

THE SPOKE NEWSLETTER DISTRICT 6740

Rotary



Disasters are inevitable and unpredictable and all we can do is lend a helping hand to those affected to alleviate their suffering, provide comfort and support, and create hope in the world. We have faced devastating floods in our own district in July and witnessed floods and destruction in Pakistan. The world is still trying to gauge the extreme level of devastation from the earthquakes in Turkey and Northern Syria. Ukraine recently marked their first anniversary of war with Russia. Members of Rotary are globally engaged in meeting these challenges and lending a helping hand.

I am happy to report that due to generous contributions by the members of our district we have participated in decreasing the burden of many of these disasters. Our district has successfully distributed over \$330,000 to victims of July floods in Breathitt, Knott, Perry, Pike, Floyd, and Letcher county including over 900 children. These funds were contributed by Rotarians all over the United States. We also received a \$25,000 Disaster Response Grant from the Rotary Foundation.

Our District Grants Committee approved 20 such grants for individual club service projects within our district worth \$27,500. These grants allow the clubs to meet the individual needs of their own communities while simultaneously engaging members with hands on service.

Members of our district contributed to Ukraine Disaster Relief Fund last year. Last week, our district agreed to contribute \$10,000 from our District Designated Fund (DDF) towards a multi-district Global Grant that will fund an advanced mobile medical clinic to serve the families and children affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Northern Syria. This contribution is matched \$8,000 by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) World Fund bringing our total contribution



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Message from District Governor Semma Sachdeva

to \$18,000. Our prayers are with the families of 50,000 people that have lost their lives, more than 120,000 people who have been injured and about 1000 children who have been orphaned. Almost 80% of the hospitals in the affected areas have been destroyed. This Global Grant, with the anticipated budget of \$300,000 will provide the much-needed medical assistance to people of Turkey and Northern Syria.

Our District is also leading a multi-district Global Grant called “The Butterfly Project: Empowering Girls in Northern Kenya”. This Global Grant with an estimated total budget of \$129,467 has been funded and our district has contributed \$20,000 from our DDF towards this project. This contribution is matched \$16,000 by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) World Fund bringing our total contribution to \$36,000. The Butterfly Project aims to empower the young girls in Kenya’s Samburu County by increasing school attendance, decreasing child marriage, and reducing maternal mortality in the teenage girls.

We are also supporting another multi-district Global Grant this year that aims to prevent Gender Based Violence for at-risk women and children in Kampala, Uganda. The estimated budget for this Global Grant is \$159,709 and we have committed \$12,000 from our DDF to support this cause. This contribution is matched \$9,600 by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) World Fund bringing our total contribution to \$21,600. This grant will help 70 women and 130 children in Mengo-Kisenyi Slum in Kampala by training and educating them to work outside of commercial and coercive sex to support themselves and their children in a safe and sustainable way.

I am happy to report that we are executing a reverse Global Grant this year also that will provide septic services to 20 homes and connect 15 households to public water system in Leslie County, Kentucky. This

will prevent straight-pipe raw sewage discharge into the Red Bird River. The estimated budget for this grant is \$172,575 and we have contributed \$20,000 of our DDF for this project. This contribution is matched \$16,000 by The Rotary Foundation (TRF) World Fund bringing our total contribution to \$36,000. Thanks to District 3131 in Pune India who is our International Partner, and the support from other districts in our Zones in The Heart of America, we have secured funding for this project.

We are steadfast in our commitment to the Global Eradication of Polio Initiative. Rotary members of our district continue to generously support this effort and I am confident that we will achieve our goal of \$50,000 donation for the PolioPlus Program.

This my fellow Rotary members is the power of Rotary. We are fortunate to belong to an organization that supports a 4 -star Charity Navigator rated fund called The Rotary Foundation for “doing good in the world”. In the last 100 years, our Rotary Foundation has spent over \$4 billion in life changing, sustainable projects. With our contributions to The Rotary Foundation we can create everlasting change in our communities and around the world.

Rakesh and I hope that you are in the best of your health and spirits! We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our District Conference in Pikeville as we “Celebrate Service” in our communities and around the globe.

Together we serve!
Seema

Imagine Rotary in Appalachia

District 6740 Conference

Celebrating Service!

Appalachian Wireless Arena Pikeville, KY

April 28, 29, 2023



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Conference Registration opens at 9 am, April 28, 2023

District Conference opens with luncheon at noon.

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

Keynote speakers:

Friday luncheon: Pulitzer Prize winning Photo Journalist and Founder of

"Too Young to Wed", Stephanie Sinclair

Friday Governor's dinner banquet: PRIP (2016-2017) and Trustee (2018-2022)

John Germ

Saturday luncheon: Jean Hale, Former Chairman and CEO, Community Trust Bank

Saturday President's Dinner Banquet: Dr. Burton Webb, President, University of
Pikeville

Sessions:

Empowering Girls Initiative

Impacting Our Communities (sharing club service projects)

Expanding Our Reach with the New Generation (Interact, RYLA, and YE)

Transforming Tragedy to Hope: Rotary Disaster Flood Relief

Doing Good in the World with The Rotary Foundation

Rotary's Legacy: A Polio Free World

Inspiring Fundraising Projects

Entertainment:

Coaltown Dixie

University of Pikeville Choir and Band

Hatfield and McCoy short play by University of Pikeville Theatre

Carriage ride and narrated tour of downtown Pikeville

Spouse/guest events include Tour to Breaks Interstate Park (The Grand Canyon of the South), Hatfield McCoy Downtown Tour, Downtown Shopping tour, and University of Pikeville Tour

Door Prizes and much more!!

Enjoy the fellowship at the hospitality suite on Friday and Saturday nights.



It's time to register for your District 6740 Conference!

You can register 2 ways:

Click the link below and register on DACdb (go to Event Calendar, click on District events, and scroll down to April 28 District Conference)

<https://www.dacdb.com/SecLogin3.cfm>

or

Print the registration form on the next page and mail your check to District Treasurer PDG John Hutchings.

Deadline for registration is April 21, 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

International Women's Day

Indicative of Rotary's commitment to making a lasting impact on a generation of girls, one of R.I. President Jennifer Jones four presidential initiatives is Empowering Girls. Your club and district have a great opportunity to play their parts on the upcoming March 8th International Women's Day. The day has been celebrated since 1911 and was recognized by the United Nations for the first time in 1975.

While Rotary will be recognizing the importance of women over several days (Wednesday, March 8th through Monday, March 13th), the first event will be a Facebook Live session hosted by our R.I. President, announcing the recipient of the 2023 Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award, honoring an inspiring Rotarian whose contributions actively work to advance women in Rotary.

Action steps you can take:

- Check the schedule of planned Rotary events;
- Recognize the day and theme as part of your club program that week;
- Learn about the challenges women and girls face around the world;
- Select and honor notable achievements of women in your community;
- Donate to organizations supportive of women and girls;



DISTRICT 6740 VIRTUAL ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FINAL REPORT
JANUARY 28 & FEBRUARY 4, 2023
Martha Riddell, Jack McAllister, Dean Hammond, and Judy Worth
D6740 RLI Planning Committee

The sixth virtual Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) for District 6740 was held on Saturday, January 28, and February 4, 2023, from 8:00 to 11:30 AM. Day 1 consisted of eight 50-minute classes, three each for Parts I and II and two for Part III with Strategic Planning running for 100 minutes. Day 2 similarly consisted of nine 50-minute classes, three each for Parts I, II, and III.

The overall response to this RLI was very positive with fewer registration and attendance challenges than in our previous virtual RLI. Initially 25 Rotarians registered for this event, 24 from D6740 and 1 from D6600 in Indiana. We had no registrations from D6710, which presumably reflects their decision to resume RLI offerings in that District. Prior to the first day of the event, one person cancelled due to computer problems, leaving 24 registered, all of whom completed Day 1. From that group we had 3 participants who attended Day 1 but failed to log in for Day 2, 1 of whom had internet connectivity issues. We advised him to sign up for a future RLI—either one from D6740 or another District--so that he could attend both Day 1 and Day 2 with the same peer group. We agreed to arrange for him to get a voucher. We received no information from the other participants who failed to return for Day 2.

Registration fees for Rotarians for the Part I participants from D6740 are to be paid by the District thanks to support from District Governor Seema Sachdeva.

Eleven Rotarians served as facilitators/instructors for the 17 classes, one from outside D6740. Of the 21 participants who completed both days, 9 completed Part I, 5 completed Part II, and 7 completed Part III, all of whom became RLI graduates. We held a brief graduation ceremony for the Part III graduates (see photo on page 2) and each of them was emailed a certificate documenting their graduation.

We used the Zoom polling function to obtain course/facilitator evaluations at the end of each day. The courses for January 28 were rated an average of 3.67, with a low of 3.18 and a high of 4.00, on a scale of 1 for Poor and 4 for Excellent. The courses for February 4 were rated an average of 3.84, with a low of 3.57 and a high of 4.00. Participants rated the effectiveness of the virtual platform as 3.74 and the overall value of the first day's sessions as 3.70. On February 4, the participants rated the value of the day's sessions as 3.80.

At the conclusion of the February 4 event, participants were emailed an open-ended course evaluation form, asking them to provide more detailed information about their experiences at the virtual RLI. Eleven of the 21 participants who attended both days completed and returned the forms for a 52 percent response rate. (Although that rate is lower than the rate for in-person events, it is significantly higher than for most surveys conducted by email or U.S. mail.) Three of those participants indicated interest in serving as facilitators for future RLI events. The composite responses for the survey items appear on the following pages.

We also had a first ever event: a Part I participant contacted the facilitator for the course, "Our Foundation," asking for information about how to donate to the Foundation. Upon receiving the information from the facilitator, the participant followed through and donated. We also had two brand new Rotarians, one of whom was encouraged to enroll by her club's New Member Orientation Committee. That is not our usual target audience but might be one we should consider.

Currently we plan to offer RLI again, probably near the end of August or early September 2023. Based on participant comments about the sometimes unexpected intimacy and engagement they experienced on Zoom, we plan to continue offering virtual RLI at least for our winter events. And to address the requests of those participants who prefer an in-person experience, we are considering returning to in-person for our late summer event. That will, however, depend on our ability to locate a venue that can provide a main meeting room and 3 breakout rooms at an affordable price. And it will likely mean increasing participant registration fees to at least \$50 per person with associated travel costs for some participants.



Lexington After Hours and Nicholasville Rotary Clubs Enjoy Joint Meeting

DGE Jeanne Clark

Thursday Feb. 9 marked the first time the sister clubs of Lexington After Hours and the Nicholasville Rotary have gotten together for a meeting. Lexington President Ed Maley welcomed Pres. Chad Moody and several members of the Nicholasville RC to the Bronte Café at Lexington Green for some social time prior to the 6p meeting.

Before guests Dr. Rakesh Sachdeva (DRFC) and his wife DG Dr. Seema Sachdeva arrived, the club shared information about their upcoming Empowering Girls Career Fair (April) and the Empowering Girls Forum (August) as well as the Arlington Elementary Fifth Graduation Luncheon at Malones in May.

Dr. Sachdeva spoke to the clubs' members about The Rotary Foundation updating the situation on polio eradication, global grants and TRF's support for disaster relief after the flooding in Eastern KY. Dr. Sachdeva noted that every club in district 6740 participated in giving to TRF this year.

Rakesh also gave a brief history of the fight against polio both in Kentucky and the world. He noted that 3 ½ billion children have been immunized due to the generous giving of Rotarians around the world as well as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which matches Rotary giving. After the polio outbreak last year, two new strains of the disease which were identified have subsequently been eradicated and only one remains.



DG Seema Sachdeva presents a PHF to President Ed Maley

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Rakesh also noted the district's global grant with the Butterfly Project in Kenya which is removing girls as young as age 9 from forced marriages by replacing the family's need for income with more legitimate ways to provide for their families, such as farming, livestock, etc. DG Seema added that the leader of "Too Young To Wed", Pulitzer Prize Winning photographer Stephanie Sinclair, will be one of the guest speakers at the district's annual conference in Pikeville on April 28 and 29. PRIP John Germ will be an honored guest speaker as well.

Lastly, Rakesh shared that the Pikeville RC's disaster relief efforts, led by DG Seema, raised over \$300,000, including a grant for \$25,000 from TRF, to address the needs of displaced families and children in 13 counties in Eastern KY.

DG Seema also awarded President Ed Maley with a Paul Harris Fellow.



Members of the Rotary Club of Nicholasville include Pat Nielson, Jim Rogers, President Chad Moody, Dave Burt, Larry Prinsson and Rudb Mason. Members of the RC of Lexington After Hours include Pres. Ed Maley, Conley Salyer, Katherine Wright, DGE Phil Moloney and DGE Jeanne Clark.

Lexington Rotary Club Holds a A Very Special Club Meeting

Sharon Reed

On February 21st, several Past Rotary Presidents held a “Rotary meeting” for Past-President Reed Polk. Many of you will remember Reed with affection. He was President of our Club in 1997-98. He joined Rotary in 1984, is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Nell Main Society member, and now enjoys a well-earned status as an Honorary member.

Currently, Reed resides at The Willows. They have a program, “Live a Dream,” that facilitates meaningful experiences for their residents. Learning that Reed talked often about Rotary, Past-President Gerry van der Meer organized a Rotary meeting, happily assisted by many who knew Reed, including many of our Club’s past presidents and district leaders.

Loosely following the format of our weekly meetings, the group had lunch, laughed, and socialized, rekindling past friendships. A video followed of Reed (an accomplished speaker) addressing a meeting of Commerce Lexington seven years ago. In the video, Reed commented that “in Life, you Pop-In, Pop-Off and Pop-Out. Today is the oldest you’ve ever been and the youngest you’ll ever be.”

At 12:15 p.m., President, Winn Stephens rang the bell and called the “meeting” to order. Tom Ashford gave the Inspiration and read a letter to the membership written by Reed during his term in office. Jack McAllister led the group in singing America the Beautiful, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Four-Way Test. Sharron Townsend presented Reed a Habitat for Humanity plaque, reflecting the club’s Habitat project when he was President. Peggy Trafton presented Reed with his Honorary Badge followed by Sharon Reed’s presentation of our Lexington Rotary Flag. Reed promised “he would hang it on his wall.” Jim Richardson provided additional musical entertainment. Finally, Martha Riddell did the honors of pinning a Rotary pin and our Lexington Centennial Pin on Reed’s lapel.



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Stories were shared about Reed growing up in Alabama. One was about “Bear” Bryant coming to recruit Reed for football, but after seeing him play, suggesting that he buy a new set of golf clubs! Other stories were about Reed playing golf with Jack Nicklaus and knowing the author, Harper Lee. The meeting ended promptly at 1pm with the ringing of the Rotary Bell.

Others attending the meeting and not previously mentioned were Past-President Dave Blondell, Past President- Jim Martin, Past President and PDG, George Wilson, Past President and PDG, Dean Hammond, Past President, Bill Wilson, Rotary member, Jim Dundon, and Rotary Friend, Jim Reed.

Sally Fitch, part of Reed’s care team, said that she hopes to bring him to a Rotary meeting in person, to which Reed replied, “I’ll pray for that day.”

Remember: Rotarians are Rotarians for Life. Let’s not forget those who aren’t able to attend meetings in person.

Updates from Berea Rotary Club

President Sune Frederiksen

It is now three years ago, I became a member of Berea Rotary Club. Occasionally, had been encouraged to join the past twenty years and had been a guest speaker several times. Finally, the time was right for me. Some major obligations with other organizations had been removed from my shoulders. It was time to relax and share some good and valuable social time with fellow Rotarians from town. Most of them I knew or knew of, so I felt that my life could be enriched even more at a slower pace – like observing good speakers and enjoying a well-deserved meal a couple of times a month.

It is now a year ago, I hesitantly accepted to become president-elect of the club and soon thereafter I was signed up for the PETS convention in Chattanooga, TN. I had no specific expectations and I knew absolutely none of the participants. I really felt like Nemo in a big, big ocean. But I got inspired and was profoundly surprised about the magnitude of possibilities within Rotary International. Opportunities and issues locally, regionally, nationally and internationally were put into perspective. Not that I wasn't aware of the many challenges, but I had only vaguely thought about them from the angle "Service Above Self", in spite of the fact that I have always been very community minded and involved and possess a fairly good amount of common sense and international knowledge.

A couple of months went by, and suddenly the change of guards had sneaked up on me and former president Rita Davis passed the gavel to me. I guess Berea had eighteen active members, and when some decided not to renew their membership, I felt things couldn't get any worse. The average age of the membership was high and of course members couldn't partake in all our lunch meetings.

Little by little, I tested the waters and made some decisions that at least would carry me through till another president was elected.

We decided to meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month instead of every Tuesday, which has turned out to be a good decision. I formed a new board, wanted to make sure that we could start the meetings more or less on time each time, and with the necessary support we assigned good speakers or relevant visits each time.

Even though I felt a little skepticism, I felt the support was strong enough for us to establish and maintain some reachable ambitions and objectives.

Over the years, we have donated to HS scholarships, supported the efforts to eradicate polio globally, raised money at our pancake breakfast on election days and via a one-day yard sale and our loose fine system.

To promote our civic organization throughout the community more, I started reaching out to potential members and encouraged others to do the same. Especially, because I found that our platform was unique and honest. We can also make a difference in people's lives. I take the liberty to assume that by the end of my term, we'll have twenty-five members – a nice growth %-wise.

Updates from Berea Rotary Club

President Sune Frederiksen

In addition, I created a public FB group where we could publish messages and photos. It has thirty-five members, not all Rotarians. A Berea Rotary pamphlet with inputs from members was published and so was a fact sheet. Both have been distributed at the public library, Chamber of Commerce and elsewhere. We continue to have bits and pieces in our local paper and its website. We are working on our own website this very moment.

We had an outing to a fabulous music event in Lexington and there is another one in Berea in April. This is a great way to build social relations within the club. Another social event was our Christmas dinner at Hotel Boone Tavern, which I believe will be moved to late January next year due to many other activities around Christmas.

Realistically, not all Rotarians can meet for lunch meetings. Therefore I launched the idea of having an after hours "Meet and Greet" on the third Thursday, including a short presentation followed by small talk, charcuterie, and beverage at a new and popular local restaurant. So far, so good. People like it.

New projects we have discussed and that are feasible to launch include 1) Pollinator gardens in and around Berea, 2) Empowering girls (without forgetting the boys)/human trafficking, 3) Establishing an international dinner/show, potentially with other serious organizations, to raise both funds and awareness and to embrace our heritage. Some of us already have some experience doing that.

Lately, we have supported the tornado clean-up in Western Kentucky, flood rescue efforts in Eastern and Southern Kentucky, and donated funds to the earthquake disaster regions in Syria and Turkey. It is good to give! Moreover, local organizations with a focus on food insecurity, homelessness and live music have also been supported to the best of our ability.

In February, we were so fortunate to connect with the Interact Club at Madison Southern HS and the Rotoract Club at Berea College. Member Barbara Walters did a presentation for ten HS students and was very pleased with their efforts and manners.

President-elect Richard Cahill introduced two Rotoract speakers at our meeting, and I was amazed about their energy and visions for their club. We simply JUST have to stay connected and build good relations, so a new generation of Rotarians will be prepared to take over.

During the year, I have had the pleasure of meeting with and communicating with our neighbors in Richmond. I enjoyed participating in the club's 100-year anniversary and had the honor of sitting next to District Governor Seema Sachdeva and her husband. I was happily surprised that I knew about 1/3 of the members there.

With all the exciting options Rotary offers, it is important for me to make sure that quantity of growth is not important, but the quality of growth is. Better to be small and active, than big and lazy.

Just "IMAGINE" what we can do together and how we can share some of our dreams to build a better world.

Sune Frederiksen, 2/26 2023.

Obituary for PDG Ronald B Jones Arnold Taylor

With regret, we note the passing, on January 26, 2023, of Ronald B. Jones, Past District Governor of District 6740. While a Member of the Covington Rotary Club he served as District Governor in 1971 – 1972. He later served as President and Member of the Ludlow Rotary Club. He was a very active member of the Ludlow community and held numerous offices and positions in local social and charitable organizations. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Grace Jones and his daughters, Michelle (Thomas) Melin, Andrea (Robert) Wells, Julie Jones, Cheryl (Paul) Darpel, sister, Ruth (Donald) Holman and numerous grandchildren.





District 6740 STEP Chair Kim Fry, attending the RYE table at the Boone County High Schools International Fair on February 25, 2023.

Ashland Rotary Club and Russell Rotary Club Shares Karen Roberts Prater and Earl Twinam

The Ashland Rotary Club and Russell Rotary Club are both contributing \$500 each towards a Shelter Box for the victims from the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. This combines into a \$1000 donation towards one, complete Shelter Box. We are very pleased with this cooperation between two clubs. The \$1000 bought the following items: Tent, Shelter Kit, Solar Lights, Cooking Set, Water Filters and Carriers, Mosquito Net, and a set of Blankets

See information about Shelter Box at <https://shelterbox.org/>



Russell Rotary Club President Scott Hill and Ashland Rotary Club President Laura Patrick donate a combined \$1,000 to ShelterBox.



Rotary Club of Augusta Shares DGE Jeanne Clark

On Feb. 13, the RC of Augusta was treated to a review of Pres. Tom Burke's recent trip to India as part of the Ride for Rotary to benefit polio. Tom joined 40 other Rotarians from around the world to ride motorcycles 700 miles across Southern India. The group visited 10 Rotary clubs in 14 days on this experience of a lifetime that celebrated Rotary fellowship and the Indian culture. This Rotary program has been able to raise over \$100,000 in the 4 years it has been in existence. Guests at the meeting included DGE Jeanne Clark (Lexington After Hrs.) and DGN Xandy Stewart (Maysville) pictured with Pres. Burke (on left).



The Rotary Club of Berea is a partner to both a high school Interact club and a college Rotoract group.



Berea College students, Rotaract leaders Nathaniel Fish and Leke Fonyuy.



Nine new members at Madison Southern High School. Picture was taken by club sponsor Doug Martin.

L-R. Jacob Witt, Logan Hilliard, Gavin Kapp, Liz Rose, Preston Williams, Claire Cress, Mrs. Walters (Berea Rotary speaker), Jada Carter, Campella Price, Kylie Hammonds

Georgetown Rotary Club Shares Bruce Gordon Club Treasurer

The Georgetown Rotary Kite Festival will restart on April 29th, after having been skipped for three years because of COVID. The three-year hiatus made changes to our membership and to local businesses so that it's almost like starting all over again. We have worked hard to contact local businesses and get their support, and have been pleased by the broad desire to get the Kite Festival going again as a strong local event. Georgetown's new Mayor Burnie Jenkins has expressed support and the city Parks and Recreation will provide essential support. We're looking forward to April 29th!



Rotary Club of Lexington After Hours Shares DGE Jeanne Clark

On Feb. 23, members of the Rotary Club of Lexington After Hours and their guests gathered to welcome a most special guest speaker, Brigadier General Benjamin F. Adams III, the President of Honor Flight Kentucky. The large crowd, with several vets in attendance, was eager to hear about that organization's activities.

General Adams shared that there are around 285,000 veterans in Kentucky at present. Honor Flight sponsors 3 flights to Washington, DC a year, in April, September and October. The flight in October is usually dedicated to Vietnam veterans specifically. In 2022, Honor Flight hosted an all-female group of vets. Honor Flight is seeking sponsors to continue their work as the cost of chartering a jet plus, buses, food, etc. has increased. They are also looking for Guardians and other volunteers to go on these flights as attendants for the vets who sign up. There is a small fee to offset costs for those who would like to attend as a Guardian.

General Adams, now retired from active duty, has had a long and storied career in the US Army. During his 40 years of service, he served with honor and distinction, culminating in his positions as Deputy Commanding General US Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Assistant Adjutant General, Kentucky National Guard. He has earned numerous awards and decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters) and Air Medal, and Joint Service Commendation Medal. He is a Master Aviator and is Airborne and Air Assault qualified.

At that same meeting, the club welcomed a new member, Melissa Bingaman (WesBanco). Inducting Melissa was PE Phil Moloney and DGE Jeanne Clark, substituting for club Pres. Ed Maley who was ill.

Pictured are Gen. Adams and DGE Jeanne Clark.



Morehead Rotary Club Shares - Collections for Foster Children

Betty Cutts

The Morehead Rotary Club has established a collection point to gather items for foster children. Steve Barker's State Farm Insurance at 519 W Main Street in Morehead will accept clothes of all sizes for girls and boys as well as socks, gloves, coats, purses, and hygiene items such as shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Suitcases, travel bags, sports bags, and backpacks are also needed. State Farm is open until 5:00 pm weekdays. The public is invited to bring items during business hours.



Paris Rotary Club Shares Wayne Logan

Paris Rotary Club is so happy to announce that we have our very first High School Interact Club. The club is within the Bourbon County High School, we have twelve members in our first year. The attached Picture is one of the Interact club who was having a snack drive for our community backpack program. Both Rotary and Interact Clubs met recently for a meal and presentation of the Rotary Welcome Packets to the Interact Club Members as well as collecting donations for the student's snack drive for backpack. I've also included a photo of both Rotary and Interact club together. Mrs. Jennie O'Donnell is our club sponsor in the school along with Office Lewis Boyer, City Police officer who is a community sponsor for the Interact Club. We are so pleased with a great start for our next generation of Rotarians.



Richmond Rotary Club Shares 100-year Anniversary



Russell Rotary Club Shares Earl Twinam

Jordan Hill and Randi Stovall are inducted as the newest members of the Russell Rotary Club.

Pictured to the right is Club President Scott Hill, New Member Jordan Hill and his Sponsor Earl Twinam.

Picture below is Randi Sovall and her sponsor Russel Rotary President Scoot Hill



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

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