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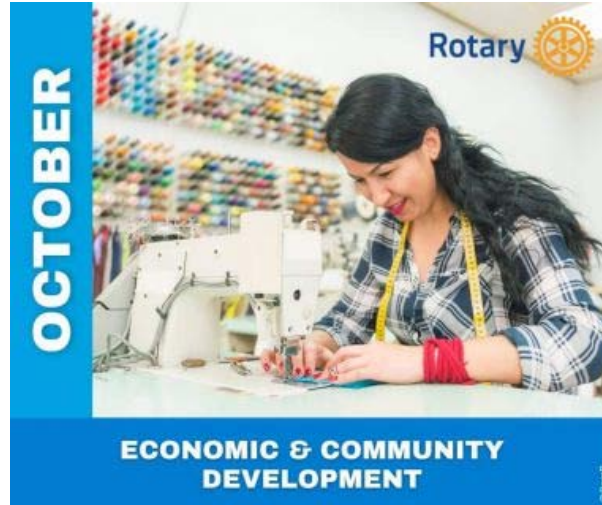
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in the Rotary World!!!



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Do you know any stories of Rotary's work in your community to share in this newsletter?
Please contact Bettye Dunham bdunham@rauchinc.org.

District Governor Shanon's October Message



I do my best reflecting sitting on my front porch swing. Tonight, the full harvest moon is glowing bright, as are the lights at the new Washington Hatchet Hallow stadium just a few blocks from my home. I can hear the announcers and the fans at the football game. The crowd is loud, hopeful, proud, cheerful, encouraging, and engaged. It's exciting and GLOWING! People are indeed attracted to things that glow!

My September has been filled with amazing club visits, Rotary friends, Rotary activities, enthusiasm, and brilliance. We are embracing the theme, CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD and are PEOPLE OF ACTION! I feel the greatest vibration of positive energy during Rotary meetings and am very fortunate to get to surround myself with passionate people! It's contagious and heartfelt.

I experienced 8 more club visits. Every single visit was amazing! Every single club glows and shines bright with passion! Each club Creates Hope in the World. It's fun to learn more about each community service project, social, and grant that is going on in southern Indiana.

We had our first in-person Rotary District Assembly in several years. It was a great success. Our District Rotarians showed up, learned a lot, and had a fantastic time getting to know each other! Beyond the training we had Melissa Stone as our keynote speaker. She delivered the most important message of "Rest, Restoration, and Rotary." It was amazing to feel the energy in a room full of passionate people! I would like to reinforce this message....we must take care of ourselves and our members!

Our Governor Line also got to "Feel the Beat" in Memphis for our Zone Training Assembly. Zone Institute is where I discovered my WHY on pursuing District Leadership. It's an opportunity to learn about amazing opportunities in Rotary. We focused on membership, foundation, and mental health. We also talked a lot about developing new leaders in our clubs and in our districts. We also discussed the importance that each Rotarian feels the sense of belonging in their Rotary Clubs and District.

October will be just as exciting! "October: Economic and Community Development Month
Nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day. Rotary members are passionate about providing sustainable solutions to poverty. Rotary members and Rotary's foundation work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities. Rotary provides training and access to well-paying jobs and financial management institutions. ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN. Rotary creates opportunities to help individuals and communities thrive financially and socially. ROTARY IMPACTS LOCAL ECONOMIES Rotary members train people to become resources for their community, offering networking activities, advice on new business development and financial management training."

In October we celebrate World Polio Day on October 24th. **I hope to see each of you at Lark Ranch in Loogootee on October 22nd for our District Family Pumpkins for Polio event.** I encourage you each to look up larkranch.com to see all of the fun activities at Lark Ranch. I'm also excited to see how individual clubs honor World Polio Day.

It's also time for RYLA. RYLA is life-changing for the participants. You still have time to register more students.

Remember people are attracted to things that glow! Lets glow together, grow together, and make a lasting impact through Rotary!

Sincerely,

Shanon O'Toole
Rotary International
District Governor 6580 23-24
513 N. Meridian St.

Scenes from DG Shanon's September Club Visits

Bloomington Sunrise



Dubois County



***l to r: AG Kari Akin, President Dan Collignon and DG Shanon
Brown County***



DG Shanon gets a gift of Brown County apple butter from President Mike Heil.

Columbus Sunrise



Bloomington Sunrise members and guests



President Julie Beasley presented DG Shanon with a check for the Rotary Foundation!

Evansville Rotaract: Sorry no pictures available.

Bedford



President Tracy Bailey displays Bedford's new flag.



DG Shanon with long-time Bedford member, Jim Cessna.



There are still spots available and time to get students registered for this life-changing experience.

Please contact Loren Snyder:...*now*: LASnyder@rwbaird.com or cell phone (317)-407-1837 or visit the District website ASAP for further information.”

Go to the district website at Rotary6580.org and click on Youth Services to find this and other forms for RYLA. (Note: Children/grandchildren of Rotarians are eligible.)

RYLA dates:

Friday October 20– Sunday, October 22, 2023

Operated by Indiana University at Bradford Woods, Morgan County

What is RYLA? –2023 ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

RYLA is a Rotary-sponsored youth leadership training program for high school-age students. Each year, more than 9,000 young people are sponsored in RYLA programs by Rotary clubs in over 25 countries.

The RYLA program takes full advantage of the beautiful wooded setting. Under the guidance of trained facilitators at Bradford Woods, RYLA participants gain valuable leadership skills through a variety of adventurous "learn by doing" opportunities.

RYLA participants sleep in cabins and spend most of their day in the outdoor setting. Daily activities are a part of the Bradford Woods Outdoor Challenge Education Program. Some of the activities are only inches from the ground while others are a bit more daring. All require the participants to take a risk, give 100% and be a supportive member of a team. All RYLA students grow in self-confidence, gain insights into positive group behaviors and interactions, develop leadership skills, make a lot of new friends, and have a lot of fun in the process.

PUMPKINS FOR POLIO AT LARK RANCH!



CELEBRATE WORLD POLIO DAY with US!!!!

Come to Loogootee!!
October 22nd, between 11 and 2

Your family will have a blast!!!



Rides, pumpkins, food, tractorsand more!



Check it out!! larkranch.com



October 22, 2023 All Rotarians and families from District 6580 are invited to Lark Ranch in Loogootee for a family fun Pumpkins for Polio fundraising event! Lark Ranch is **full of fun activities for everyone in your family**. Whether you're young or old, there is something exciting for everyone. **It's the Ultimate Fall Experience! I personally love the real train rides, the 8-acre corn maze, the mechanical bull, amusement park rides, giant slide, apple cannons, pumpkin patch, and the tractor playground.** To see some other favorites go to <https://larkranch.com/rides>

Rotarians are invited **at no charge** on October 22nd. This is just 2 days before World Polio Day.

Our goal is to **HAVE FUN**, meet other Rotarians in a family-friendly atmosphere, and to **raise money and awareness for our Rotary End Polio Now campaign**. We will have a Rotary welcome tent inside the gates from 11-2 for you to check in and we will have an End Polio Now program around 2pm (follow the signage inside). There will be opportunities for you to join the Polio Plus Society, make donations in your name (checks preferred), and for us to collect End Polio Now donations from the public.



They have created the perfect atmosphere of fun and a foundation of giving. Please join us for our Rotary Day at Lark Ranch, Pumpkins for Polio.



24 October is World Polio Day!

from DG Shanon:

Since 1988, Rotary and its partners have reduced Polio cases by 99.9% and are on track to make it the second human disease to ever be eradicated. The last mile is always the toughest. As we head into October, let us come together as Rotarians to raise awareness of our polio eradication efforts and to take action for World Polio Day. Some ways to take action are as follows: **HOST** – organize a community event and invite the media and local officials to participate or create a fundraiser to collect donations for the PolioPlus Fund. **WRITE** - propose a story about World Polio Day and your club's contributions toward eradicating polio to your local media outlets or send a letter about the importance of ending polio to the features editor at your local media. **SHARE** - use the sample posts from the World Polio Day Toolkit on your social media pages and follow @EndPolioNow on Facebook and Twitter. Most importantly, do not forget to share how you're observing World Polio Day and register your club's participation at www.endpolio.org. Thank you for all your efforts in your communities and for imagining the possibilities of the change that we can make to transform our clubs and the world.

As World Polio Day approaches, we need your help to amplify our message about eradicating polio to protect the world's children from a devastating disease.

We have made tremendous progress since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched:

- * A 99.9% reduction in cases of illness caused by wild poliovirus
- * 3 billion children immunized
- * 125 countries where polio was endemic reduced to two — Afghanistan and Pakistan — with the virus contained in just a few districts and provinces

But even just one case still represents one child's life forever changed by polio. That's why Rotary members must remain tenacious and keep our promise: We won't stop until we know that no child will ever again experience the paralyzing effects of polio.

Let's use World Polio Day to advocate for the support we need to make history by eradicating polio. **Together, we end polio!**

Get involved

Take action this World Polio Day by hosting virtual and community events, creating fundraisers, and talking about the importance of polio eradication on social media.

Plan

If you haven't started planning your World Polio Day action, now is the time! Visit the World Polio Day Resources page for tips and tools your club can use to help achieve a polio-free world.

Get World Polio Day resources: <https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day-resources>

Register

Register your club's participation in World Polio Day to show how you're taking action to eradicate polio. The districts that have the highest percentage of registered clubs by 24 October will receive a special video message from RI President R. Gordon R. McNally.

Register your club's action: <https://www.endpolio.org/register-your-event>

The Rotary Club of Columbus 'Socializing and Serving for Hygiene'



Representing the Rotary Club of Columbus Dr. Mandy Wyant Chair of our Club's Community Service Team. She is delivering the 100 hygiene kits to Columbus Regional Health's Treatment and Support Center.

From left to right, this photo features Treatment & Support Center Staff Catelyn, Nikki, Jenn, and Practice Manager Amanda, Dr. Mandy Wyant Columbus Rotary, joined by Ben Caughey, Vice President of Medical Practice Operations (left), and Dr. Kevin Terrell, Medical Director (right).

by Bob Morrison, President Columbus Rotary Club

The Columbus Rotary Club held our latest Socialize and Serve Event hosted by our Club Community Project Chair Dr. Mandy Wyant on Friday September 15th. The Club gathered donations of tooth brushes, tooth paste, mouth wash, floss, razors, shaving cream, soap, cleansing wipes, shampoo, conditioner and body lotion. We then were able to put together 100 hygiene kits. These kits were then given to Columbus Regional Health's Treatment and Support Center for patients in need of these basic supplies. Our donation and kit assembly teams were made up of Rotarians, Family Members and the Wyant Family dog Bruno!

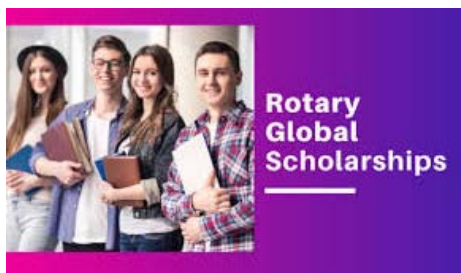


The completed kits are starting to pile up.



Our Mighty Kit Assembly Crew

Thank You to all the Rotarians that secured donations and assembled the kits! Special Thanks to Dr. Mandy Wyant for hosting the Socialize and Serve event, organizing the donations and providing refreshments and the amazing work space..



Districts offer \$40K through All-Indiana Rotary Global Scholarship

by Jim Bright, District 6580 Global Scholar Chair

The three Indiana Rotary districts are coming together to award \$40,000 to an outstanding graduate student in 2024-25 through the All-Indiana Global Grant Scholarship program.

With the three districts' support, the application process is open to students who have graduated – or will graduate by May 2024 – from a four-year Indiana college (or who maintain a legal residence in the state). Rotary family members aren't eligible.

Applicants must commit to pursuing graduate-level studies at a university outside North America in a program that aligns with one of Rotary's seven areas of focus. See www.rotaryglobalscholar.com for information.

Our 2024-25 All-Indiana Scholar will be an ambassador for Rotary and for the state of Indiana. During the two-plus years, the scholar will give dozens of talks to clubs and districts overseas and in Indiana. We're funding the \$40,000 global grant scholarship through \$8,000 in DDF (District Designated Funds) from each of the three districts with \$16,000 from The Rotary Foundation's World Fund.

TIMELINE

Dec. 22 (F) Deadline to apply
Jan. 5 (F) Select finalists
Jan. 20 (Sa) Interview finalists on Zoom
Committee selects/notifies nominee

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

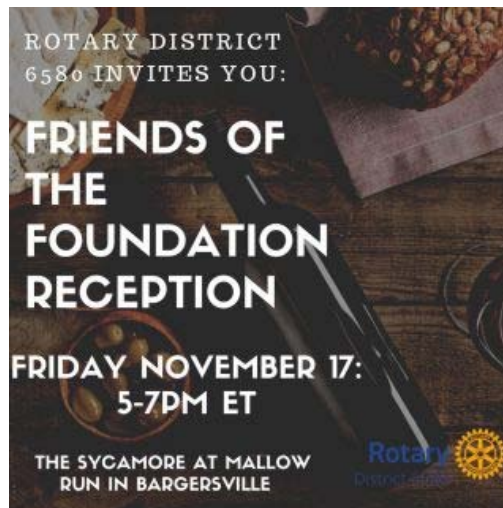
1. In coming weeks, students may contact you about completing the required "club endorsement form." You can find it at www.rotaryglobalscholar.com.
 2. Help us get the word out! Send graduating seniors the www.rotaryglobalscholar.com link.
 3. Notify college administrators and faculty members in your area and ask them to forward this information to graduating seniors and recent alumni.
- Questions? Email our scholarship committee at apply@rotaryglobalscholar.com. Or contact District Governor-Elect Mandy Lohrum at (812) 756-0934 or mandylohrum6580@gmail.com.

You Won't Want to Miss this Celebration!!



District Conference 2024
April 20th, 2024
Old National Event Plaza
Evansville, IN

The District Conference Committee is planning a great event!!
GET IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!!!
More information to follow.....



Let's create hope in the world! Join us for the Friends of the Foundation Reception
November 17th, 2023 – Sycamore at Mallow Run
7070 W. Whiteland Rd., Bagersville, IN
6 – 8 pm ET

RSVP by November 3rd to
<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77703603&NoCaptcha>



Rotary Club of Dubois County honors Sr. Rose Mary Rexing as 2023 ATHENA Award Recipient



Award recipient, Sr. Rose Mary Rexing with President Dan Collignon

by Deidra Church, Dubois County Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Dubois County celebrated its 11th annual ATHENA Leadership Award Banquet on Wednesday, September 13th at the Huntingburg Event Center in Huntingburg, Indiana, where Sr. Rose Mary Rexing, OSB, was named the 2023 Recipient of the ATHENA Leadership Award.

In addition to Sr. Rose Mary, four other ATHENA Award finalists were honored at the event, which celebrates female leaders of Dubois County: Annette Altmeyer, Dana Kunz, Dr. Kristi Nord, and Erin Rauscher.

“We are proud to host this event honoring the female leaders of Dubois County,” said Rotary Club of Dubois County ATHENA Event Chair, Manda Combs. “It was an extremely difficult decision for our committee to decide on a recipient this year. Sr. Rose Mary Rexing only agreed to be nominated if all the credit went to God, her family, her community, and the Sisters of St. Benedict. Her fifty years of ministry in following God’s call has led her to many different paths of leadership that I think we can all learn from.”

Sr. Rose Mary served as a math and chemistry teacher and head of an all-male science department at Forest Park High School. She continued her ministry to youth and “being present to each person in the moment” as a Pastoral Associate at St. Ferdinand Parish. Her next position as Vocations Director involved helping numerous young adult women to discern how God was calling them. This led her to involve her entire community in sharing their vocational endeavors with other religious communities from all over the world. This program caught the eye of both the Wall Street Journal and ABC Nightline. She was awarded the University of Notre Dame Exemplar Award and recognized for her outstanding contribution to vocation ministry by the National Religious Vocations Conference. As Director of Mission Advancement, she led the fundraising efforts to renovate the monastery Church, establishing a special relationship with Florence Henderson and helped start

a women's philanthropy group, Women of the Rule, which funds community projects. As Executive Director of Mission Integration at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, she started the Prayer and Presence Program, training volunteers to sit with the sick and dying, and also provided spiritual formation programs for the staff.

In addition to celebrating the five honorees, the 300 event attendees enjoyed a keynote presentation from Lori Sutton, MBA, CDE, CDR. She is the Chief Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Officer of American Water Works.

“Lori did a fantastic job sharing her wisdom on what it means to be your authentic self, which is one of the main attributes of our ATHENA honorees,” said Dan Collignon, Rotary Club of Dubois County President. “Her message was one that was a great reminder for attendees of all ages, but especially our young attendees. I believe they’ll remember her words of encouragement and wisdom for years to come.”

The Rotary Club of Dubois County would like to thank its 2023 ATHENA Awards Platinum Level Sponsors: Dentons Bingham Greenebaum, German American Bank, Kimball International, Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, and Old National Bank.

A portion of the proceeds from this event benefit the Rotary Club of Dubois County’s Community Grants program and to a local charity, as named by the ATHENA Award Recipient. This year, Sr. Rose Mary Rexing has chosen the charity, Women of the Rule. Women of the Rule is dedicated to making a difference in the world by supporting the mission and ministries of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana.

Nominations for the 2024 ATHENA Leadership Award will open soon, but community members are encouraged to start thinking now about who they believe deserves to be honored as a strong female leader of Dubois County.

Washington, Franklin and Bedford host Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Students



Pharita Thuniljinda, RYE inbound exchange student from Thailand hosted by the Bedford Rotary Club (far left), and Africa Ponce Rubio, RYE inbound exchange student from Spain hosted by the Franklin Rotary Club (third from left), enjoyed taking their training with inbounds from Districts 6560 and 6540 in Muncie on August 26, 2023.

by Rowena Cross-Najafi, Youth Exchange Chair

Three clubs in our district are currently hosting Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) students: Washington, Franklin and Bedford. Nearly everyone knows that being an exchange student can open doors to life-changing experiences and relationships that last a lifetime. What is less well-known is that hosting an exchange student is a wonderful experience for a Rotary Club and can give a club a sense of purpose and a greater understanding of the world outside of the local community.

If your club would like to host an international exchange student in academic year 2024-25, now is the time to start organizing and planning. Clubs will need to have a fully-vetted Youth Exchange Officer (YEO) in place before a student

is assigned. Clubs can expect to spend about \$100 a month for the student's stipend, plus school-related expenses. It is also wise to start talking to potential host families long before an inbound student is assigned to your club.

Please contact District RYE Chair Rowena Cross-Najafi at rcross11@msn.com for more information.



Call for Rotary District Governor 26 - 27 Nominations

by Lance Eberle, iPDG

It is with great enthusiasm and anticipation that we announce the call for nominations for the esteemed position of Rotary District Governor. This leadership role plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of our Rotary District and advancing the goals of Rotary International. We are seeking dedicated individuals who embody the spirit of "Service Above Self" and are ready to make a significant impact within the district.

Qualifications of a Governor-nominee

- Be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district
- Have served as club president for a full term or as charter present for at least six months
- Be a Rotarian for a minimum of 7 years by the time you reach the DG year
- Demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a governor
- Demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the bylaws
- Submit to RI a statement that the Rotarian understands those qualifications, duties, and responsibilities, is qualified for the office of governor, and is willing to assume and faithfully perform those duties and responsibilities.

If you or someone in your club, is a potential candidate, please get in touch with Lance Eberle at lance.district6580@gmail.com. **Nominations are due December 31, 2023.**

The nomination form can be found at

<https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6580/Club/3444/Rotary%20District%20Governor%20Nomination%20Form.pdf>

We encourage all members to consider nominating individuals who possess the leadership, dedication, and passion needed to guide our district toward greater achievements in the spirit of Rotary.

Let us join hands and continue our mission of making a positive impact in our communities of the world.



Heart of America Rotary Zones meet in Memphis to Prepare all future Rotary members and leaders

Rotary Zones 30 and 31 met in Memphis the week of September 18 – 24th. District leaders from 6580 attended, including PDG Laura Carie, DG Shanon O'Toole, DGE Mandy Lohrum and DGN Kari Akin.



PDG Laura Carie, DGE Mandy Lohrum, DG Shanon O'Toole, and DGN Kari Akin
 NOTE: Laura also holds several positions at the Zone level!

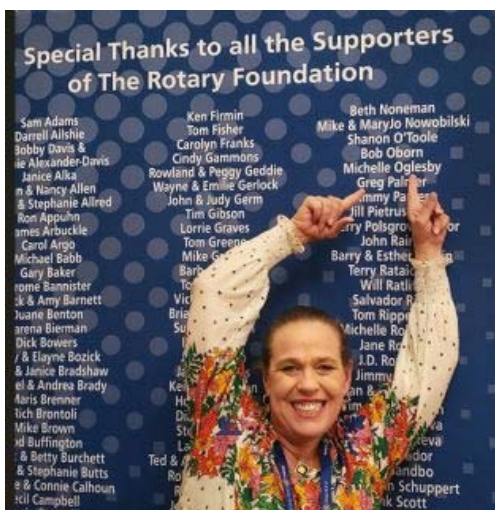
What IS the Heart of America Rotary Zone and what is its role?

A community of Rotarians in the Heart of America: Our paired Zoness (30 and 31) encompass 31 districts in 13 states. We have over 1450 Rotary clubs with a membership of over 63,000 Rotarians. We are Business Professionals and Community Leaders, engaged in Fellowship and Service Above Self activities within our communities both locally and around the world.

The Zone's purpose is to prepare future Rotary District Governor's as well as all members and future leaders of Rotary, to update current Rotary leaders on critical issues, and to share ideas and communicate critical information on Rotary's goals and impact.

It's an opportunity to learn about amazing opportunities in Rotary. We focused on membership, foundation, and mental health. We also talked a lot about developing new leaders in our clubs and in our districts. We also discussed the importance that each Rotarian feels the sense of belonging in their Rotary Clubs and District.

More scenes from the Zone Institute:





DGEs and DGNs from Indiana Zones 6540, 6560 and 6580



DG Shanon with RI President Gordon McInally



2024 District Speech Contest to be held virtually in early March

by Susan Adams, Speech Contest Coordinator

The 2024 district speech contest will be held virtually again in early March with judges representing each of the eight areas of the district. Clubs may submit one contestant each or they may opt to hold a local contest without sending their winner on to the district competition. More detailed information about this process can be found on the District website and will also be included in future newsletters.

The first deadline is November 15 when clubs inform the coordinator of their intent to participate. The next deadline is **February 15** when information about the student who will be competing is sent to the coordinator.

By November 15 please send the following to Susan Adams at adamsmusic@twc.com: Club name, president name, email and phone; and youth services chair, email and phone. Further information will then go directly to these people.

The topic for speeches this year is "Create Hope in the World", which can include the use of the Four-Way Test as a framework. Please write Susan with questions.

ShelterBox responds to earthquake relief efforts in Morocco -early-stage disaster information



from email from Shelterbox

A ShelterBox emergency assessment team is in Marrakesh finding out what support is needed following the earthquake, and if we are well placed to help. The team is assessing the damage as well as speaking with local people, authorities, organizations, and our Rotary network as we try to understand how many people are without adequate shelter.

We are in touch with Rotary in District D9010 and their District Governor. Our deployed team met with a local Rotary today in Marrakesh and with other local organizations that Rotary has helped connect our team with.

In these situations, coordination hubs are set up, so we'll be looking to base ourselves where the response is being coordinated. Often, it's not in the most affected areas but in a nearby town or city. Sharing and gathering information with organizations and people on the ground will help us understand more about what is needed now and in the coming days, weeks, and months.

The earthquake hit just after 11pm local time under the cover of darkness and most people would have been at home asleep. It's the strongest earthquake to be recorded in the region and was felt as far away as Portugal and Algeria. Buildings have been flattened or left unsafe for people to stay in. Homes and schools have been destroyed and people have lost homes and loved ones. There is uncertainty and panic, and people have little choice but to sleep in the open for fear of more powerful aftershocks that could collapse already weakened buildings.



Earthquakes are not common in North Africa, so there are more unknowns than usual. With large distances between mountain villages, access routes blocked with rubble, and communication networks affected, it will take time to fully understand the extent of the damage and shelter needs. We need to look carefully about what a response might look like and how we might get aid to where it is needed most if we do respond. We will look at all options if we decide a response is necessary, including sending tents, shelter kits, cash assistance, or solar lights.

A lot remains unknown at this stage, including humanitarian needs and response - especially shelter gaps, the number

of people displaced, how many buildings are damaged or destroyed, and the needs of affected people. We also need to receive Moroccan government permission to operate in country. Our assessment team is working hard to determine if, how and where we can respond.

The response is in the emergency search and rescue phase with people still trapped beneath the rubble. Powerful aftershocks are hampering rescue efforts, and the death toll is expected to keep rising. After the search and rescue operations comes the recovery effort, which is where organizations like ours come in. Through the search and rescue stage we learn a lot and that's why information sharing and gathering is important. We learn where the worst damage is and what kind of help is needed in those areas.

Although the weather is fair now, affected areas are at higher altitudes and temperatures will dip as winter approaches, which is likely to increase the humanitarian need in the region. Our aid items could be suitable - we use different types of shelter aid depending on the climate that are designed to be used for months not weeks, which is often what's needed.

How You Can Help:

It takes your support to keep our warehouse full and able to respond in Morocco and elsewhere when disaster strikes. Please donate online at www.ShelterBoxUSA.org or mail gifts to: ShelterBox USA P.O. Box 103299 Pasadena, CA 91189-3299



The District Training Assembly was a **SUCCESS in**

Expanding our Reach

Increasing our Impact

Engaging our Members

The 23-24 District Training Assembly was well attended. Attendees were welcomed by DG Shanon and the assembly began with a talk about our personal mental health by Melissa Stone. She delivered the most important message of "Rest, Restoration, and Rotary."



DG Shanon with DGN Kari rocking the glow/grow T shirts at DTA!

Those in attendance focused on strengthening their clubs through five breakout sessions. Highlights from those sessions were:

Foundation: Attendees in the Foundation session heard from District Foundation Chair Jessika Hane. She shared some Rotary Foundation Basics and encouraged Rotarians in the room to share their experience when it comes to getting club members excited about giving to the Rotary Foundation. We also learned about the effectiveness of matching points campaigns and discussed how to read and utilize Foundation Giving Reports. Any Club President or Club Foundation Chair who would like to schedule a time to go over this training is welcome to contact Jessika Hane.

Membership: Attendees in the membership track heard about top ideas that have been working with clubs throughout the Midwest. They also received samples of materials they could use and customize to improve both their members and visitors experiences. Each also received statistics specifically related to their club's membership.

Public Image: Attendees learned ideas for crafting messages for press releases, social media posts, as well as traditional press messages to help with attracting new members and retaining and engaging current members. They learned quick and easy ways to get messages across to the community about Rotary.

Disaster Response: The Assembly offered a wonderful opportunity to share in greater detail the district's ongoing development of a disaster response by providing local club leadership with a potential job description for a Club Disaster Response Chair, an understanding of how agencies work together in response to disasters, along with a step by step process that the club leaders could take back to their local boards and clubs. We are so grateful to committee members Richard Rudolph and David Decker who shared extensively from their positions of experience and training. Please be looking for more information that will be coming soon as the committee follows up on this great time of sharing.

Youth Exchange: In the breakout session on Rotary Youth Exchange, participants discussed their own experiences and their clubs' goals with respect to youth exchange. Session leader Rowena Cross-Najafi presented an overview of the program that included timelines, rules, procedures and the division of responsibilities between the club, district and Central States. In general, participants showed a high level of interest in Rotary Youth Exchange, which is one of Rotary's oldest, most visible and most consequential programs. The big question for any District 6580 club pondering Rotary Youth Exchange is whether to jump in right now and

recruit outbound students for the academic year 2024-25. Applications are due October 15, so there is no time to waste. Clubs have a couple more months to make a decision about committing to hosting an inbound student. The district program is also still seeking two volunteers to serve as Inbound and Outbound Coordinators.



IU Rotaractors attending with AG Joy Harter

Thank you to ALL that Attended!!!

Two Virtual District Grant Trainings to take place on December 12th, 2023 and January 23rd, 2024



by Bettye Dunham, District Grants Chair

The first of two District Grant Trainings will take place on December 12th, 2023 **via zoom**. The second training session, also via zoom, will take place on January 23rd, 2024. For a club to be eligible to apply for a district grant, due on May 1st, 2024, **two members of the club must attend one of the two sessions**. (Note: both sessions will cover the same information.) The links to register for the sessions are as follows:

Session 1: December 12th, 2023:

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77708662&NoCaptcha> Session One

Session 2: January 23rd, 2024:

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77708666&NoCaptcha> Session Two

For the 24-25 District grant year, approximately \$38,240 is available to be awarded. The amount available is determined by donations made to The Rotary Foundation by members of District 6580 three years prior. Of the amount contributed, around 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 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 or 502 609 1923.

What's Coming up on the 2023 District Calendar????



2023

October: Rotary Theme: Community Economic Development Month 2nd: Districts 6580 and 6560 Ryder Cup, Hickory Stick Golf Course (contact Bob Browning)

7th: District Leadership Meeting: changed to a zoom. Dates and times to be determined.

20th-22nd: RYLA

22nd: Polio Awareness Event, Lark Ranch, Loogootee, IN

24th: World Polio Day

November: Rotary Theme: The Rotary Foundation Month 11th: RLI: Rotary Leadership Institute: St Mary's of the Woods: more information coming

15th: Club 'Intent to participate in the District Speech Contest' form due: Questions contact Susan Adams at adamsmusic@twc.com.

17th: Friends of the Foundation Event: Mallow Run in Bargersville. 5 - 7 pm ET: Register at <https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77703603&NoCaptcha>

29th: District-wide New Member Orientation: 6 - 7 pm Eastern Time. To register go to: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77689248>

December: Rotary Theme: Disease Revention and Treatment Month 12th: First of two District grant trainings: (Must participate in one of two to be eligible). 5:00 pm ET by Zoom.

22nd: Due date for application for the 'all Indiana' Global Scholarship: Questions contact Jim Bright **2024**

January: Rotary Theme: Vocational Service Month

23rd: Second of two Grant Training Sessions 5:00 pm ET

February: Rotary Theme: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month 15th: District Speech Contest participant name and information due: Contact Susan Adams adamsmusic@twc.com

23rd: Friends of the Foundation Event: (location to be announced)

March: Rotary Theme: Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

1st: Video of entry for District Speech Contest due

April: Rotary Theme: Environmental Month

20th: District Conference 2024, Evansville, In. Location: Old National Bank Plaza

May: Rotary Theme: Youth Services Month

25-29: Rotary International Convention 2024 in Singapore

June: Rotary Theme: Rotary Fellowships Month 22nd: District Changeover, Hampton Inn, Greensburg

July:

August:

September:

October:

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April:

