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November is Rotary Foundation Month

By Brian Rega

When one joins a Rotary Club, we pledge to 1) perform service to our club and communities, 2) to support the Rotary Foundation, and 3) to propose new members to Rotary. It's more than a suggestion or a request, it's an obligation. Lucky for us, the obligation is easy to meet. This new Rotary asks that we do what we can, when we can, and give what we can. When we meet our obligations, we'll be having so much fun, and enjoying Rotary so much, we'll want to extend the hand of Rotary to our friends (or perfect strangers, for that matter) to meet that final obligation of proposing new members.

If you're unfamiliar with the origins of The Rotary Foundation (TRF), you'll likely hear this month how a President of Rotary International by the name of Arch Klumpf in 1917 proposed the creation of a vehicle to continue Rotary's work beyond the present. With the collection of \$26.50 in Kansas City, MO Klumpf set in motion a juggernaut that has meant over \$4 Billion in support of our efforts. It's important to note that in establishing TRF, Arch Klumpf directed that the Foundation be supported by gifts and never by dues money. TRF is a 4-star charity as determined by Charity Navigator, a watchdog of non-profits. For sixteen years in a row, we've received that highest distinction. In fact, Charity Navigator says *"This charity's score is 100%, earning it a Four-Star rating. If this organization aligns with your passions and values, you can give with confidence."* To that I say, it does, and I do.

If I've been to your club you're aware that I am the son of a polio survivor, and am passionate about many of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus. Because Rotary's priorities align with mine, I choose to put my money where my heart is. I'm not a wealthy person and alone I didn't think my donations could make much of a difference. But when I meet my obligation by giving what I can, and it's pooled with yours as you do the same, and we multiply that by 1.4 million Rotarians around the world, just look at the difference we're making!

Rotary makes it really easy to meet our obligation. They have a website called Rotary Direct where we can sign up and have our pledges automatically drafted from our bank account or credit card. You're in control of the amount or frequency of your donation and can change it at any time as circumstances change.

If you're giving to support something you believe in, you're not doing it for rewards or personal recognition, but Rotary adds that component as a perk. Levels of giving are recognized in the form of pins or gifts. \$25 a year makes you an "EREY" member, or Every Rotarian, Every Year. \$100 a year means you're a Sustaining Member of Rotary. \$1000 over any length of time given by you or in your name makes you a Paul Harris Fellow. A pledge to give \$1000 each year makes you a Paul Harris Society member. You can support Rotary's effort to eradicate polio by joining the Polio Plus Society by pledging \$100 a year until we're successful. \$10,000 over any amount of time recognizes you as a Major Donor for which there are several levels. You can list Rotary in your estate planning and are listed as a Benefactor at \$1000, or part of the Bequest Society for at least \$10,000. That's a lot of numbers, and some may seem unattainable at the moment, but every dollar counts. The expectation is that we give what we can, when we can. RI President Stephanie Urchick tells us that the "Magic of Rotary" happens with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member inducted". Let's continue making "magic", District 6150. Thank you for your consideration.

Stuttgart team wins fourth straight

Thursday, November 7, 2024

The Rotary Club of Stuttgart continued its tight grip on the coveted District 6150 Golf Tournament trophy by carding a sizzling 54 at Wynne's Ridges at Village Creek on Friday, Oct. 25.

Capturing the fourth straight district tournament title for Stuttgart was the team of Bill Free, Jon Jackson, Ben Sanders, and Alex Manard.

District Governor Brian Rega presented the trophy to the champs.

Finishing second in the 11-team tournament with a 57 was the Little Rock Metro team of Stan McLellan, Stephen Paulson, Bobby Taylor, and Bob Petrik. Marion was close behind in third after shooting a 58. Searcy and Jonesboro-A tied for fourth with a 61, followed by North Little Rock (64), the two Wynne teams (both with 65s), Helena (66), Jonesboro-B (69), and West Little Rock (71).

The Rotary Club of Wynne hosted the tournament, and King Casbeer organized it once again.



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Adam Robert Sartin
District Training Chair



November Admin Notes

By Mark A. Brasfield on Friday, November 8, 2024

Nominate your Club Officers Now

Clubs it is time to nominate new officers & schedule elections in December.

IRS' Annual Filing Requirement

Whether your club is a subordinate under Rotary International's 501(c)(4) group exemption or is independently tax-exempt, the IRS requires that all Rotary clubs in the U.S. and its territories file an annual information return. For those clubs whose tax year follows the Rotary year, the deadline to file is 15 November. The form a club must file is dependent upon its gross receipts for the year.

Nominate a future DG

By Sydney O'Quin Gilbert



It is time to nominate the next District Governor for **2027-28**. Each club is asked to nominate one Rotarian who is willing to serve the District in this role. An email was sent to all Presidents & Secretaries on October 28 with the requirements and forms that should be submitted. Nominations are due to Sydney Gilbert, Chair of the Nominating Committee, by **December 1, 2024**. Interviews will be held mid-December.

