

# Rotary



## District 6580

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## November is Foundation Month in the Rotary World!!

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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 November message:



Governor



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District  
Secretary



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O'Toole  
DGN



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



Greetings! I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Halloween weekend. Great work is happening throughout our district as clubs are executing their district grant projects and working so hard on many humanitarian assistance efforts in our communities. Thank you to all of you that are Serving To Change Lives in your communities.

November is Rotary Foundation month. Please take some time this month to read about our foundation on Rotary.org. Thanks to all D6580 Rotarians that contribute in any amount to our foundation. Thanks to all of our Rotarians and clubs that made special efforts in October in honor of World Polio Day on October 24th. (We are really 💎just this close💎!!)

Speaking of our Rotary Foundation, our district 6580 leadership team, led by our own immediate PDG, Jessika Hane, District Foundation Chair and our foundation committee is putting the final touches on our first in person foundation event on November 19th in Bloomington. Please see info in this newsletter and get registered as all D6580 Rotarians are invited to this exciting and informative event. I promise you won't be disappointed!

As a youngster growing up in Vincennes, Indiana, I remember the month of November as that long period of time before Christmas break from school and my favorite holiday, Christmas. It seemed like November would never end. Well as I have matured I have gained a great deal of respect for November, (except raking leaves). On November 11 we honor our Veterans and thank them for their tremendous service in keeping us free to pursue happiness in the USA. Recently I witnessed a great, spontaneous honoring of a veteran. Busch Stadium, late September day game, an unnamed WWII veteran was shown on the jumbo screen in his WWII hat.

No introduction was made of the gentleman sitting in his seat. A spontaneous standing ovation from the 30,000 or so fans went on for several minutes and delayed the start of the next inning. What a scene!!

Also, this month we can give thanks for all we have and the great friends and relationships we have made through our membership in Rotary. Thanks to all of the club presidents that hosted my visits to your clubs in October. I am continually amazed at how special our clubs really are in their community. Please take time this month to enjoy friends and family, be thankful and of course stay safe.

Serving to change lives,

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

***THANK YOU to the clubs that hosted Governor Kirk in October!!  
Batesville, Sullivan, Franklin and Bloomington Sunrise  
(sorry, no pictures from Sullivan)***

***Batesville***



Left to right: Mandy Lohrum, Donald Mobley, Nikki Hutchinson, Judie Howard, Robert Howard, Kirk Bouchie, Tricia Miller

**Franklin**



l to r: Governor Kirk with Past President, Steve Brown and current President David Yount





l to r: Member Shanon Acton, Governor Kirk, and Past President Steve Brown  
*Bloomington Sunrise*



Sunrise & DG group picture after Kirk's presentation (we missed a few): Lon Stevens, Ron Thompson, Jessika Hane, Hillary Person, DG, Brian Beall, (guest) Lacey Lingelbach, David Henry, Julie Beasley, Carloyn & Terry Frey, (online/TV screen) Bob Jones



Sunrise presents Thank You gifts to DG for his visit: \$200 donation in his honor to RI Foundation, a baseball signed by our club members and a homemade St. Louis Cardinal wreath for his office door,.

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**Register Today For Nov. 19**  
**◆ Friends Of The Foundation ◆ Reception**



District 6580 Governor Kirk Bouchie invites you  
to an in-person Celebration!

# Friends of the Rotary Foundation

Join us for an evening of inspiration and  
celebration. This event is open to all!

RSVP to [bdunham@rauchinc.org](mailto:bdunham@rauchinc.org)



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Friday, November 19th

6:15pm EST

Bloomington, IN



INDIANA MEMORIAL UNION - UCLUB PRESIDENT'S ROOM  
HORS D'OEUVRES/CASH BAR

**Sign up today for the 6:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 Friends of the  
Foundation reception in the President's Room at the  
University Club in the IMU.**

**HOW DO I SIGN UP? Go to:**

<https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77561375>

If problems registering please contact Bettye Dunham at  
[bdunham@rauchinc.org](mailto:bdunham@rauchinc.org) or 602 609 1923.

Enjoy complimentary appetizers. Reconnect with old friends, and make  
new friends. Learn more about The Rotary Foundation.

**WHAT:** Friends of the Foundation Night reception  
Hors d'oeuvres (cash bar)

**WHEN:** 6:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19

**WHERE:** University Club, Indiana Memorial Union,  
900 E. 7th Street, Bloomington

First Floor across from the Whittenberger Auditorium

**PARKING:** Free parking in either lot near the Union.

Get your ticket stamped at the Rotary welcome desk

**WHO:** All southern Indiana Rotarians and spouses or guests (Capacity: 80)

### SPECIAL GUEST

Rotary International Director Elizabeth Usovicz of Zones 30-31 will be our special guest. Elizabeth, one of only 17 Rotary International Directors globally, is a member of the Kansas City (MO) Plaza Rotary Club. She is responsible for Rotary in 13 states, including all of Indiana.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Rotary Foundation Chair, Jessika Hane at  
jessikaphane@gmail.com or 812 345 2256

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## Polio Survivor Presents Positive Perspective on Life After Polio



From the Rotary Club of Greensburg newsletter

Greensburg Rotarians were treated to the smiles and humor of Robert ❖Robbie❖ Wilhelm, a survivor of childhood Polio, during this week❖s club meeting presentation via zoom. While acknowledging the tragic effects of the disease on his body and its historically deadly effects worldwide, Wilhelm both optimistically and surprisingly stated that Polio was ❖the best thing that happened in my life!❖

Wilhelm contracted the disease from contaminated drinking water while a toddler in a slum in India. Though he survived, he was left with severely malformed legs and had to resort to crawling to move about. His biological mother died shortly after childbirth and his biological father had to work constantly just for necessities, so Wilhelm was cared for by the community. Eventually, however, his father chose to put him up for adoption at a Catholic orphanage.



At four years old, Wilhelm was adopted by Gervaise Wilhelm of Minnesota, a 53-year-old who wanted to devote herself to raising children. This event forever changed his life as he suddenly had a family to love him, including two sisters his mother had previously adopted from Russia; access to regular, highquality healthcare; regular attendance at a Lutheran church to develop his faith; and the opportunity to go to school and participate in sports!

Access to quality healthcare allowed Wilhelm to regain mobility despite his damaged limbs.

Through three years of physical therapy, the use of leg braces, and constant encouragement from his mother, he was able to increase his leg strength 400%! Though he still could not run or bike, walking became a normal activity for him, and he was able to use scooters and a hand bike while playing.

Indeed, Wilhelm's physical development opened the way for him to actively engage in his passion for sports. He played baseball from ages 5 to 16 and played golf competitively through his high school team. When he was passed over for the varsity golf team, however, his sports passion took another turn - he began to participate in Wheelchair Basketball. Eventually he would help his team, the Courage Center Junior Rolling Timberwolves, achieve three consecutive National Wheelchair Basketball Association varsity titles. In 2009, at 18 years old, he was part of the American Wheelchair Basketball team that won the Gold Medal at the inaugural Australian Paralympic Youth Games in Melbourne, Australia.

Wilhelm concluded his presentation by pointing out that, had he not contracted Polio, he likely would have remained in the slums in India, poor and uneducated, and died young, as he developed appendicitis at 15 years old—a condition that would have been fatal for him with no access to healthcare. He isn't sure how Polio will affect his life going forward, but Wilhelm has chosen to view his deadly childhood ailment in a positive light - a promising pathway to a better life.

**Clubs in District 6580 Celebrate World Polio Awareness Day**



**The Vincennes Club** completed their polio Plus celebration today in grand style. Total cash to date is \$380. Last week we had a program about a Rotarian's family member with Polio. Today, more contributions to TRF and a presentation by two members of the South Knox Interact club of \$200 for Polio eradication. The caterer, Pea-Fections, prepared a desert with the Polio vaccination symbol, the index finger dipped in purple dye, held high by children as a sign they had been vaccinated.

On Thursday, 21 October, **Greensburg Rotary Club** members descended on the Branch with a mission: to spread the word about World Polio Day (Oct 24) and to give away purple-themed coffees representing the color of ink used to mark the finger of vaccine recipients worldwide. Eight Rotarians working in shifts provided numerous coffee shop patrons with the word that Polio is close to eradication and Rotary is leading the charge. They also gave away between 20 and 30 free coffees to grateful customers. As an added highlight to the event, Greensburg Mayor Joshua Marsh officially proclaimed 24 October 2021 as World Polio Day in Greensburg, and ***the Decatur County Commission lit the county courthouse clock in purple on 24 October***



The **New Albany Rotary Club** met for their 5:31 Social Club meeting at Monnik's and held a fundraiser called **Pints for Polio**. There were 19 members and guest in attendance and \$500 was raised for polio.



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**Rotary Club of Brown County Host Successful  
6th Annual a Taste of Art**



Rotarian Larry Hanson was a great Master of Ceremony

by Jaydene Laros, Brown County Rotary Club

To be COVID conscious, the Rotary Club of Brown County modified its annual fundraising event, **◆a Taste of Art◆** again! Last year◆s event ended up being an online auction, and the 2021 gala was conducted without the usual tastings of local beers, wines, distilled liquors, and heavy hors d◆oeuvres. However, the art enthusiasts that attended were in great spirits and came to browse and purchase art. Almost all the 28 artworks in the silent auction and the 50 pieces in the live fine art auction were purchased and found new homes. Artists and art collector contributors were generous as were individual and corporate sponsors of the event. Proceeds from the event help the club to fund youth development activities as well as other charitable local and international projects. A subcommittee of club members worked about a year preparing for the auction (which was postponed twice) and are quite happy with the results. Thank you to Rotarians from District 6580 who attended and/or supported the event.





Rotarians Alex Miller with baby Ruby June (far left) and Maddison Miller (far right) socialize with friends at a Taste of Art.



Co-president Mike Laros is art procurer and display manager.



Co-president Tim Kelley and Past District Governor Jim Bright share a mask-less moment.

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**Rotary Foundation Matching Points Campaign:  
NOW through end of December!**



by Jessika Hane, District Foundation Chair

November is Rotary Foundation Month and to kick it off in style- we are announcing a 40,000 Matching Points Campaign. Woo Hoo!

From now through December 31, 2021 your personal contribution of \$100-\$1000 to the Rotary Foundation (Annual Fund and/or Polio Plus Fund) will be matched with Foundation Recognition Points.

Foundation Recognition Points can be used for your own Paul Harris Fellow Recognition (at the first level or as a multiple PHF) or to honor someone else with a Paul Harris Fellow.

For example: if you give \$500 to the Rotary Foundation- we will match your gift with 500 recognition points, making you a Paul Harris Fellow. If you give \$100- we will match with 100 points. If you give \$250- we will match with 250 points. It's easy!

How to participate:

Give to the Rotary Foundation during the campaign. Visit [myrotary.org/donate](https://myrotary.org/donate) or speak to your club's Foundation Chair. Reach out to District Foundation Chair, Jessika Hane ([jessika@hane.com](mailto:jessika@hane.com)) to tell her about your gift so that she can make the match. You can also email Jessika with any questions about the campaign.

**A limited amount of points are available, don't delay-give today!**

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**2022 Rotary International Convention: Registration Now Open!**



by Shanon O'Toole, DGN, Vincennes Rotary Club

Registration is now open for the 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston, Texas. Join us next year to explore what's possible in Rotary, in Houston, and in yourself.

Whether you're new to Rotary or a longtime member, it will be an unforgettable experience. Learn more at <https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston>

Don't miss your chance to Discover New Horizons at the 2022 Rotary International Convention! We encourage all District 6580 Rotarians to consider attending the RI Convention. It is held in the US each 3 years. The annual Rotary International Convention brings together tens of thousands of Rotarians from all over the world. Members who attend are changed forever by the sense of purpose and belonging in the world's largest movement for humanity's peace and prosperity. We encourage every Rotarian to attend an International Convention, and our bet is that your first convention won't be your last! Not only will you be deeply inspired by the great work Rotary clubs are doing all over the world, but you'll also enjoy:

- ◆ Keynote presentations from remarkable people - heads of state, royalty, celebrities, multinational corporate and non-governmental CEOs, and thought leaders routinely headline each day of the convention.
- ◆ Breakout sessions each day on a wide variety of topics to help you maximize your impact as a Rotarian.
- ◆ The House of Friendship where you can learn about service projects, Rotary Fellowships, Rotarian Action Groups, and buy the latest Rotary apparel and accessories.
- ◆ Cultural celebrations put on by the convention's host country.
- ◆ Professionally run tours and evening events hosted by local Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians.
- ◆ The common bonds of Rotary that will instantly connect you with thousands of new friends and open up new opportunities for personal growth and experience.

What a fabulous opportunity to experience the RI Convention relatively close to home! Enjoy Texas Hospitality this June!! Register now at <https://convention.rotary.org/en/houston> .

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**District 6580 joins with all 32 Districts in Zones 30 and 31  
to Support Global Grant Project in India  
in Memory of  
District Governor Mark Anderson from 6820.**



by Kirk Bouchie, DG

On September 3, 2021, District 6820 Governor Mark Anderson passed away in his hometown of Brookhaven, MS. District 6820 is located in central Mississippi and includes the cities of Jackson, Meridian, Starkville and Natchez, just to name a few. Mark was a dedicated Rotarian and accomplished leader. Our governor class has only met once in person in Ft Wayne in 2019. We all met Mark then. Mark was a thoughtful member of the 2021/2022 District Governor class. He is certainly missed by his fellow District 6820 Rotarians and all of us in the Heart Of America Zones. In Mark's honor 100% of our Zone 30 and 31 districts are participating in the Mark Anderson Memorial Global Grant as described below. Mark would be very proud of this memorial honor.

#### Global Grant Project:

Rotary in India has joined hand with the Government of India under its Clean India Initiative and under the leadership of our now President Shekhar Mehta an MOU was signed that Rotary would build 100,000 Toilets in Government Schools. Some of these toilets are being built in Gender Sensitive Schools.





The cost of each latrine will be US\$300 and will include a soft pit, water tank, tiles upto 4 feet, hand hashing basin etc with an Indian style toilet. This grant will also ensure that the students remain corona virus free and help break its circulation as they will no longer go for open defecation as most women go in a group for safety. We will also be having a detailed program for talks on hand washing and personal hygiene and menstrual management talks to the women of the family. All this will has been built in the grant application.

The cost of building a toilet block in schools: This would be US\$ 6500 for each block. We would like to build these in up to 12 additional Gender Specific or Co-Education schools. The value of the grant would be US\$78,000. Each school will have approximately 500 to a 1000 girls students. Wlth your support we will help nearly 7500 girl students to continue their studies with dignity. Our project does not only involve building toilet blocks but also to impart education in schools on hand washing, sanitary and menstrual management education. Each toilet block will have 5 cubicles with tiles upto 4 feet and an Indian toilet seat. There will be a hand washing station for 5 persons. A water well will ensure regular supply with a submersible pump.

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**Franklin Community High School Interact Club  
and the Franklin Rotary Club Establish  
Middle School Interact Club**



**The middle school cafeteria is full for the organizational meeting.**

by Bea Northcott, Franklin Rotary Club

Members of the Franklin Community High School Interact Club and the Franklin Rotary Club had been wanting to establish a middle school club for a few years. That goal was finally reached in early October when more than 40 seventh and eighth graders gathered to form the Franklin Community Middle School Interact Club. Eager to continue the momentum, they met a week later (before Fall Break) to elect officers. At their third meeting, they proposed a fund raiser for Breast Cancer Awareness which was held the following week.

Certification paperwork has been filed to charter the new club. The Club meets every other Wednesday after school. Members of the High School Club's Youth Committee attend Middle School Club meetings to mentor the younger students, providing guidance while allowing them to run their own club. Greg Moore, Franklin Rotary member, serves as the club's sponsor.



High School Interactors introduce themselves to the middle schoolers.



First Service Project flyer.

## Seeking applications for 2024-2025 District Governor



by Jessika Hane, iPDG

The application period is open for our 2024-2025 District Governor! The district nominating committee has the honor of selecting a candidate as the 2024-2025 District Governor. The selected candidate will be busy learning about the 34 clubs in our district, getting acquainted with the leadership teams, and attending training over the next 3 years.

Rotary International Bylaws outline the following qualifications for a District Governor:

Qualifications of a Governor-nominee:

- (a) be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district
- (b) have served as club president for a full term or as charter president for at least six months
- (c) demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability to fulfill the duties and

responsibilities of a governor (see RI Bylaws for full details)  
(d) demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the bylaws  
(e) submit to RI a statement that the Rotarian understands those qualifications, duties, and responsibilities, is qualified for the office of governor, and is willing and able to assume and faithfully perform those duties and responsibilities

Qualifications of a Governor: must have attended the International Assembly for its full duration, have been a Rotarian for at least seven years, and continue to possess the qualifications in section 16.010 of RI bylaws.

If you've ever thought about applying to be a District Governor- now is the time. The nominating committee (a group of past District Governors and the current Governor-line) would be happy to answer any questions that you might have about the duties and responsibilities. Qualified, interested candidates should submit their name to the Nominating Committee Chair- Jessika Hane via email no later than Dec 31, 2021. Interviews are planned for February 2022. Candidates will be notified of the interview details in January.

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### **Rotary at the Start of the United Nations**



from Rotary History articles:

Rotary and the United Nations have a shared history of working toward peace and addressing humanitarian issues around the world.

Rotary's presentation of the United Nations charter, "From Here On!"





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"From Here On!"

During World War II, Rotary informed and educated members about the formation of the United Nations and the importance of planning for peace. Materials such as the booklet **From Here On!** and articles in *The Rotarian* helped members understand the UN before it was formally established and follow its work after its charter.

Many countries were fighting the war when the term **United Nations** was first used officially in the 1942 **Declaration by United Nations**. The 26 nations that signed it pledged to uphold the ideals, expressed by the United States and the United Kingdom the previous year, of the common principles on which they based their hopes for a better future for the world.

Officials from Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and the United States met in Moscow in 1943 and called for the creation of an international organization to maintain peace and security.

The next year, representatives of those countries plus China held conferences in Washington, D.C., to discuss how to go about this monumental task. Those sessions became known as the Dumbarton Oaks conference, where delegations from the four countries developed a proposal for the structure of the new organization.

After the conference, Rotary published **What Can Rotarians Do Following Dumbarton Oaks?** It included the proposed charter, talking points, and suggestions for discussing with club members how the United Nations would relate to Rotary's goal of advancing international understanding. It also emphasized the importance of having a plan ready for when the war ended, rather than waiting until the fighting stopped.

After World War I, proposals for international cooperation failed because of lack of enlightened public opinion to support them, it explained. Discussions among members will help to create an informed public opinion.

From April to June 1945, delegations from 50 nations attended the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco (often known as the San Francisco conference). Their task was to write a charter acceptable to all of them. The delegations were assisted in this historic effort by a large number of staff, advisers, and consultants.

Rotary International was one of 42 organizations the United States invited to serve as consultants to its delegation at the San Francisco conference. Each organization had seats for three representatives, so Rotary International's 11 representatives served in rotation. The people officially representing Rotary included the general secretary, the editor of The Rotarian, and several past presidents. Other Rotarians from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North and South America served as members of their own nations' delegations. Rotarians also served as consultants to their national delegations.

Throughout the rest of 1945, The Rotarian and other publications kept Rotary members informed about issues and developments related to the new organization. Editorials and articles clarified issues, provided additional insights and talking points, and updated readers on what was happening and the people involved:

After the UN was established, the 95-page booklet *From Here On!* contained the exact text of the UN Charter on one side of every two-page spread with annotations and questions designed to stimulate discussion on the other. With this layout, Rotarians could use it to learn and lead club discussions.

The Charter, it explained, would be effective only if free citizens worldwide were determined to give it vitality. The Rotarian faithfully following these pages, the booklet said, will find himself treading the path to service.

Today, **Rotary holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council**, which oversees many specialized UN agencies. The Rotary Representative Network maintains and furthers its relationship with several

UN bodies, programs, commissions, and agencies. This network consists of Rotary International representatives to the United Nations and other organizations.

**Rotary Day at the United Nations each year** celebrates the organizations' shared vision for peace and highlights the critical humanitarian activities that Rotary and the United Nations lead around the world.

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**First of two Virtual District Grant Trainings moved to November 30th , 2021 at 5:00 pm EDT**



by Bettye Dunham District Grants Chair

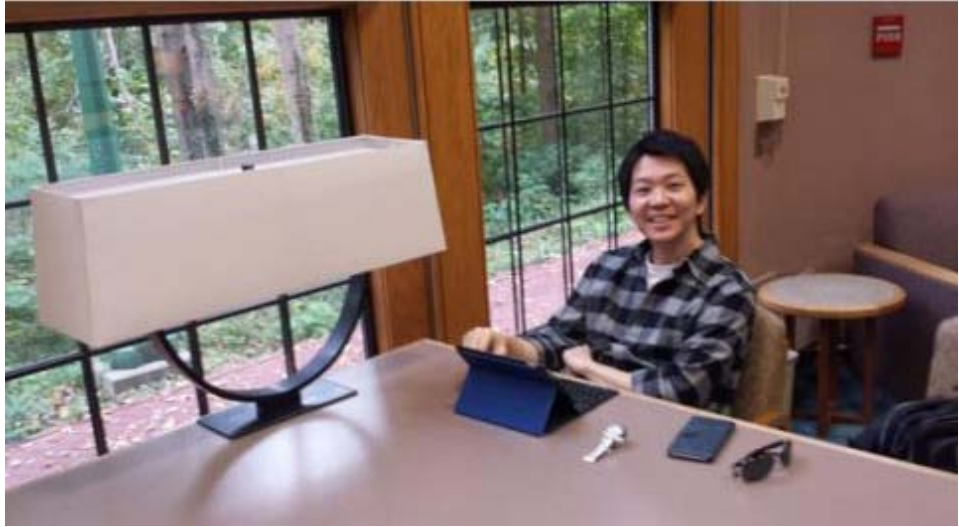
The first of two District Grant Trainings will take place on November 30th , 2021 via zoom. The second training will take place on January 20th,, 2022. For a club to be eligible to apply for a district grant, due on May 1st, 2022, two members of the club must attend one of the two sessions. (Note: both sessions will cover the same information.) The link for registration follows: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.cfm?EventID=77563713>

For the 22-23 District grant year **\$39,240** is available to be awarded. The amount available is determined by donations made to The Rotary Foundation by members in District 6580 three years prior. Of the amount contributed, 50% is returned to the district and half of this is available for district grants. The parameters for the grants will be the same as last year with \$250 minimum and \$3000 maximum. All forms and evaluation criteria will be available at [rotary6580.org](http://rotary6580.org) under the Foundation tab. District grants can be for local or international projects.

If you have any questions regarding the district grants or the training please contact Bettye Dunham, District Grants Chair at [bdunham@rauchinc.org](mailto:bdunham@rauchinc.org) or 502 609 1923.

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## Global Scholar Kaz Fukuda of District 2590 Receives Honors for Work in Bloomington



 by Jim Bright, District Global Scholar Chair, Bloomington Rotary Club

**Inbound 2016-17 Rotary Global Grant Scholar Kaz Fukuda of District 2590 (Yokohama, Japan) continues to receive honors for his work at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in Bloomington.**

**Most recently, Kaz has accepted an offer to publish his work on human rights in the Northwestern Journal of Human Rights. In addition, he has been nominated for the prestigious IU Wells Graduate Fellowship by the Maurer School of Law. Only one IU Ph.D. candidate will receive this award throughout the entire IU system.**

**Kaz began work on his Ph.D. at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2016-17, and Bloomington Rotary serves as his host club.**

**Kaz, who studied previously at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and at Purdue, is the first and only Japanese student in the Ph.D. program at the IU Maurer School of Law.**

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***First District Conference in three years  
set for Saturday, April 9 on the IU campus***





by Jim Bright, District Conference Committee

Mark your calendar, and plan to join us at the Saturday, April 9, 2022 Rotary District Conference at the Indiana University Memorial Union in Bloomington.

Because of COVID, the 2022 conference will be our first conference since 2019 in Indianapolis, and we will celebrate our clubs ♦ and our district ♦s accomplishments during the past three years.

Also, the conference will give us an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and to make new friends.

Registration fee: \$99 per person includes refreshments, lunch and dinner. By popular demand, we ♦re going with:

♦ A one-day conference at the Indiana Memorial Union, 900 E. 7th Street, Bloomington

♦ \$99 registration fee (before March 27)

♦ More opportunities to meet other Rotarians ♦ and to share best practices

♦ Spotlight on our amazing Youth Service, Rotary Foundation, community service and international programs

♦ Service project

♦ Entertainment and more

This will be our first district conference in Bloomington since 2016.

Registration link will be forwarded soon!

For more info, contact Conference Chair Joe Hagedorn at [jhagedorn6580@gmail.com](mailto:jhagedorn6580@gmail.com) or (502) 727-7182.

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**Jeffersonville Rotary Club & New Albany Rotary Club  
help raise over \$15,000 in  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana fundraising challenge**



**Left to right: Travis Schneider; Emily Carter-Essex, CDO at Big Brothers Big Sisters; Michael Kolodziej, Jeffersonville President; Suzanna Jacobson, New Albany Board; Marcus Edwards, Jeffersonville Board; Dan Farmer; Angie Fenton, Extol Media & Advisory Councilmember for Big Brothers Big Sisters; Matt Millies, New Albany Secretary & current Big Brother; Liz Martino; Andrew Atchison, New Albany President Elect; Steve Kiger, New Albany President; Jim Keith; State Rep Dr. Rita Fleming; Dave Coulter, New Albany Treasurer; Mac McClure**

by Michael Kolodziej, President, Jeffersonville Rotary Club and Development Manager at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana

This fall, the Jeffersonville Rotary Club and the New Albany Rotary Club held a friendly competition to see which club could raise the most money to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana and the losing club's president agreed to take a pie to the face!

Rotarians from both clubs as well as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana staff went on Extol Live to announce the total raised and the winner as well as do the ceremonial pie in the face. After a special match from a local foundation, both clubs combined to raise over \$15,000!

The winner was Jeffersonville Rotary Club which meant New Albany Rotary Club's President, Steve Kiger graciously took a pie to the face on camera! Thank you, Steve, for being a good sport! You can watch the Rotary Club segment from Extol Live at the following link.

<https://tinyurl.com/RotaryClubChallenge>

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kentuckiana's mission is to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. All money raised will support youth in Southern Indiana.

Thank you to all of my fellow Rotarians for making this a successful challenge and amazing event. I've already heard a few members say they're ready for next year!



Steve Kiger, New Albany Rotary Club President, gets a 'pie in the face'!

## What's Coming up on the 21-22 District Calendar????



### **November**

19<sup>th</sup>: Foundation event: In-Person in Bloomington. Details in article above.

30<sup>th</sup>: District Grant Training

### **December**

### **January**

20<sup>th</sup>: District Grant Training

### **February**

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

Global Grants Training (specifics to be announced)

### **March**

1st: District Speech Contest: Video Recordings due  
18-20<sup>th</sup>: PETS: President Elect Training Seminar  
31<sup>st</sup>: District grant reports (21-22) due (Final or interim)

### **April**

9th: District Conference in Bloomington at the IU Memorial Union

### **May**

1st: District Grants 22-23 Due

### **June**

Changeover (to be announced)

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