

# Rotary

District 6060



***PEOPLE OF ACTION***

## June Newsletter

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### Theme of the month – Rotary Fellowships

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### Notes from Governor John

Each year the Rotary International President selects a 'theme'. We are now wrapping up our current year 'Rotary Connects the World'. But the theme and the hard work put into every Rotary year doesn't end on June 30. Every year we strive to build on the past and plan for the future. A few years back 'Be the Inspiration' charged us up to get bold and inspire others. That inspiration prepared us to 'Connect the World' this year in so many ways. We also promoted our vision of 'joining together to create lasting change'. A change that will impact the world, our communities, and ourselves. As I visited with many of your clubs over the year, I emphasized that lasting change must start with each of us. A commitment to change ourselves in whatever way might be necessary to support lasting change in our world. To make us a better person. Each year we work hard to gain new members, begin new projects and serve more people. Each year prepares us for the next. Now is the time of year when we reflect on the great progress we have made and start planning for the next opportunity.

In April 2019 members from across the district came together to brainstorm and put in place a multi-year district strategic plan. The top six priorities for the next 5 years are:

- Train Assistant Governors on roles/responsibilities
- Provide guidance on Satellite Clubs
- Designate budget to promote Rotary in the district
- Hold a District Day of Service
- Hold regional meetings – like District Assembly
- Develop an RLI/Young Professionals Leadership Academy

Within the first year we have made great progress in some of these, started a few others and some are on the drawing board. Your district leaders are continuing to keep future improvements as a priority. PDG Jerry

Weems is the Champion of this multi-year strategy. If you have a special interest in any of these areas and would like to get more involved, please contact Jerry.

Together we can all build on our past and build a better tomorrow.

## A Message from District Governor Elect Tom Drennan

**Rotary Opens Opportunities** As a Rotarian like you, I welcome the new Rotary Theme which was introduced at the International Assembly in January. This event is where District Governor Elects from over 500 districts from around the world meet to share ideas and inspiration to prepare for their year as District Governor. I do not think of the new theme replacing the themes from the prior years, but as adding on to it to increase the effectiveness of our lives at citizens of the world.

When this year's theme, Rotary Opens Opportunities, was announced in a room full of hundreds of Rotarians an audible gasp was heard followed by cheers and applause from all. The theme can be as effective as you choose to make it. I would suggest as Rotarians, we seek out opportunities in your local area that the six areas of Rotary Service have a focus on and see what your club can do. Bring these ideas to your club, or district leadership to put into action. Also, look in your surrounding area to see if there are locations that are underrepresented by Rotary and other service organizations. There might be a good opportunity to expand our reach with a Satellite club. We have never had more opportunities.

Never has **Keep Up the Good Work** had more meaning.

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## International Convention

### Save the Date for Rotary International's Free Virtual Event

"Now More than Ever, Rotary Connects the World: The 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention"

When: 20-26 June

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#### Schedule at a glance

##### General sessions

##### *Saturday, 20 June*

##### *General Session 1: Together, We Connect*

- 08:00-09:15 in Chicago, USA (UTC-5)
- 14:00-15:15 in Lagos, Nigeria, and London, England (UTC+1)
- 21:00-22:15 in Taipei, Taiwan (UTC+8)

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##### *Sunday, 21 June*

##### *General Session 2: Together, We Learn*

- 08:00-09:15 in Chicago, USA (UTC-5)
- 14:00-15:15 in Lagos, Nigeria, and London, England (UTC+1)
- 21:00-22:15 in Taipei, Taiwan (UTC+8)

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## Featured Breakout Sessions

**Monday – Friday, 22- 26 June**

Each day, one breakout session will be offered at each of the following times\*:

- 8:00 – 9:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
- 12:00 – 13:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)
- 18:00 – 19:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)

[Convert Chicago time to the date and time for your area](#)

[View full schedule of breakout sessions](#)

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## Club Planning

Now is the time to plan for the 2020-21 Rotary year. Have you discussed new Service Projects in your community. During these uncertain times there will be many local organizations looking for help to get back on their feet. We are 'People of Action'. Let's help where we can.

We do have 30 days left in this Rotary year. Let's finish up Rotary year 2019-20 as a big year of service.

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## District Foundation news

A note from **Zone 31 Asst. Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator, David Robinette**, regarding current Foundation giving. "----I can hear some of you now..."but how can we ask Rotarians to support our Foundation when we are knee-deep in the COVID crisis?" "I'm afraid of upsetting people." "We can't possibly raise money now!"

I recently read an article entitled *Charitable Giving in Times of Fear and Uncertainty*, by Ben Miller, chief analytic officer of [DonorTrends](#) and secretary of the Growth in Giving Initiative, a program of the [Association of Fundraising Professionals](#) (AFP). In the article, Miller concludes, "When the current crisis ends, history will show that the most successful nonprofits continued to ask for donations, although likely in a different way. Those nonprofits who go 'silent' or attempt to give their donors a break will likely see the same results as others before them — and suffer or even go out of business as a result." You can read the entire article here: <https://afpglobal.org/charitable-giving-times-fear-and-uncertainty>

I know many of you and your fellow Rotarians face challenges in your personal lives, but **I ask that we make every effort to stem the negative tide we've experienced since March.** Craft a plan to make the best of the five weeks of the Rotary year for our Foundation...you might be surprised by the results. Perhaps it's time to launch a matching points campaign if you've not already done so this year, or hold a virtual Rotary Foundation appeal using Zoom. You know your club best so I am confident you'll know what to do."

Thank you David for these words of encouragement.

June 15 is the deadline for CAP grant applications to be submitted electronically to [rotary6060capgrants@gmail.com](mailto:rotary6060capgrants@gmail.com). Hopefully clubs can be communicating about their CAP grant project while having virtual meetings.

CAP Grant applications are due before June 15. If you have questions or need any help with Rotary Grants contact our 2020-21 District Foundation Chair, Linda Puchbauer, [linda.rotary6060@gmail.com](mailto:linda.rotary6060@gmail.com)

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## Training

We continue to plan many new learning opportunities throughout the coming year. Most of them will be very affordable and easy to attend since they will be virtual. The more we **'know'** about Rotary the more we can **'Grow' Rotary**. We are all leaders as Rotarians. Leaders never take a break from learning something new.

Tips and techniques for attracting new members, engaging current members are always available. District Membership Chair Bill Dees is here to assist.

Learning more about Rotary and improving your leadership skills is available through the Rotary Leadership Institute. We have had some classes over this past year and will be conducting more soon in a virtual format. District RLI Chair David Robinette is making those plans.

We will be offering technology training to increase our usage of DaCdb and MyRotary at various times throughout the year.

If you or your club have a special need and would like some personalized help, please contact me (John Vietmeier) or Tom Drennan and we will gladly assist.

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## Recognition/Awards

Don't pass up the opportunity to recognize your members for their club support and achievements. There is help on MyRotary.org in the 'member' tab under 'awards'.

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## Membership notes

Our District Membership Chair is ready and willing to assist your club with your membership strategies.

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## Rotary Leadership Institute

We made great progress kicking off the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) in the district this year. Thank you Carol Kuebrich for getting the ball rolling on this.

David Robinette is now working hard to continue RLI sessions virtually. Stay tuned for important dates soon.

The world of Rotary is much bigger than just your club and district, and there are numerous Rotary resources designed to give Rotarians access to tools, services, expertise and ideas that will help them deliver needed services and support to their communities. One of those resources is the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI).

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## Club Highlights

During these challenging times many clubs have not had an opportunity to meet regularly (or at all). Several are meeting virtually, and a few have started meeting in small groups once again. Whatever your club chooses to do, please stay connected with your members. Reach out to those long-time members you haven't seen in a while. Make a special effort to contact and engage your newest members.

[Thank you for all of the club submissions throughout the year.](#) It has been nice to get updates on your club activities and share them.

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It has been an honor serving you as District Governor this Rotary year. You and your clubs are awesome! So much dedication to the themes that keep Rotary heads above the others – ‘Service Above Self’ and ‘People of Action’

## **John Vietmeier**

District Governor 2019-20

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