

THE SPOKE NEWSLETTER DISTRICT 6740

Rotary



MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR SEEMA SACHDEVA

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit"- Nelson Henderson

Rotary members all over the world are benevolent, compassionate, caring and kind. I am continuously overwhelmed by the amazing acts of selfless kindness I experience in the service projects of our various clubs. These are the actions that truly define who we are as we continue to engage in activities that offer humanitarian relief to those in most need during these upcoming cold winter days. I am grateful to all who are preparing hot meals, providing winter clothing, and bringing holiday cheer to the children along with warm hugs and words of comfort. I am grateful for your kind donations of approximately \$325,000 (including the \$25,000 received from The Rotary Foundation Disaster Relief Grant) for the flood affected families and children of eastern Kentucky. It is of paramount importance that we share our privilege and blessing of being a Rotarian to provide service above self. This is the time of the year that members step up to do their part of club service.

As clubs elect their future leaders this month, I would urge all those members who have yet to serve on committees to strongly consider volunteering themselves. Unlock your inspiration to create the impact and change you desire. Be the champion of new passionate and inspiring ideas to imagine Rotary in 2023!

I hope that you all will take time to reflect on your blessings and pass them along to many others. Rakesh and I sincerely wish all our Rotary family happiness, health, and prosperity this holiday season.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



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Richmond Rotary Club 100th Year Celebration

Judy Flavell, Club President

Since its first meeting at the Glyndon Hotel on March 13, 1922, Richmond Rotary has brought community leaders together to take action for positive change, locally and globally.

“One of the most beautiful things about Rotary is that it unites people of different political viewpoints and faith traditions who just want to be of service,” says current President Judy Flavell. “It’s one place where we can work side-by-side for the good of our community, and that is needed now more than ever.”

Key local projects in recent years include the purchase of heating and air conditioning units for Liberty Place Recovery Center for Women, remodeling of the kitchen at Hope’s Wings Domestic Violence Shelter, purchase of locking fire-safe filing cabinets for secure storage of client files for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), installation of home smoke alarms in partnership with the Richmond Fire Department, providing books and frisbees for Richmond area school children, and awarding college scholarships for three Madison County seniors each year.

In addition, Richmond Rotary supports a wide range of critical community services including The Salvation Army, Madison Home, Richmond Teen Center Back-to-School Bash, Children’s Champions, Little League, Project Warm Feet, Paint the Town Pink, and many others. The club is currently preparing to launch a project promoting mental health awareness and has just received a matching grant to purchase computers for the New Opportunity School for Women. Richmond Rotarians also have worked on the front lines in Haiti building homes and schools in partnership with Christian Flights International.

Globally, Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Especially newsworthy due to recent cases in New York and London (UK), polio is a paralyzing and potentially deadly infectious disease that most commonly affects children under the age of five. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since the first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. Rotary members, including Richmond Rotarians, have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. It is crucial to continue working to keep other countries, including the United States, polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

Richmond Rotary Club is an inclusive club of generous and giving members who are active and engaged in serving others while enjoying fun and fellowship. In addition to service projects, club members enjoy outings and field trips, including visits to Baldwin Farms for PumpkinFest and Pops at the Park. According to Flavell, “We like to have fun together, in addition to serving the community.”

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Richmond Rotary is one of more than 46,000 Rotary clubs around the world that work to address the world's most persistent and pressing issues through seven focus areas: (1) Promote peace, (2) Fight disease, (3) Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, (4) Save mothers and children, (5) Support education, (6) Grow local economies, and (7) Protect the environment.

Richmond Rotary is proud to be part of Rotary District 6740 which includes 38 clubs in the eastern half of Kentucky.

A few historical notes:

- Richmond Rotary Club held its first meeting at the Glyndon Hotel on March 13, 1922.
- On May 1, 1922, the club received its official charter from Rotary International, with assistance from Lexington Rotary Club.
- Also in 1922, what we now know as Eastern Kentucky University, became a four-year institution known as the Eastern Kentucky State Normal School and Teachers College, whose President T.J. Coates was a founding member of Richmond Rotary Club.
- Other charter Members include some of Richmond's best-known historical figures
 - T.J. Coates (as mentioned above)
 - Allen Zaring, Proprietor of J.W. Zaring Milling Company (now honored by Richmond's Millstone Park)
 - Shelton M. Saufley, Proprietor of The Richmond Daily Register (now The Richmond Register)
 - Homer W. Carpenter, Minister of First Christian Church (First club President)
 - Edward Stockton, Partner of Stockton & Son Drugstore
 - J. Howard Payne, Superintendent of Richmond City Schools
 - J.W. Hamilton, Vice President of Arnold, Hamilton & Luxon Wholesale Grocers
 - E.W. Powell of E.W. Powell Coal Company
- Early projects include sponsoring reparative surgery for a child with club foot in 1923, assisting in development of a regional Boy Scout district, and promoting the "bond issue with which to erect a hospital for Madison County" (which came to be the expanded Pattie A. Clay Hospital in 1927).
- Richmond Rotary Club sponsored the creation of the Hazard Rotary Club in 1923 and the Berea Rotary Club in 1959.

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- The 1989 Rotary Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary. The first women to join the Richmond Rotary Club were real estate agent and former Richmond Mayor Connie Lawson and attorney Alison Emmons. Both joined in 1989 and remain active members.
- Jennifer Jones, Rotary International President for 2022-2023, is the first woman to be selected as President in the 117-year history of the organization. She is a Canadian communications executive.



Connie Lawson, former Mayor of Richmond and one of the two first women to join Richmond Rotary Club.



Joan Beck, former member of Richmond Rotary, with President Judy Flavell and her husband Vigs Chandra.

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Rotary Club of Carlisle Kentucky Shares Rhonda Curran Koth, Club President



Turkey Bingo hosted by the Rotary Club of Carlisle Kentucky. The proceeds from this fundraiser helps fund the scholarships we distribute to graduating seniors. Rusty Lawrence, who has not been a member of Rotary for 50 years, is the caller every year. It's an event that we've missed the last two years due to Covid19 and we were really excited to host it again! Our community was excited, too.

Fleming County Rotary Club Shares Kenny Gulley, Club President



The Fleming County Rotary Club also assumed responsibility for the Backpack Program within the Fleming County School System at the beginning of the school year. The Family Resource and Youth Service Centers within the school system identifies children that are food insecure with the goal of the project being to provide a food resource for them on the weekends when school meals are not available. Each week a selection of non-perishable food items are packed by Rotarians for about 170 students. The Family Resource and Youth Service Centers then distribute these packages to the identified students to take home with them prior to each weekend. Our Rotary Club has the financial responsibility for this program but coordinates with other community partners that have provided support in the past. This project is led by our Service Committee Chairman, Woodie Reeves.



The Fleming County Rotary Club recently added three new members. Lee Ann O'Bryan, Dr. Glenn Womack and Joe Gulley recently received their membership pins. The pinning ceremony was led by one of our founding members, Marvin Suit.

Rotary Club of Kenton County Shares Noelle Higdon Grimes, Club President

November is a month of Thanksgiving when we spent 3 different dates working with Go Pantry and Miles Elementary. Two were workdays delivering boxes to the school and the third was responding to an emergency call from GP for specific items they desperately needed. In less than 2 days, we gathered a trunk load of fruit cups and applesauce to help them finish packing the November boxes.



Our Grant Project workday was on a cold, snowy November Saturday. With our crew of 5 plus, 2 Milestones volunteers, we raked and spread over 8 tons of gravel to create a safe dry lot for the therapy horses and their caretakers.



On the Monday prior to Thanksgiving, several of the Kenton County Rotarians attended an event hosted by the Florence Rotary club regarding the Gateway Scholarship Fund in memory of Fellow Rotarian John Salyers. In attendance were all three of the Rotary Club Presidents from NKY.





Annual Thanksgiving Turkey donation to the Lawrence County Resource Centers

Thursday, November 17, 2022, immediately following the weekly meeting, the club met at Walmart to distribute turkeys.

What a blessing to be able to help those in need. It is through the various fundraising events that enables the club to have the resources to help our community.

Happy Thanksgiving from Louisa Rotary.



Thursday, November 17, 2022, the club welcomed its newest member, Matt Lee. Matt is the District manager with Blue Tank & Pump Rental.

Welcome, Matt!

Pictured is Matt Lee (on the left) and Harold Slone, Club President.

Rotary Club of Nicholasville Shares Jeff McDonald, Club President

The Rotary Club of Nicholasville 2022 scholarship recipients. From left: Michelle Gadberry - Deputy Superintendent of Jessamine County Schools, Jason Daleng - West High, Haylee Stansbury - East High, Katharina Wilson - West High, Olivia McKibben - West High, Kennedy Cox - East High, Brynna Barkley - East High, Matt Moore - Superintendent. Ellie Haseloff – West High, not pictured. Awards are based on student achievements inside and outside the classroom as well as their embodiment of the Rotary "Service above self" motto. Since 1999, the Nicholasville club has awarded over \$145,000 in scholarships to Jessamine County high school students on their way to college.



Richmond Rotary Club Shares Judy Flavell, Club President

A wonderful reunion of PDGs at Richmond Rotary 100th:

PDG John Hutchings, DG-Elect Jeanne Clark, PDG Rakesh Sachdeva, DG Seema Sachdeva, PDG Ron Coffman, PDG John Burkhart and PDG Jack McAllister. PDG Ron Coffman received a Distinguished Service Award at the event.

Rotarians Ray Jackson, Bob Biggin, Mike Sills and Patrick Messer played the "founding fathers" of Richmond Rotary in skits about The 4-way Test.

Richmond Rotarian Rusty Rechenbach and Assistant Governor Dave O'Meara perform the classic 1922 song "Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Shean."



Polio Plus Society Contributors



Congratulations to the newest PolioPlus Society Members of Somerset-Pulaski Rotary Club
From left to right: President Tammy Cranfill, Assistant Governor Terry Pugh, Rotarian Sara Pugh, PDG John Adams and Former Assistant Governor Christie Adams.



SAVE THE DATES

District 6740

Virtual Rotary Leadership Institute

January 28 & February 4, 2023

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

On ZOOM



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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