



Vocational Service Month

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Our Rotary
Foundation
By James Gouty
District Rotary
Foundation
Chair
2022-2025



FOUNDATION NEWS

James Gouty DRFC
January 2024

SUPPORTING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

We as Rotarians continue to make a difference in the world and in the communities, we live in and serve. We focus on the 7 Areas of Service and do provide life-changing solutions to myriad of issues facing our communities and the world.

I would ask you to remember the work our Foundation does, from large multi club global grants to smaller single club district grants, disaster relief grants, global scholarships, Peace Centers, and the eradication of Polio.

As the District begins its “Million Dollar Dinner Campaign” you will have the opportunity to make contributions in many ways. Be on the lookout for addition information regarding this initiative.

The bottom line is, our Foundation touches the lives of millions of people around the world and in our district and I hope you will join me in supporting this life changing organization.

I would ask that each club take a look and ascertain where you stand at the mid-year point in your club’s giving and go ahead and ask your treasurer to send in any funds collected to date.

CHANGE IN GLOBAL GRANT FUNDING

The global grants committee recently made a change to the way our district allocates DDF as a portion of Global Grant funding.

Historically, the district has used DDF to fund 1/6 or 16.67% of the total grant amount, going forward the district will fund 1/4 or 25% of the total grant amount.

This change in funding will apply to grants in process and new grants.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Marc Benard.

FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

With a new Rotary Year comes time to begin scheduling Foundation presentations in the clubs.

I am available to come and speak to your club on all things foundation.

Just contact me at jggouty@gmail.com to set up a time and date.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 24, 2025—District Leadership Training, Randolph Community College in Asheboro NC

January 25, 2025--Grants Management Training, Randolph Community College in Asheboro NC

March 14th-15th 2025—Carolina's PETS, Sheraton Four Seasons in Greensboro NC.

April 12, 2025—District Training Assembly, Randolph Community College, Asheboro NC



Membership Focus
By PDG Jon Spillman
District Membership Chair
2022-2025



Halftime and Wisdom from Mr. Rogers

Halftime is a concept that holds significance both in the world of football and Rotary clubs. While the settings may differ with one being on the field, while the other in the realm of service, the essence of halftime is the same: an opportunity to pause, recalibrate, reflect and prepare for a stronger second half.

In Rotary, halftime can be seen as an opportunity for leaders and members to assess the impact of their efforts, celebrate success, and address challenges. Specifically, when it comes to Rotary Club membership, I would ask club leaders to reflect on 3 questions:

Are your members engaged, inspired and valued?

Are you creating a warm, welcoming environment with engaging meetings?

Are we bringing more people into our club to better serve our community?

Reflecting on the first half of the year, I am truly proud at the great work our clubs are doing to bring more hearts and hands to Rotary. At the time of this writing, **over 80%** of our clubs have maintained or grown club membership this year. In addition, District membership has **increased by 71 members** which is the largest increase in more than a decade!

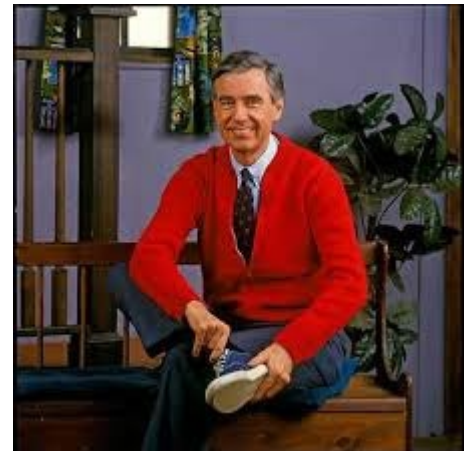
To finish this year strong, our District Membership Team stands ready to help your club implement any of the 3 C's:

Connect People to Discover Rotary – Hold a 30 -to- 45-minute Discover Rotary session before or after your meeting that explains: Who we are, what we do and the benefits of being a Rotarian.

Create New Pathways – Employ two simple methods. Add an alternative membership type such as: corporate, family, satellite or service, or create an innovative club type such as an alternative meeting time, a cause or interest-based, or an IMPACT club.

Craft the Club Experience – Creating a warm, welcoming environment with engaging meetings is essential to attracting and keeping club members. Surveys suggest reasons people join and stay in Rotary centers around club experience. Meeting enjoyment, providing dynamic, meaningful service projects, building connections and leadership development keep people engaged.

As Fred Rogers said, “I recently learned that in an average lifetime a person walks about sixty-five thousand miles. That’s two and a half times around the world. I wonder where your steps will take you. I wonder how you’ll use the rest of the miles you’re given.”





DISTRICT 7690 YOUTH SERVICES

Brent Holmes – District 7690 Youth Services Chair

District 7690 Interact Clubs – there are currently 42 Interact Clubs in our District. New Interact Clubs 2024-2025 are listed below:

- Northwest Guilford
- Providence: a Christian Montessori Community
- Ferndale Middle School
- Hayes-Taylor YMCA (potential)
- Eastern Guilford (need Club Sponsor)
- Northeast Middle School (need Club Sponsor)

We are planning for a District 7690 Interact Event – April-May 2025. The location in Greensboro is TBD. Participants include: Interact Club Officers for 2024-2025; Academic Advisors; and Youth/Interact Chairpersons

District 7690 Jim Armstrong Four Way Speech Contest – the Jim Armstrong Four Way Test Speech Contest is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2025. The contest will take place at Randolph Community College in Asheboro, NC in the auditorium located in the R. Alton Cox Learning Resources Center. Registration for candidates will begin at 8:30 am; the Contest will begin at 9:00 am. Each club must send the application for their contestant to Kathy Homiller by Wednesday, February 12, 2025. In case of inclement weather, the contest will take place in the same location the following Saturday, March 1, 2025. District prizes have been updated as listed below:

\$1000 for first place

\$500 for second place

\$250 for third place

\$150 for fourth place

\$100 for fifth place

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Homiller, Jim Armstrong Four Way Test Chair, khomiller@triad.rr.com.

District 7690 RYLA – District 7690 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is scheduled for **June 12-15, 2025**, at Oak Ridge Military Academy in Oak Ridge, NC. The District will begin invoicing clubs starting in late January for those Clubs who have submitted Club Sponsorship Pledge Forms. Clubs who have not submitted Pledge Forms may do so at this time. Student Participation Forms are due March 31. The link to [Student Participation Forms](#). Counselor & Junior Counselor Applications are available on RYLA Website on “Our Team” section; application deadline is March 31.

Check out **Youth Services - Rotary District 7690** for all District 7690 Youth Services information – ***Interact, Jim Armstrong Four Way Speech Contest, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Youth Peace Action, Youth Protection Policy, and Monthly Youth Services Meeting Presentation and Recording***



KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD
THE ERADICATION OF POLIO !!!
CONGRATULATIONS TO
THOMASVILLE ROTARY CLUB

For becoming our 4th club in the District to get over 50% of their members to sign our Polio Plus Promise form. It was an honor for me to have the opportunity to award 52 certificates as well as the 2019 US Mint coin which honors the discovery of the polio vaccine by Dr. Jonas Salk.

If your club is interested in reaching this commitment of 50% plus signed forms and have your Polio Plus Chair receive an END POLIO NOW T-shirt like Dr. Karl Milliren in Thomasville then please contact me at debbiebransondoby@gmail.com. Keep up the good work District 7690!

Register Now

DISTRICT CONFERENCE LIVE FROM CHEROKEE

MAY 1 - MAY 4, 2025

REGISTER NOW & ENTER RAFFLE TO WIN



**A Free Excursion for you &
your guest to the
Oconaluftee Indian Village**

Just minutes from the resort,
you can take an immersive journey into
the past and learn more about the
Cherokee Indian culture.



DACDB CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

