

THE SPOKE NEWSLETTER DISTRICT 6740

Rotary



The fellowship of true friends who can hear you out, share your joys, help carry your burdens and correctly counsel you is priceless. – Ezra Taft Benson

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service is the First Object of Rotary. Service is as much at the center of Rotary as is fellowship. I can find no better way for the Rotary members of our district to engage in both fellowship and celebration of service than to attend the District Conference in Pikeville on April 28 and 29, 2023. One of my goals when I was envisioning this conference was to highlight our own clubs and their accomplishments. I wanted to bring the best service projects and experiences of all our clubs to share in order to inspire us and invigorate the light of Rotary within us. The members of the host club of Pikeville are heavily engaged in making this conference as a lifetime experience for all including spouses and guests. Our district is immensely honored to have Past Rotary International President, John Germ and his wife Judy, as our guests. We hope to see you in Pikeville at the Imagine Rotary Conference appropriately themed “Celebrating Service”.

We are planning our annual Rotary Foundation Event, “Celebrating Our Rotary Foundation – Doing Good in our World”, for June 10, 2023, the details of which will follow soon. We hope to finish this Rotary year with a big impact through our service and donations to The Rotary Foundation. I want to give a big shout out to our Rotary Clubs of Corbin and London for hosting their 13th Annual International Dinner on April 15, 2023. All proceeds from this event are donated to The Rotary Foundation Global Polio Eradication Program. I want to specially recognize Rtn. Sudhir Patel and PDG Joe Caldwell (Corbin), Rtn. Pam Bunch, PDG Kathryn Hardman and PDG John Burkhart (London) for their relentless support for organizing this event.



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Message from District Governor Semma Sachdeva

They are expecting to raise about \$20,000 this year as they did last year. As Rotarians our proud legacy is going to be a Polio-free world for the next generation hopefully by 2026. I urge all members to consider donating the target goal of \$30 per member for the Polio eradication Initiative and \$100 per member to the Annual Program Fund of TRF.

Our district leadership is off to a good start for the upcoming year with a successful completion of Assistant Governor Institute and Mid-South President-Elect Training Seminar in March at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

As spring ushers new hope and energy, I hope we all will continue to serve our communities to our best. Rakesh and I send our warm regards to all.



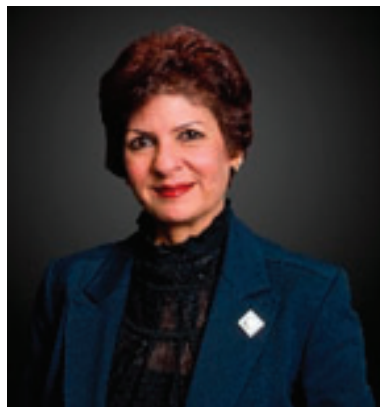
Imagine Rotary in Appalachia

District 6740 Conference

Celebrating Service!

Appalachian Wireless Arena Pikeville, KY

April 28, 29, 2023



District Governor Seema Sachdeva 2022-2023



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[REGISTRATION FORM \(Deadline for registration is April 21,2023\)](#)

Rotarian's Name: _____

Rotary Club of: _____ Title: _____

Name on Badge: _____ Spouse's/Guest's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Registration Options: Pick one

1. Registration Fee for one Rotarian and one guest (includes Friday lunch and dinner banquets, Saturday lunch and dinner banquets for both) \$225
2. Registration Fee for Rotarian only (includes Friday lunch and dinner banquets, Saturday lunch and dinner banquets) \$125

List any specific Dietary requests: _____

Make check payable to: **Rotary District 6740** and mail to PDG John Hutchings
99 Edgemont Road, Maysville, KY 41056

For room reservations at the Hampton Inn, call (606)432-8181, option 0 for front desk and ask for Rotary Conference rate. Discounted rate available till April 15, 2023. If you have any questions, please call or text PDG Rakesh Sachdeva, District Conference Chair, at (606)794-3393 or email: sachdev1@bellsouth.net



SAVE THE DATE

Celebrating Our Rotary Foundation

– Doing Good in the World

June 10, 2023 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Join us as we honor the work of
TRF at the following sites:

Ashland Erlanger Lexington

Maysville

Pikeville Richmond Somerset



Dear Rotary Leaders and Members in the Heart of America,

District Governor of 6820 and Rotary People of Action have been onsite since early yesterday morning to support the people of Rolling Fork, MS. The town of about 1,883 people was torn apart by the tornado that struck on Friday evening, March 24. The loss of lives and devastating consequences for survivors are heartbreaking as, once again, a disaster has affected communities here in the Heart of America.

Rotary members and Disaster response organizations are collaborating on needs assessment and initial response efforts. Governor Mark reports that local Rotary members have been instrumental in opening communication lines between organizations such as DisasterUSA and connecting them with the Sharky County Emergency Management and CERT Personnel.

I know that we are all very grateful to our local Rotary family as they respond so well and so quickly to the needs of the people in Rolling Fork. And as local Rotary members continue to develop supply staging areas and work with local and government organizations to provide response and relief resources and supplies, the greatest assistance and support we can all offer at this time is a contribution to assisting those whose lives have been forever changed by this disaster.

Please forward this message to club Presidents in your districts, and also to your own club members, with a request that they also pass this information along.

Tax-deductible contributions can be made to the Rotary District 6820 Foundation. Here's how you can help:

Donate via Paypal or Credit Card at this link: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=93MLYCVSXFVSU

Mail a check to:
District 6820 Foundation - Disaster Relief Fund
131 Fox Run Road
Canton, MS 39046-9633.

Additional updates will be communicated by email, Zones 30 & 31 website and Zones 30 & 31 Facebook Page.

Thank you for your compassion and generosity of spirit as we come together to serve this community that desperately needs our help.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Usovicz
Rotary International Director, Rotary Zones 30 and 31



She made the 216-mile, three-and-a half hour trek from Pikeville to Covington to address the Covington Rotary Club this week at the Radisson Hotel.

Seema Sachdeva calls her speech, The Power of Rotary.

She has no script – and doesn't need one. She's done this routine before – many times before.

As Rotary District 6740 District Governor, Seema Sachdeva travels to the 36-plus Rotary Clubs from Lexington and East in the Commonwealth. And if that's not impressive, well try this.

Sachdeva – make that Dr. Sachdeva – is a practicing pediatrician with specialty training in pediatric emergency medicine. She has been serving the pediatric needs of children in Eastern Kentucky for over 25 years. Presently, she is the Founding Vice-Chair and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pikeville, Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine since 1997.

She follows the four-way Rotary test to a tee:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

“My goal has always been to help others and care for children,” she told the Northern Kentucky Tribune. “And, as for Rotary it's very dear to me.”

So much so, she's traveling across the Commonwealth to increase Rotary membership.

“We lost close to 250 members during the pandemic,” she said, “Our goal now, is a 10 percent increase across the board.”

Sachdeva says she not only would like to see more members, but younger ones as well.

“And women,” she said, “By June 30, I'd like to see a 30 percent increase.”



Rotarian Ken Harper, Dr. Sachdeva, and
Rotary President Florence Tandy.

A passionate member of Rotary Club of Pikeville, she served as the President in 2007-08 and Assistant District Governor from 2008-11. She founded and sponsored Rotary Youth Leadership Program for Pikeville from 2003-13. In 2006, she founded and organized International Dinner – now called, The Taste of the World. It continues to be the largest annual fundraiser for the Pikeville Club.

“I’ve always wanted to work in my District,” she said, “For my youth.”

Sachdeva said the Rotary Foundation raised some \$434 Million and responded with 225 disaster response grants in the Commonwealth after the tornado destroyed parts of Western Kentucky.

“We had three phases for the response,” she explained. “In the first month we gave out \$150 gift cards; next we gave students in the region cards worth \$250.”

Then, she said, 250 space-heaters were purchased.

“We had an additional \$7,500,” she said, “and that money was split between two schools in the region.”

That’s the Power of Rotary.



Dr. Seema Sachdeva

When the region was hurting for clean water, Rotary was there for new septic tanks – with some \$25,000. And when Turkey was recently devastated by a recent earthquake – 80 percent of their hospitals were destroyed – Rotary International stepped in with \$300,000 to establish a clinic/hospital situation.

“The district contributed \$10,000 for that effort,” Sachdeva said.

Facilitating a multitude of global grants in areas of maternal and child health, water and sanitation, and literacy promotion is nothing new for Sachdeva. She is passionately devoted to the Empowering Girls Initiative and led a successful symposium on Empowering Girls of Appalachia, sponsored by the Pikeville Club.

She is married to a fellow Rotarian and PDG Rakesh Sachdeva, MD. They are Rotary International Foundation Major donors and Benefactors of the Rotary Foundation.

That’s Rotary Power. She’ll continue to take her message to Rotary Clubs in the Commonwealth.

<https://www.nkytribune.com/2023/03/state-rotary-governor-dr-sachdeva-speaks-to-covington-group-about-the-power-of-rotary/>

2023 Limestone Cycling Tour

Bill Marshall

The Maysville Rotary and the Limestone Cycling League have organized the April 29, 2023, Limestone Cycling Tour with four routes, Century, Metric Century, Intermediate, and Beginner).

After covering expenses to stage the tour, all remaining proceeds will go to helping those in Eastern Kentucky recover from the devastating floods of 2022. Rotary has a District Disaster Relief process to ensure funds provide maximum benefit.

Local clubs in the flood area are Pikeville, Whitesburg, and Hazard. In addition to their local counties, they know about needs in other Eastern Kentucky counties. With a Rotarian "service above self" attitude the Rotary Club of Madison, Alabama, announces that one of its members, Robert L. Barnes, will be riding in the "2023 Limestone Cycling Tour" in support of our Foundation's "Polio Plus" Campaign.

We just learned that 2023 Limestone Cycling Tour placed #8 for "USA' Today's' Best Road Cycling Event 2023 While you ride to help those in Eastern Kentucky recover from the devastating floods of 2022?

View routes at www.L-ct.org/2023-routes-2 View tour activities at www.-ct.org/while-you-are-at-lct/
Register at www.L-ct.org/register



Covington Rotary Club Spotlights Club Member Ken Harper

By Dave Meyer

Ken Harper served nine terms in the Kentucky State Legislature in the 1960s and 1970s. When Louis Nunn was Governor of Kentucky (1967-71) the secretary of state could not finish his term. Governor Nunn appointed Ken Harper to finish the term as secretary of state. When the governor and lieutenant governor had to leave the state for meetings, Ken Harper served as acting governor for one day. During that day, he appointed over 100 people as Kentucky Colonels.

Ken was instrumental in the formation of Northern Kentucky University. He knew Brent Spence (for whom the bridge is named) and many other notables in Kentucky history. Ken joined the Covington Rotary Club on March 9, 1954. He served as their president in 1959. On March 10, 2023 he began his 70th year as a Rotarian in the Covington Rotary Club.

His wife of nearly 67 years, Eileen Harper, succumbed to the Covid-19 virus in March, 2020, and Ken was hospitalized with the virus for over three weeks. He recently caught the Covid-19 virus again. He called his son and directed him to deliver five cases of water to the local soup kitchen, a task he undertook every week for three years. Covid-19 was not going to stop him from his service.



This in a nutshell summarizes Ken's total commitment to the Covington Rotary Club, and to our community. No matter what event the Covington Rotary has going on, Ken Harper participates in it 100%, even at age 92.

Ken is so instrumental in the success of the Covington Rotary Club, that the club established their own version of the Paul Harris Award for donors to the Covington Rotary Foundation, and named it the Ken Harper Award. Donors contributing one thousand dollars to the Covington Rotary Foundation receive this exclusive award.

Ken Harper was elected to nine terms by people of the opposite political party he followed. He was asked how this was possible. He replied, "You just have to care for others and try to help them." He did this magnificently as a legislator, and continues to do so in the Covington Rotary Club exactly the same; going on 70 years!!

Rotary Club of Kenton County Shares

January started off the year with a New Member Induction at the same meeting we hosted our District Governor Seema Sachdeva. She gave a wonderful presentation! We also handled our monthly Go Pantry Delivery.

February we hosted our Murder Mystery Dinner where we raised over \$1300 toward our charitable endeavors. We started the review process for our Scholarship Awards, delivered Go Pantry boxes and celebrated the marriage of our President Barbara Rahn.

March roared in with a triple whammy of Go Boxes. A delivery at the beginning and end of the month PLUS the Spring Break Boxes. We had a huge turnout to assist with the delivery and completed the loading and unloading process in record time! It always helps when the weather cooperates.

Next up for our Club is to complete the paperwork to close out our Grant project, awarding our Scholarships to the recipients, and to work on our upcoming Fundraisers: **Annual Golf Outing on June 15 and Music in the Vines on September 9.**



Over the past few months the club lost three special members. To honor these members, the club voted to place rocking chairs in two locations that were significant to each of them. At Eagle Ridge Golf Course two chairs will be placed with a 'In Memory of' brass name plate, one chair with the name Joe Hart and the other with Bill England. The third chair will be placed at Jordan Center with 'In Memory of' Adrienne Lewis inscribed on the brass plate. These three members were the club's longest timeframe members who were very supportive and dedicated to the club and community.

Pictured are the three chairs with those present at the meeting.





Braxton Trent has been chosen to participate in Rotary Youth Leadership Training (RYLA) in 2023. Braxton is an 8th grader at Rowan County Middle School. He is the son of Josh and Danelle Trent of Morehead.

RYLA is sponsored by the Lexington Rotary Club with the goal of fostering leadership in 40 chosen 8th grade students. The one day training takes place at The Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass in Versailles, KY on April 22, 2023.



Meet the District Leadership Team

DISTRICT GOVERNOR (DG)

Seema Sachdeva

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT (DGE)

Mrs. Jeanne Williamson Clark (Jeanne)

Term: 2022-2023

District Governor- Nominee (DGN)

AG Alexander (Xandy) Stewart

Term: 2024-2025

DISTRICT FINANCE CHAIR*

PDG John R. Hutchings IV (John)

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIR* (3-YEAR TERM)

PDG C. Dale Elifrits (Dale)

Term: 2020-2023

DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR (DRFC)* (3-YEAR TERM)

PDG Rakesh Sachdeva

Term: 2021-2023

DISTRICT ROTARY PUBLIC IMAGE CHAIR*

AG Gilmer Davis Fauber Jr.

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT TRAINER*

Martha C. Riddell and Judy Worth

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT ALUMNI CHAIR

PDG James Glass

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT CONFERENCE CHAIR

PDG Rakesh Sachdeva

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION CHAIR (3-YEAR TERM)

AG William H. Wilson

Term: 2022-2025

DISTRICT ENDOWMENT/MAJOR GIFTS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR

PDG Keith Key

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR

PDG Kathryn Hardman

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT INTERACT CHAIR

Joanna Foley

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT CHAIR

Patton R. Hart

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE EXCHANGE CHAIR

Martha C. Riddell

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY COORDINATOR

PDG Keith Key

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT POLIOPLUS SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR

PDG Rakesh Sachdeva

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT RI CONVENTION PROMOTION CHAIR

PDG James Glass

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT ROTARACT CHAIR

AG David C. O'Meara

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT RYLA CHAIR

Christopher Hickey and PDG Dean Hammond

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT YOUTH EXCHANGE CHAIR

Mr. Arnold Taylor

Term: 2022-2023

DISTRICT YOUTH PROTECTION OFFICER

Mr. Arnold Taylor

Term: 2022-2023

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