

# THE SPOKE NEWSLETTER DISTRICT 6740

# Rotary



## MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR SEEMA SACHDEVA

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." These are the famous words of Rabindranath Tagore who won Nobel Prize in literature in 1913.

These words will resonate with all the Rotarians as our hearts are in "Service Above Self". As a district, we have successfully executed the largest service project that I know of in our history. We were able to raise approximately \$335,000, thanks to the generous support of Rotarians all over the country. These funds were distributed by the members of Pikeville Rotary Club to the children and families devastated by the July floods. The impact of this service project is immense and unforgettable. The beneficiaries of this project are about 1600 families including over 900 children in Perry, Breathitt, Knott, Pike, and Floyd County. We plan to celebrate all the service projects done by the various clubs in our district at the District Conference to be held on April 28,29,2023, in Pikeville at the Appalachian Wireless Arena. We hope that all the clubs will participate in the conference and have their representatives sharing their projects and ideas. We hope to engage and invigorate our members. We are extremely honored to have Past Rotary International President John Germ and his wife Judy as our special guests.

Rotary International President-elect R. Gordon R. McNally revealed the 2023-24 presidential theme, Create Hope in the World, during the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 9 January. He feels that "The goal is to restore hope — to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves." He said that a significant way to bring hope to the world is to put a greater emphasis on peace. He also wants to emphasize the importance of mental health and wants Rotary members to offer hope to those dealing with mental health challenges.

I also want to encourage all the clubs to expand our reach by sharing your success stories in your communities and bringing in new members who share the vision and mission of your clubs.

Rakesh and I send our best wishes to all and hope to see you in Pikeville at the District Conference.



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**District Conference April 28-29, 2023**  
**Appalachian Wireless Arena**  
**Pikeville, Kentucky**

**Imagine Rotary in Appalachia, District 6740 Conference**

**Celebrating Service!**

**Appalachian Wireless Arena, Pikeville, KY**

**April 28,29,2023**

**Guest of honor: Past RI President John Germ and Judy Germ  
and**

**Pulitzer Prize winning Photo Journalist and Founder of**

**“Too Young to Wed”, Stephanie Sinclair**

**Registration opening soon in mid-February**



**IMAGINE  
ROTARY**

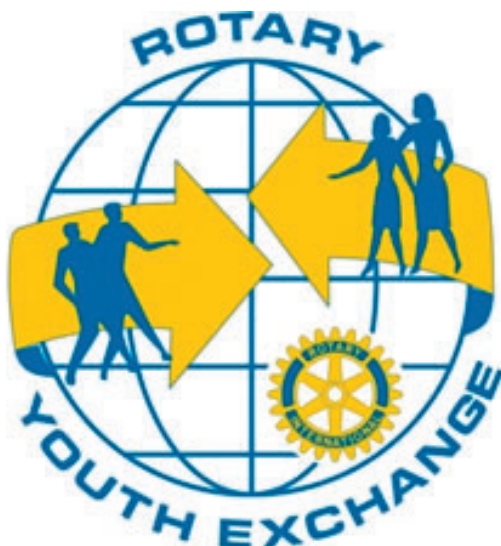
During my term as District Governor (2023-24), I would love to see our district re-establish its presence in the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Over the years, our district proudly hosted a number of young people from all over the world, welcoming them into our homes and opening up the world of Rotary for them. In addition to providing a one-year “home” to these wonderful young people, many of our own teens were provided the opportunity to visit other cultures while establishing lasting relationships with families in many countries.

Besides the personal growth experienced by these teenagers, our world added dozens of young peace-makers to its ranks. These young people carried messages of love and caring back and forth across the oceans, helping make this world a better place.

While it is too late to get students ready for the outbound program this year, families who want to host an inbound student still have time to do so if they act quickly. Please notify Arnold or me in the next month or so if you can identify 2 families in your area who would like to host a student for 2023-24 school year!

That said, YOU, our members, play a crucial role in helping our district re-establish the RYE program for 6740. All of us can start now advertising the program to our members and identifying families (both Rotarian and non-Rotarian) who might want to participate in the 2024-25 program.

Please make every effort to involve your local high schools by making them (perhaps through school guidance counselors) aware of this wonderful program. If you need additional information, please contact me OR your RYE District Chair, Arnold Taylor (astay1965@gmail.com). Arnold has many years of experience with RYE and is able to provide you with all the information you will need to help you identify young people and families.





## Rotary Youth Exchange - Alive and Well

### Jeanne Clark, District Governor Elect RID 6740

Lastly, please also know that there is a short-term exchange program offered by Rotary as well as the year-long program. The Short Term Exchange Program or STEP offers a 1 month true exchange for a teen from your town to spend 1 month in the home of a foreign family with a child the same age and gender. This exchange usually takes place in the summer and does not involve attending school or being fluent in another language.

Some of our district's RYE hosts in the past include James Glass, Josephine Richardson, Dale Elifrits, Carrie C. Rose, Wendi Owen and Lawrence Pemble. In addition, if you would like to make RYE a program for your club, please let Arnold know that as well.

Won't you please consider learning more about this program which continues to touch the lives of so many young people across the globe!



## 2023 Limestone Cycling Tour

### Bill Marshall

The Limestone Cycle League and the Maysville Rotary Club are organizing the 2023 Limestone Cycling Tour that will occur on Saturday, April 29, 2023 to support Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief operations. Because when the water and headlines are gone the need for help remains.

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

Local clubs in the flood area are Pikeville, Whitesburg, and Hazard. In addition to their local counties they are knowledgeable of needs in Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Knott, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, Maggoffin, McCreary, Owsley, Whitley and other Eastern Kentucky counties.

Cyclists will enjoy the beautiful, rolling hills surrounding Maysville and Mason County on their curvy, little traveled back roads. In 2023 four routes will be offered including a challenging century, metric century or the 40 and 22 mile loops. Routes are fully supported with surprise themes at the SAG stops staffed by community volunteers. After a fun and challenging day on the road, cyclists can expect to listen to some local music talent or take advantage of special offers at a few local eateries. It is definitely some of the best cycling in Northern Kentucky, and not to be missed!

Register at <https://limestonecyclingtour.com/2023-online-registration/>

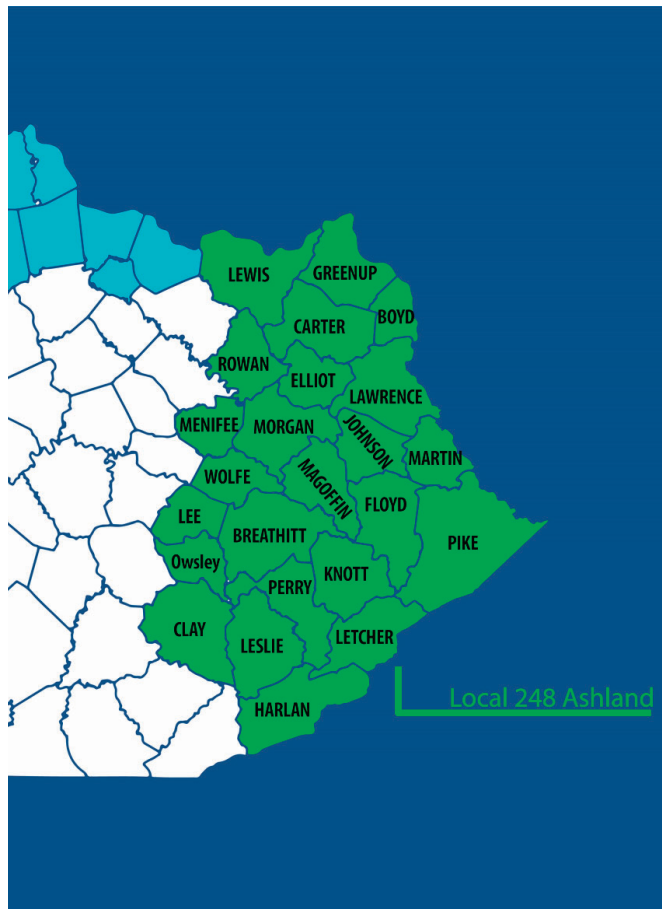
More information and graphics available at [LimestoneCyclingTour.com](https://LimestoneCyclingTour.com)



## Ashland Rotary Club Shares Michael Huy, Club Member

Ben Collier is a member of the Plumbers and Steam Fitters Local Union 248 and a member of the Ashland Rotary Club. He has a presentation on the work Local Union 248 provides and is available for speaking engagements to any Rotary club in Eastern Kentucky.

Contact Ben Collier at [ben.collier@local248.com](mailto:ben.collier@local248.com) if interested.



## Augusta Rotary Club Shares Taylor Kelsch, Club Member

### Tom Burke Rides for Rotary in India

Tom Burke, President of the Augusta Rotary Club, enjoyed the adventure of a lifetime in January when he joined 40 other Rotarians from 15 countries for a 700 mile motorcycle ride across southern India.

The ride was organized as a fundraising event by Rotary District 3181 in southern India to celebrate Rotary fellowship and allow participants to experience Indian heritage, culture and hospitality and enjoy exotic meals.

Participants were provided Royal Enfield motorcycles and visited 10 clubs over 14 days to get a first-hand view of what Rotary Clubs in India are doing in their communities. “The group was treated like royalty during the entire trip” was Tom’s description of the adventure.

The journey started in Mahabalipuram, a UNESCO World Heritage Site on the east coast of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. The group visited temples and shrines in Thanjavur, Coimbatore and Mysuru before ending the tour on the beach in Mangalore on the west coast of southern India.

The Augusta Rotary Club meets on the first and third Mondays of every month at 6:00 pm at the Augusta Pub for dinner and welcomes residents to join us on February 6 to learn about Tom’s Ride for Rotary in India.





## Cynthiana Rotary Club Shares Michael Fisher, Club President

Cynthiana Rotary Club hosted our District Rotary Foundation Chair, PDG Rakesh Sachdeva, for a presentation on The Rotary Foundation. Under the leadership of President Michael Fisher and Assistant Governor Dinesh Mistry, this 19-member club presented a check for \$3000 for The Rotary Foundation. Congratulations to the members of Cynthiana Rotary Club for "doing good in the world".



Congratulations to Rotarian Bob Owen for his generous support of The Rotary Foundation as he receives his Major Donor recognition presented to him by President Mike Fisher.



## Lexington After Hours Rotary Club Shares Jeanne Clark

### New Member Inducted By Lexington After Hours Club

On Thursday Jan. 26, the newest member of the RC of Lexington After Hours was inducted at the bi-monthly club meeting at the Bronte Café at Lexington Green. Katherine Wright, a client specialist at Baird Wealth Management, was introduced by President Ed Maley and was warmly welcomed by club members.

Another highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow to member Alethea Bernard. Alethea continues to play a major role in the club's youth services including the Empowering Girls Forum and related activities.

At that same meeting, Dr. M.S. Viji, founder and president of the International We Serve Foundation based in Lexington, was surprised when awarded an honorary membership. Viji, who recently spoke on the topic of global humanitarian efforts at the UN, shared with club members that his non-profit is dedicated to bringing together Rotary clubs across the US with those in India and Africa to partner on humanitarian projects. IWSF collaborates with individuals and organizations (like Rotary) to bring measurable progress in education, healthcare, communication, governance, skill improvement, etc. for a better quality of life in each country it works within. Dr. Viji remains a strong advocate of the clubs in RID 6740 and the local and global projects they support.



Pic 1 – PHF Alethea Bernard and  
DGE Jeanne Clark



Pic 2 – Pres. Maley and Katherine  
Wright

## Louisa Rotary Club Shares Bev Scarberry

Rodney Ward, a clinical pharmacist at TRMC, was the speaker at the Louisa Rotary Club on Dec. 29th.

As of Jan. 2023, Rodney Ward will take over as director of the Three Rivers Medical Center Pharmacy. He is a graduate of UK.

Rodney talked about how dispensing drugs in the hospital is different than retail pharmacists. He has more input into what meds a patient might receive since he can see their labs and assist the Dr in prescribing what's best for the patient.

One big difference is also that hospital pharmacists compound their IV drugs. He told the club that drug shortages are a problem right now.





## Russell Rotary Club Shares Earl Twinam

Russell Rotary Club had our inaugural Citizen of the Year award Luncheon (2022)



Winner was Bryan Tackett



Bryan Tackett with Club President Scott Hill



Nominees with the Club Board





# ***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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