greenwood, Greenwood/White River Martinsville)

**Area 3: Shanon O♦Toole** (Jasper, Vincennes, Washington, Young Leaders of Vincennes)

**Area 4: Sara Laughlin** (Bedford, Bloomfield, Bloomington, Bloomington North, Bloomington Sunrise, Indiana University Rotaract)

**Area 5: Lucretia Ulery** (Brown County, Columbus, Columbus Sunrise, Seymour)

**Area 6: Mandy Lohrum** (Batesville, Greensburg, Madison, North Vernon)

**Area 7: Pepper Mulherin** (Evansville, Evansville Morning, Evansville@Night, Evansville Rotaract, Warrick County)

**Area 8: Scott Peyton** (Clarksville, Corydon, Indiana University Southeast Rotaract, Jeffersonville, New Albany, Salem)

District Chairs:

**Foundation Team:**

Foundation Chair: Jessika Hane

Annual Fund: Peggy Peter

District Grants: Bettye Dunham

Global Grants: Bob Browning

Global Scholar: Jim Bright

Paul Harris Society: Mandy Lohrum

Polio Plus: Jim Gislason

Membership: Bryan Hane

Secretary: Randy Wheeler

Treasurer: Matthew Lindsey

Finance: Sue Wright

Visioning: Joe Hagedorn

Public Relations: Chad Dimmitt

Photographer: Steve LaRoche

**Youth Services:**

RYLA: Loren Snyder

***The following positions are currently OPEN. If you know of someone that might be interested please contact Governor Kirk:***

Youth Exchange Chair:

Inbound Coord.

Outbound Coord.

Rotaract Coord.

Interact Coord.

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## **Get INSPIRED through 2021 Virtual Summer Leadership Seminars**



All sessions will be recorded and posted to the webpage below.

Each session is 90 minutes in length

See Below for Dates and Topics

<https://www.rizones30-31.org/events/virtual-summer-leadership-seminars/>

### **TOPICS:**

View recordings for the following two topics:

#### **Silver linings: New Opportunities for Doing Rotary:**

Projects, fundraisers, and new meeting formats that Rotarians developed during the pandemic that can be used in the future to expand our reach and increase our impact.

- ◆ Project and Fundraiser ideas
- ◆ Leveraging virtual & in person formats to enhance engagement
- ◆ Enhancing community reach

#### **Sharing Miracles:**

How sharing the stories of the impact of our projects in a media campaign can foster both giving to the foundation and attracting new members to expand our reach.

- ◆ Identifying partnerships
- ◆ Expanding community projects
- ◆ Leveraging media

REGISTER (or view recordings after event)

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 6:00 PM CT/7:00 PM ET (90 minutes)

**Enhancing Member◆s Experience:**

Creating experiences and fostering environments in which members and prospective members feel welcomed and engaged to enhance participant engagement.

- ◆ Valuing members
- ◆ Impact of mentoring
- ◆ Creating pride of membership

Saturday, August 7, 2021 9:00 AM CT/10:00 AM ET (90 minutes)

**Innovative New Club Fair:** A networking opportunity to share district and club successes of innovative new club models to expand our reach and enhance participant engagement.

- ◆ Successful clubs using Innovative club models
- ◆ Integrating Foundation and Public Image teams to grow Rotary
- ◆ Innovation in action

After you sign up for a session you will receive the Zoom link for that session.

Each session limited to 300 attendees.

Recording of each session will be posted at the link above.

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**GREENSBURG ROTARY CLUB'S  
"SERVICE ABOVE SELF" AWARD**

The second of three essay contest winners: Jaxon Kramer



### Service Above Self

My name is Jaxson Kramer. It was the summer before my junior year. I went on a mission trip to Tohatchi, New Mexico. I worked on a Navajo reservation about 10 days. I befriended the caretaker there, a Navajo Indian, Luther, who taught me many things about their culture and taught me many things about the land. I was able to give back by helping him do tasks that he was incapable of doing on his own. He was so grateful for my help that on my last night there, he and his wife taught my group how to make Fry Bread, which we all sat down to enjoy.

To truly show their appreciation, they came to me and presented me a handmade Navajo necklace, and seeing their gratitude made me feel overwhelmed and very happy to know how much help I really was to them, although I still feel that they gave more to me than what I was able to give back. He also gave me an arrowhead he had found on his property. I remember he told me about the spiritual meaning of an arrowhead, "Son, if you place this next to a photo of a loved one, it is an offering of protection." I also was a server at St. Mary's Catholic Church under Father John Meyer for 6 years. This helped me to grow in my faith and learn more about the church. Along with this, I work at my church's summer picnics in order to help the church to earn income for extra expenses that they may incur throughout the year. Starting with our COVID season, I volunteered to go in and help clean and sanitize the pews, doorknobs, handrails, and bathrooms between masses and after weddings.

Another thing I enjoy doing is shoveling the driveway and sidewalk for an elderly neighbor during the winter. He always



comes out to talk to me after I finish and I truly delight in talking to him. There is another neighbor whom I help to plant a garden for in the summer because she's unable to get down to plant them, and I happily take on that responsibility for her.

Another project that I took on last summer was cleaning and scrubbing the headstones of veterans in the local cemetery. I enjoyed this so much that I took on the challenge of scrubbing veterans' headstones in cemeteries all across the county.

Around the same time as this, I volunteered at the Historical Society filing and organizing obituaries.

During the holiday season, my mom got me involved in helping with the annual Christmas cheer fund. There I helped to sort food products that were donated by schools in the county. Then after that, we have to put them in boxes for less fortunate families.

After this task is complete, on Christmas Eve, I help my dad and brother distribute some of these boxes to the families that were picked for cheer fund.

The last thing on my list is volunteering at the Pork Producers booth at the Power ol' the Past during the summer. There, I help with serving food, preparing food, or doing whatever they need me to do. The money that we make with this booth goes for scholarships for Decatur County youth and people in need to help cover their medical expenses.

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## **2021 Ryder Cup for the Rotary Foundation was a SUCCESS!**

***Thank you to the Hole Sponsors and those that came  
to play!!***



by Bob Browning, Greenwood White River Club

**{NOTE: BIG THANKS to Bob Browning for ALL his hard  
work in organizing and putting on this event!!}**

The 2021 District 6580 vs District 6560 Ryder Cup Golf event was held on June 3 at the Hickory Stick Golf Club in Greenwood Indiana. While it was intended to be an inter district competition, due to a low turnout from District 6560 the payers were pooled and then divided into a Blue team and a Gold team for the competition.

District 6580 had 28 participants representing the clubs of Columbus, Columbus Sunrise, Evansville, Franklin, Greenwood White River, New Albany, and Terre Haute.

A special thanks to the Hickory Stick Golf Club for allowing us to host the event and a big thanks to our hole sponsors:

\$100 Donald Harvey of the Rotary Club of Columbus

\$250 Tim Lee from District 6560

Jim Bright of the Bloomington Rotary

Eberle Insurance Services

Franklin Insurance agency

The Rotary Club of Evansville

Loren Snyder of the Bloomington Rotary Club

Jack Rubush of the Greenwood White River Rotary Club

Bob Browning of the Greenwood White River Rotary Club

Thanks to these sponsors and the golf fees collected the event generated \$3,542 for The Rotary Foundation split \$775 to District 6560 and **\$2,767 to District 6580**. The hole sponsors donations were allocated to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation in the name of the donors and the net of the golf entry fees less the cost of the golf and meal was allocated to the Annual Fund for each participant.

There are hopes of keeping the momentum of the event with a return match with District 6560 in 2022!!

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**What♠s Coming up on the 21-22 District Calendar???**  
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### **August**

14th and 21st: Rotary Leadership Institute I, II, and III (hosted by District 6740) via ZOOM, 8:00 to 11:30 with check in at 7:45.

## **September**

## **October**

9<sup>th</sup>: **Virtual** District Assembly: 10 - 1 (Details to follow)

30<sup>th</sup>: Fall Leadership Meeting

30<sup>th</sup>: RYLA

## **November**

9<sup>th</sup>: Global Grants Training (tentative at this time)

18<sup>th</sup>: District Grant Training (tentative at this time)

19<sup>th</sup>: Foundation event: In-Person in Bloomington. (Details to follow).

## **December**

## **January**

20<sup>th</sup>: District Grant Training (tentative at this time)

## **February**

25<sup>th</sup>: Foundation event (tentative; virtual or in person)

## **March**

18-20<sup>th</sup>: PETS: President Elect Training Seminar  
District Speech Contest

31<sup>st</sup>: District grant reports (21-22) due

## **April**

9<sup>th</sup>: District Conference

## **May**

1<sup>st</sup>: District Grants 22-23 Due

## **June**

Changeover

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