

THE SPOKE NEWSLETTER DISTRICT 6740

Rotary



MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR SEEMA SACHDEVA

"It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change."- Charles Darwin

"Increase Our Ability to Adapt" is a core element of Rotary International's Strategic Plan. One hears the often-quoted phrase that change is the only constant in life, however, how we respond to that change is the million-dollar question. In our district, we are still facing challenges from the pandemic. While most of our clubs have recovered, there are many without an ideal location or food service. Many senior members have not engaged back into active participation and many clubs have not yet started their fundraising activities. Our current membership stands at 1352, including 62 Rotaract members. This reflects a net loss of 20 members.

On a positive note, many clubs have added young members. We have added 4 new Interact Clubs, fulfilled all District Grant requests, participated in 3 new Global Grants, and our Rotary Foundation giving exceeded our set goal. We had the highest participation in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) event compared to the last few years. We added to the diversity in our clubs and hosted very successful Rotary Leadership Institute training virtually. Many of our clubs celebrated World Polio Day and our Polio giving this year far exceeded our imagination. The District hosted a very successful Annual Rotary Foundation Fundraising event at 7 sites that connected virtually bringing in donations exceeding our goals. All this has been made possible due to the perseverance and dedication of all our members that are actively engaged in their clubs. These Rotarians pivoted, reorganized, and adapted to accommodate the changing needs of their clubs and their communities. The spirit of Rotary was alive, revitalizing and indisputably evident at the District Conference in Pikeville with over 150 attendees from 23 clubs.

I would like to thank all that participated in our largest District wide community service project related to disaster relief efforts from the devastating July 2022 floods. We



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successfully distributed funds in excess of \$340,000 to the flood victims of eastern Kentucky.

I am tremendously grateful to my entire leadership team, as well as the District Governor line, for their relentless support. I would be amiss if I didn't acknowledge the strong support of my husband, PDG Rakesh Sachdeva, who was there for me at every step of the journey. He served as the Chair for our District Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus Program, District Disaster Relief Committee and District Conference Executive Committee. I have enjoyed serving as your District Governor for the year 2022-2023 and look forward to advancing the mission and vision of Rotary around the world. Rakesh and I send our best wishes to our Rotary Family!

Message from District Rotary Foundation Chair

PDG Rakesh Sachdeva

My heartiest congratulations to the membership of District 6740 for making the third Annual multi-site Rotary Foundation Event a huge success. The event was held on June 10, 2023 at 7 sites simultaneously with the sites connecting virtually for about one hour. The members hosted their watch parties in diverse ways enjoying fellowship and sharing the Rotary spirit of doing good in the world. The hub sites this year and their leaders included Erlanger (DGND Greg Palmer), Lexington (PDG Keith Key), Somerset (PDG Mike Noftsgar and AG Terry Pugh), Richmond (AG David OMeara), Maysville (DGN Xandy Stewart), Pikeville (PDG James Glass), and Ashland (AG Vincenzo Fressola). We started the multi-site event in 2021 with 2 sites, (Pikeville and Somerset), expanded to 5 sites in 2022, and added Ashland and Richmond this year for a total of 7 sites.

DG Seema Sachdeva opened the meeting and welcomed everyone from the Erlanger site to celebrate our Rotary Foundation. She gave a report of how about 50% of the funds that our members and clubs donate to TRF Annual Program Fund Share come back to us as our District Designated Funds (DDF) and the way our district has used the DDF this year to support the various District and Global Grants and PolioPlus Program. I gave a brief report on our contribution to PolioPlus Program which stands at around \$74,618 at this time. I discussed the importance of supporting the Polio Eradication efforts and why Zero matters. Facts about recent cases and advancements in the novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) were presented. nOPV2 is resistant to mutations and we hope to dramatically decrease the circulating vaccine derived cases of polio with it's use. There have been only 4 cases of Wild Polio virus this year in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

There are effective immunization programs and robust surveillance programs in these nations and the future of Global Polio eradication is promising. We need to continue our support to our Global Polio eradication efforts to keep our promise of a polio free world for our children as Polio anywhere is Polio everywhere. PDG Keith Key discussed the levels of giving to TRF from the Lexington site and encouraged participation in Paul Harris Society, Bequest, Benefactor and Legacy Society.

He was followed by PDG Jack McAllister who briefed us on the status of reverse WASH Global Grant in Leslie County worth \$172,000 that will benefit 20 homes to get septic tanks and 15 homes to get clean water hookup. He thanked our International Partner Club in Pune, India and other districts in Zone 30, and 31 for their support.

He was followed by brief remarks by DGE Jeanne Clark. Next, we connected with the Somerset site where PDG Kathryn Hardman, who serves as our District Grants Sub-Committee Chair, reported on the details of the club projects fulfilled by the District Grants as well as the Foundation Disaster Response Grant.

She was followed by PDG Joe Caldwell who presented the dedicated polio fundraiser done jointly by The London and Corbin Rotary Clubs. This International Dinner fundraiser contributed \$21,000 to PolioPlus Program this year. Richmond site had AG David O'Meara as the designated speaker and he talked about the role of Rotary in peace and conflict resolution. David generously hosted the event in backyard



Message from District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Rakesh Sachdeva

picnic style at his home. The Maysville site was led by DGN Xandy Stewart with an update on the Limestone Cycling fundraiser and incoming AG Tom Burke shared his recent international experience with polio fundraiser in India, "Ride for Rotary". DGN Xandy shared the successful fundraiser to benefit the Frontier Housing Corporation that is assisting in rebuilding efforts to support the victims of July 2022 floods in eastern Kentucky.

Their club hosted the Limestone Cycling Tour and raised funds in excess of \$7,500 this year. Next, we moved to Pikeville site that was hosting the event at Maynard Family Barn (made possible by Rotarians Darryl and Brenda Maynard). This site hosted the event as a Family of Rotary Picnic with many spouses and children in attendance. PDG James Glass shared his experience of his recent trip to Melbourne, Australia, to attend the RI Convention. Our last stop was the newly added Ashland site led by AG Vincenzo Fressola. They had fun at the country club with generous donations from Rotary Club of Ashland, Louisa, Russell and Morehead. They even had attendees from Ironton Rotary Club from our neighboring district in Ohio.

The event was attended by 112 participants in total and we exceeded our goal by raising \$54,105 for The Rotary Foundation Annual Program Fund Share. I want to thank PDG Keith Key, DGND Greg Palmer, AG David O'Meara and Rotarians Darryl and Brenda Maynard for their hospitality at their sites.

The TOP honors for fundraising for this event goes to the Pikeville site. The total giving for Pikeville hub was \$17,985. Congratulations to AG Frank Dawahare (Pikeville Rotary Club Foundation Chair) and Rtn. Karen Roberts-Prater for her assistance in leading the campaign at the Pikeville Rotary Club. The members of Pikeville Rotary Club contributed \$12,185. The runner up was Somerset Rotary Club with contributions of \$9000. Congratulations to PDG Mike Noftsger and AG Terry Pugh as the site leaders.

I want to thank my lovely wife and our District Governor, Seema Sachdeva, for her steadfast support of our Rotary Foundation. She has kept our Rotary Foundation front and center during her visits to the clubs this year. She has encouraged and inspired the Rotarians in our district to participate in "doing good in the world." This year our Annual Program Fund giving is expected to be in the vicinity of \$130,000 and our Polio giving is currently at about \$74,618 (and counting). We have exceeded our goals due to the generosity of the Rotarians in our district. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to PDG Mike Noftsger, Executive Vice-President of Administration, Forcht Bank for being our Corporate Rotary Wheel Sponsor and Past President Rick Newsom, Bank President, Community Trust Bank for Corporate Service Above Self Sponsor.

Looking forward to your continued support in the upcoming Rotary year.

There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting up people. – John Holmes

Celebrating Our Rotary Foundation – Doing Good in the World

June 10, 2023

6:00 – 8:30 pm

Erlanger
The Hive
DGND GREG PALMER

Maysville
Rotary Club House
DGN XANXY STEWARD

Somerset
Thee Parsonage
PDG NOFTSGER

Pikeville
Maynard Family Barn
PDG JAMES GLASS

Lexington
The Club House at Rabbit
Run
PDG KEITH KEY

Ashland
Bellefonte Country Club
AG VINCENSSO FRESSOLA

Richmond
O'MEARA RESIDENCE
AG DAVID O'MEARA

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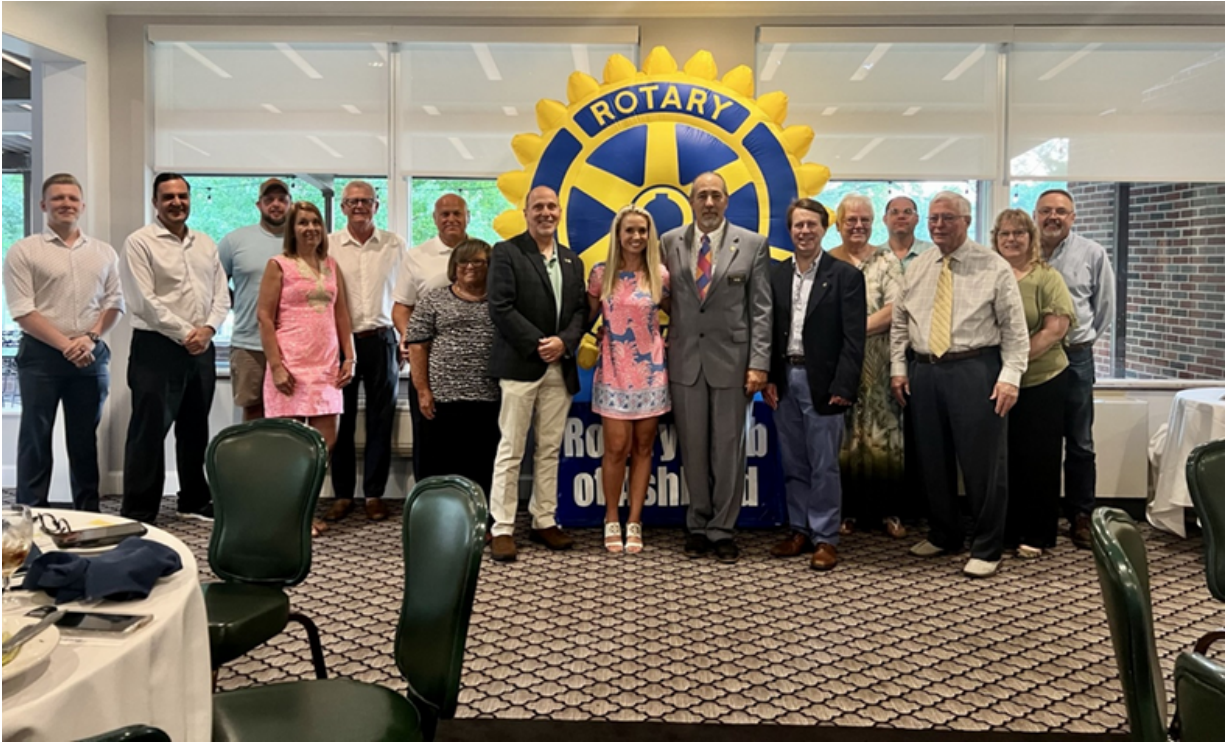
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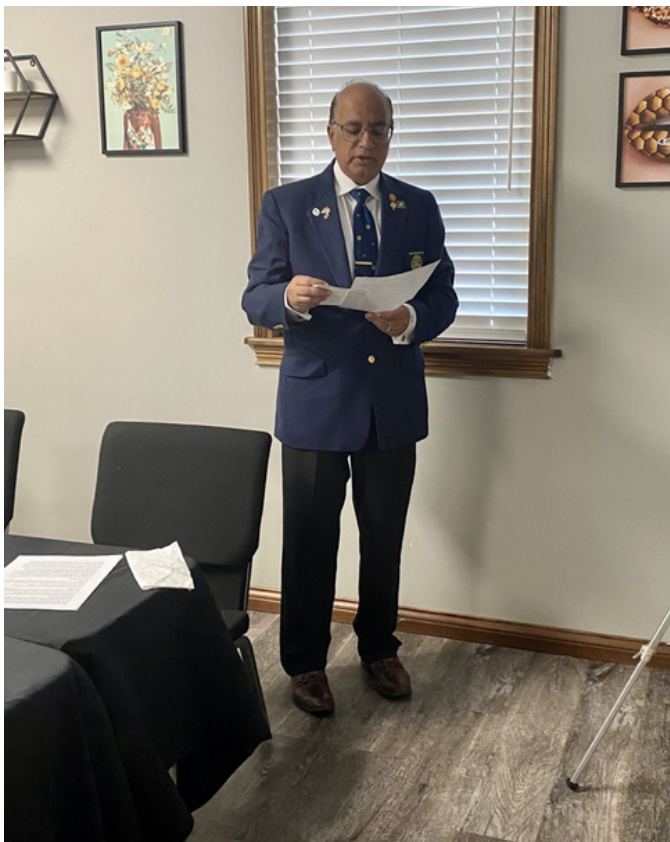
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Pictures from the District 6740 Rotary Foundation Watch Parties
Ashland Rotary Club



Pictures from the District 6740 Rotary Foundation Watch Parties
Erlanger Rotary Club



Pictures from the District 6740 Rotary Foundation Watch Parties
Pikeville Rotary Club



Pictures from the District 6740 Rotary Foundation Watch Parties Somerset-Pulaski County Morning Rotary Club



Pictures from the District 6740 Rotary Foundation Watch Parties
Lexington Rotary Club





District 6740 PolioPlus Society was established in the Rotary year 2022-2023. The goal of PolioPlus Society is creating a legacy of a polio free world. To become a member of D6740 PolioPlus Society, a one-time contribution of \$500 to the Polio Program of The Rotary Foundation or a pledge to contribute \$100 per year for the next 5 years or a pledge to contribute more than \$100 per year in the next 5 years till a cumulative donation of \$500 is required.

The membership comes with a PolioPlus Society pin which the members wear with pride. The following members of our district were inducted in the PolioPlus Society in the Rotary Year 2022-2023.

1. President Sune Frederiksen from Rotary Club of Berea.
2. Thor Bahrman from Rotary Club of Corbin
3. Katie Bales from Rotary Club of Corbin
4. Heather Barrineau from Rotary Club of Corbin
5. Jared Barton from Rotary Club of Corbin
6. Tommy Black from Rotary Club of Corbin
7. Jeremy Bryant from Rotary Club of Corbin
8. Amy Burke from Rotary Club of Corbin
9. Milly Burkhart from Rotary Club of Corbin
10. PDG Joe Caldwell from Rotary Club of Corbin
11. Lola Caldwell from Rotary Club of Corbin
12. Justin Christian from Rotary Club of Corbin
13. Jack Cloyd from Rotary Club of Corbin
14. Joshua Curry from Rotary Club of Corbin
15. Mallory Davis from Rotary Club of Corbin
16. Melissa Finley from Rotary Club of Corbin
17. President Chase Hail from Rotary Club of Corbin
18. Debbie Hardin from Rotary Club of Corbin
19. Michael Jones from Rotary Club of Corbin
20. Lisa Kersey from Rotary Club of Corbin
21. Nancy Logan from Rotary Club of Corbin
22. Rtn. Sudhir Patel from Rotary Club of Corbin
23. Usha Patil from Rotary Club of Corbin
24. Susie Barton Razmus from Rotary Club of Corbin

25. Michael sth Reeves from Rotary Club of Corbin
26. Harold Romines from Rotary Club of Corbin
27. J. Bill Sosh from Rotary Club of Corbin
28. Michael Sparks from Rotary Club of Corbin
29. Mark Edward Steely from Rotary Club of Corbin
30. Matthew Taylor from Rotary Club of Corbin
31. Jeffery Tipton from Rotary Club of Corbin
32. Wesley Tipton from Rotary Club of Corbin
33. Stephen Vaughn from Rotary Club of Corbin
34. Michael Wynn from Rotary Club of Corbin
35. AG Gil Fauber from Rotary Club of Covington
36. Rtn. Brenda Fauber from Rotary Club of Covington
37. PDG Dale Elifrits from Rotary Club of Kenton County
38. Mrs Kathy Elifrits from Kenton County
39. PP Paul Chewing from Rotary Club of Lexington
40. Rtn. Sharon Reed from Rotary Club of Lexington
41. DGE Jeanne Clark from Rotary Club of Lexington After Hours
42. PDG Keith Key from Rotary Club of Lexington After Hours
43. Molly Barnett from Rotary Club of London
44. Barkley Bowling from Rotary Club of London
45. Ed Bowling from Rotary Club of London
46. Rebecca Bray from Rotary Club of London
47. Tony Brown from Rotary Club of London
48. Pam Bunch from Rotary Club of London
49. PDG John Burkhart from Rotary Club of London
50. Kelly Burton from Rotary Club of London
51. Paul R Claiborne from Rotary Club of London
52. Michael J. Cloyd from Rotary Club of London
53. Gary D. Conley from Rotary Club of London
54. Melissa Conn from Rotary Club of London
55. AG Tina Cook from Rotary Club of London
56. Derrick Dean from Rotary Club of London
57. Jessie Eldridge from Rotary Club of London
58. Alyssa Emmett from Rotary Club of London
59. Mike Fawbush from Rotary Club of London
60. Barbara Flannery from Rotary Club of London
61. Candance Gray from Rotary Club of London
62. PDG Kathryn Hardman from Rotary Club of London
63. James Harrison from Rotary Club of London
64. Jamie Harrison from Rotary Club of London
65. Deanna Hermann from Rotary Club of London
66. Marcus Howard from Rotary Club of London
67. Martin Huff from Rotary Club of London
68. Don Jeffery from Rotary Club of London

69. Kenneth Jones from Rotary Club of London
70. Matthew Kauffman from Rotary Club of London
71. Linda Gilreath Lipps from Rotary Club of London
72. Ed Marcum from Rotary Club of London
73. Stephanie Martin from Rotary Club of London
74. Duston McNew from Rotary Club of London
75. Travis McQueen from Rotary Club of London
76. Bryan Mills from Rotary Club of London
77. Ellen Norvell from Rotary Club of London
78. Anthony Ortega from Rotary Club of London
79. Vicki Prince from Rotary Club of London
80. Catherine Ruby from Rotary Club of London
81. Candace D Selph from Rotary Club of London
82. Jason Selph from Rotary Club of London
83. Phil Smith from Rotary Club of London
84. Elsa Belle Spurlock from Rotary Club of London
85. President David Vickers from Rotary Club of London
86. David Wesley from Rotary Club of London
87. John Yanes from Rotary Club of London
88. Rtn. Meagan Brannon from Rotary Club of Maysville
89. Pdg John Hutchings from Rotary Club of Maysville
90. President Wayne Logan from Rotary Club of Paris
91. DG Seema Sachdeva from Rotary Club of Pikeville
92. PDG Rakesh Sachdeva from Rotary Club of Pikeville
93. Rtn. Terri Walters from Rotary Club of Pikeville
94. Rtn. Dennis Rohrer from Rotary Club of Pikeville
95. PP Rick Newsome from Rotary Club of Pikeville
96. President Kristy Burnett from Rotary Club of Pineville
97. Rtn. Joanna Foley from Rotary Club of Pineville
98. PDG John Adams from Rotary Club of Somerset-Pulaski County
99. Past AG Christie Adams from Rotary Club of Somerset-Pulaski County
100. AG Terry Pugh from Rotary Club of Somerset-Pulaski County
101. President Tammy Cranfill from Rotary Club of Somerset-Pulaski County
102. Rtn. Sara Pugh from Rotary Club of Somerset-Pulaski County

If you would like to join the PolioPlus Society of District 6740, please contact District Rotary Foundation Chair, PDG Rakesh Sachdeva via email sachdev1@bellsouth.net or via cell phone at (606)794-3393.

Please welcome 102 new members of District 6740 to the PolioPlus Society.





CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
LONDON & CORBIN ROTARY CLUBS
FOR BEING
100%
PolioPlus Society Members



In memory of Rotarian Dr. Gangadhar Maddiwar

Gangadhar Laxman Maddiwar, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and community servant, was born on January 21, 1936, and passed away with family by his side on May 24, 2023, at the age of 87.

Dr. Gan Maddiwar was born and educated in Maharashtra, India, where he attended medical school. He initially moved to the United States in early 1963, and completed his surgical residency at Wyckoff Heights Hospital in Brooklyn, New York, in 1968. The couple spent the next ten years in Queens where they welcomed three children while Gan continued to practice in New York. Then, in 1977, he moved the family to Eastern Kentucky to provide much needed care as the sole surgeon at Our Lady of the Way Hospital where he served until his retirement in 1998.

Gan felt such great love and gratitude for his adopted country that he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves in 1987. During the Gulf War, in 1991, he was called to serve in Operation Desert Storm with the 47th Field Hospital. He remained in the Reserves until 1997, and attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Following retirement from his surgical practice and the U.S. Army Reserves, Gan had more time to play the roles of husband and father in addition to becoming a grandfather.

Free time and travel with his wife were not enough for Gan; he was insistent on continuing to find ways to serve humanity. He was especially proud of being able to utilize his specialized skills by performing pro bono surgery and providing other medical services in well over 20 countries around the world through a variety of non-profit organizations, including Remote Area Medical, Doctors Without Borders, Rotary International, and Vivekananda Kendra, over the course of nearly 20 years. Surekha accompanied Gan on many of these medical mission trips where she often served as a triage team member to determine how best to route patients.

Gan's medical prowess even extended to our four-legged friends when, in the absence of any veterinarians, he was asked to help several animals at a remote animal shelter in India during one of his medical trips. He performed a stomach procedure on a dog and ankle surgery on a leopard. In 2021, Gan and Surekha became aware of the growing need in Eastern Kentucky to care for people experiencing homelessness. Upon learning that the Floyd County Homeless Shelter was at risk of closing, they stepped in to purchase and donate the building outright to ensure that the future of the shelter would never be in jeopardy. The facility was subsequently re-named Maddiwar House of Hope.

Gan is survived by his wife of 56 years, Surekha; three children: Leenata (Chris), Neeraj (Rupa), and Paraag (Julia); five grandchildren; one brother in the United States, two sisters in India; and an extended community of family and friends.



In memory of Rotarian Dr. Gangadhar Maddiwar

We will all cherish his infectious smile, the twinkle in his eyes, the sound of his song, his appetite for adventure, and his giving spirit. Dr. Maddiwar was a humanitarian to the core. He was a member of the Prestonsburg Rotary Club and also served as Assistant Governor in 2003. He was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Dr. Maddiwar was awarded District 6740 People of Action Award for his humanitarian service for medical missions throughout the globe at our District Conference in April 2023. He will be missed by his Rotary Family.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Floyd County Homeless Shelter (dba, Maddiwar House of Hope; P.O. Box 1746; Prestonsburg, KY 41653 – EIN 81-1936272).



Louisa Rotary Club Honors 2023 Senior Scholarship Recipients

Bev Scarberry

Thursday evening, June 1, 2023, Louisa Rotary club met at the beautiful 'Ever After Venue'. On this night they honored the 2023 senior scholarship recipients as well as announced the 23-24 club officers. Pictured below President, Harold Slone presented each of the students with their scholarship.

Other recipients not present; Kassidy Burke, Brady Dalton Jobe, Emmalee Holt



John David Montgomery



Luke Michael Parsley



Timmie Kaye Ellis 'TK'



Lauran Hogston



Trey Daniels



Rhett Elizabeth Wheeler

Louisa Rotary Club Inducts 2023-2024 Officers

Bev Scarberry



Club President – Thomas Bradley



Club Treasurer – Ginger Copley



Club Secretary – Ellen Taylor

Louisa Rotary Club Inducts 2023-2024 Officers Bev Scarberry

Past President, Patton Hart presenting outgoing President, Harold Slone with a Rotary Gavel.



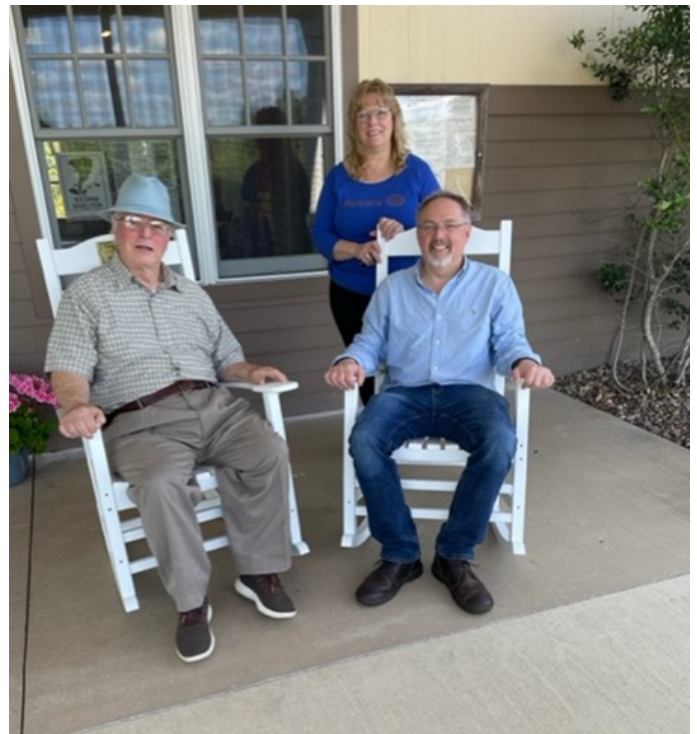
Louisa Rotary Club Shares Bev Scarberry



A few Rotarians presenting a rocking chair in memory of Rotarian Adrienne Lewis to the nursing home.

Back row: Greg Kiser, Thomas Bradley
Front Row: David McKenzie, Sherry Compton, Ginger Copley, Ellen Taylor, Tommy Taylor

Picture to the right are a few Rotarians that delivered rocking chairs to Eagle Ridge Golf Course in memory of Rotarians Bill England and Joe Hart.



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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