

THE SPOKE NEWSLETTER DISTRICT 6740

Rotary



"Give your hands to serve, and your hearts to love"- Mother Teresa

Rotarians live by their motto of "Service Above Self" inspired by Sheldon's declaration, "He profits most who serves his fellows best." The service to humanity not only changes lives of people we serve, but also enhances our personal growth and improves our mental health. We are a small but mighty district, a cauldron full of impactful community service projects. Our Interact clubs are a beacon of hope for tomorrow. Our passionate energy and enthusiasm are invigorating. The evidence was at our District Conference in Pikeville. We hosted members from 24 Rotary clubs in our district with over 150 attendees. The iconic guest of honor, PRIP John Germ, was very inspirational. Many of our members got a chance of their lifetime to engage with John and Judy Germ. We showcased eastern Kentucky, especially Pikeville, and many were enamored by our small-town charm.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our District Conference Chair, PDG Rakesh Sachdeva, and all the members who served on the District Conference Executive as well as Operations Committee. We extend our appreciation to PDG Peter Schultz, RI President's Representative, for joining us from Canada. The event was made possible by the strong support of our clubs and district leadership. We are grateful to all our sponsors for their support. This newsletter is dedicated to the "Imagine Rotary in Appalachia District Conference" review. I hope all the members in attendance took fond memories with them and others will get a taste of the event through this report.

We are now embarking on our final stretch of this Rotary year and are getting ready to host our Annual District Multi-Site Rotary Foundation event on June 10, 2023. Please make every effort to join us at one of the seven sites most convenient to you.

Rakesh and I send our best wishes to all.

Together we serve!



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Imagine Rotary in Appalachia Conference Highlights

Seema Sachdeva



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“Imagine Rotary in Appalachia” District 6740 Conference with the theme of “Celebrating Service” was held on April 28, 29, 2023, at the Appalachian Wireless Arena. Rotarians, guests, friends and family of Rotary were given a warm welcome by the University of Pikeville Band Department. Day one of the conference was opened By PDG Carrie Cinnamon and the District Luncheon called to Order by Pikeville Rotary Club President, Kay Hammond. DG Seema Sachdeva introduced the luncheon speaker, Stephanie Sinclair. Ms. Sinclair is a Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist and founder of Too Young to Wed, a charitable organization that seeks to empower girls and to end child marriage globally.

Stephanie Sinclair was born in Miami, Florida, and lives in New York. Her passionate work took seed while working as a photojournalist in Afghanistan covering a story on young girls self-immolating, in the early 2000s. She found that the desperate suicide acts by fire were being carried out by young girls who had been placed into forced childhood marriages for their child bearing bodies and ability to provide physical work. There was such fear among these young girls of their older husbands that even the slightest

criticism from them, even of the sorts of a tea being too hot, paralyzed them with such terror that the pain of a self-inflicted attack on the body was seen as preferable to other feared outcomes. Ms. Sinclair learned the girls were marrying as early as nine, and in some cases, girls as young as five were being forced into marriage. Unaware that child marriage was still occurring and even with pre-pubescent children, Ms. Sinclair began to focus her work on the global issue of child marriage and has since taken her work to over fifteen countries, including the United States. Remarkably, every two seconds across the world, an underage girl is forced into marriage. These young girls are facing the struggles of domestic violence and poverty and are five times more likely to die in child birth. Her work in Iraq and Afghanistan has been featured in National Geographic and Marie Claire magazines. In 2012, she began work with the United Nations on the International Day of the Girl Child to end child marriage and has since been dedicating her life's work to inspiring change through awareness stories of child brides told in their own words and captured on film.

Following lunch, the afternoon program included two sessions. The Opening Plenary Session was focused on the topic of Engaging our New Generation with Presiding DGN Xandy Stewart. Interact Chair Joana Foley of the Rotary Club of Pineville, and PE Cheryl McGraw presented along with Interact students from Pineville. Cheryl McGraw focused her remarks on how to start an Interact Club with either a school or community sponsor and set out the eligibility requirements, including that each student be 12 to 18 years of age, keep a 2.5 GPA, perform at least 10 hours of community service and participate in 65% of all club events. Rotarians provide mentorship and attend events involving the students with students similarly attending events of the local Rotary. The Interact Club of Pineville members showcased their twenty plus local and international projects and amazed the attendees with the breadth of projects. The projects ranged from fighting food insecurity on a local level to a work trip that included mulching the grounds and painting buildings on a Rotary sponsored Zoo in Orlando to building a house for a single Mom in Costa Rica complete with decorations the young girls carried to the island in their suitcases. PDG Gail Story from D6710 is leading the Interact Clubs in their district to collect baseball equipment for flood affected schools in our district.

As another component to the session on Engaging our New Generation, attendees heard from those who have participated in the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program as students and as hosts for students. District YE Chair, Arnold Taylor stressed the importance of adequate training in language as well as the need for transparency on the costs of participation. Student participants must be between the ages of 15 and 18 and must undergo a strict selection process. Over 100 countries are involved in the International Rotary YE Program. Pikeville Rotarian PDG James Glass and YE Alumnus, Helena Jackson shared her life-changing experience as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Australia. The final component of the session was a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) presentation from District RYLA Chair, Chris Hickey and PDG Dean Hammond. The leaders shared the program's goal of empowering young people through activities planned to encourage the development of character, courage and cooperative skills.

The last session of the Friday program highlighted outstanding service projects from eight clubs of District 6740 with DGND Greg Palmer presiding. PDG Joe Caldwell of Corbin talked about his club's Southeast Kentucky Empty Stocking Fund that serves 465 children from 156 families by providing food,

entertainment and bicycles for all boys and girls ages 7-9. Brenda Fauber of Covington Rotary Club shared her club's 20,000 plus sandwich mission at the Parrish Kitchen to combat food insecurity in the area. Susie Basham of the Lexington Rotary Club described the cooperative efforts of Rotarians and Rotaractors to prepare and deliver once per month backpacks filled with food items to school children and food boxes for twenty families identified as in need of food assistance. The Paintsville Rotary Club's Special Olympics' concession for 100 to 300 athletes was described by PDG Cindy Legg as a fund raiser for the participants as well as a free meal source for the athletes during the event. Past President Eva Stewart of the Pikeville Rotary Club shared the history behind her vision for the Christmas Cheer for Nursing Homes Project that in 2022 provided gift bags with clothes, toiletries, activity books, and other personal items for residents at four nursing homes in Pike County. Pair of Hearts, a project of the Richmond Rotary Club, was described by AG David O'Meara as a food insecurity program partnered with First Baptist Church in Hazard and God's Outreach. Ramps for Physically Disabled is a project of the Somerset Rotary Club that President Tammy Cranfill said has enabled so many in her area to be more independent and to simply enjoy life more through the provision of securely constructed, code-compliant handicap ramps built by club members. Finally, PP Margaret Hammonds of Whitesburg shared her club's history of developing an early childhood literacy program with the Dolly Parton Library; at a cost of \$25.00 per year per child, books are received monthly from birth to age five.

Concurrent to these sessions, the guests and spouses were given the tours of Breaks Interstate Park and Downtown Pikeville.

The dinner banquet opened with the Parade of Past District Governors who adorned their white jacket. DRFC, PDG Rakesh Sachdeva encouraged the attendees to pledge \$500 to join PolioPlus society and also donate \$25 or more for the US mint Polio Gold coins. He was successful in inducting 12 new PolioPlus members and raising about \$1500 from Polio coins. After dinner, he introduced our special guest, Past Rotary International President, John Germ. John was the RI President in 2016-2017 and his theme was Rotary Serving Humanity. He served as Vice-President, Director, Foundation Trustee 2008-2012 and 2018-2022, serving as Chair 2021-2022. He was the Chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, which raised \$228.7 million for polio eradication. He is currently serving as the Chair of the Countdown to History Committee, which raises \$50 million per year for the eradication of polio. John gave an extremely inspirational speech and shared his journey of polio eradication efforts and the accomplishments made by our organization in Global Eradication of Polio. John is also a master auctioneer and helped us auction a UK basketball signed by himself and John Calipari and the original print of the theme painting of RI President Jennifer Jones painted by her brother, Darren Jones. All proceeds from the auction were donated to the PolioPlus Program. Rotary Clubs of Corbin and London presented a check of \$20,000+ for PolioPlus Program to PRIP John Germ. District Polio Chair, PDG Rakesh Sachdeva also presented a check of \$2,500 to PolioPlus program in honor of PRIP John Germ. In all, we successfully raised about \$37,000 for PolioPlus.

District Governor Seema Sachdeva presented the following awards:

- District Goodwill Ambassador Award to PDG Dennis McEvoy
- Rotary Service Award as District Grants Sub-Committee Chair to PDG Kathryn Hardman
- Lifetime Achievement Award, for outstanding dedication, leadership and service to PDG Dale Elifrits Rotary
- Distinguished Membership Growth Award for outstanding dedication and service membership growth (Sponsored 37 members in his lifetime) to PP Jerry Kanney
- Women in Rotary Pioneer Award, for outstanding leadership and service to Rotary
- As the First female District Governor for our District, District 6740 to PDG Carrie Cinnamond
- District Service Above Self Award, for outstanding dedication, leadership, and service to Rotary as District Rotary Foundation Chair, District Disaster Relief Chair, District Polio Chair, and District Conference Committee Chair to PDG Rakesh Sachdeva
- Outstanding Service to our District for Polio Support, PDG John Burkhart of London and PDG Joe Caldwell
- District Treasurer and Council of Governor's Chair, for outstanding dedication and service as District Treasurer to PDG John Hutchings
- People of Action Award for outstanding leadership and service for Eastern Kentucky disaster relief to PDG James Glass. He has served as District Conference Registration Chair, and served as an aide to our special guest, Past Rotary International President John and Judy Germ, and as well as RI President's Representative PDG Peter Schultz.
- Service to the Rotary Foundation as the Chair for the Paul Harris Society and Legacy Society to PDG Keith Key
- Council on Legislation Service Award to PDG Tom Ashford
- Dedication and service to our district for serving as a trainer for Rotary Leadership Institute as well MS-PETS to PDG Jack McAllister
- Service to the District Award to PDG Cindy Legg
- People of Action Award in recognition of outstanding service for Eastern Kentucky Disaster Relief to PDG Gail Story from District 6710 of RC of South Oldham. Gail helped to coordinate the delivery of two truck-loads of supplies from her district to Pikeville and helped raise generous funds for disaster relief efforts. Gail was instrumental in leading her Interact student for fundraising of baseball equipment for our flood effected schools.

- People of Action Award in recognition of outstanding service for Eastern Kentucky Disaster Relief, DGN Mike Martin RC of Mattoon, District 6490. Mike organized the delivery of over 28,000 pounds of cleaning supplies.
- PDG Bobby and Debbie Davis for their leadership and dedication to Midsouth President Elect Training Seminar.
- People of Action Award for outstanding leadership and service for Eastern Kentucky Disaster Relief to PP Bob Shurtleff, PP Frank Dawahare, PP James Sullivan, Jeff Vanderbeck, Julie Boyd, Karen Roberts-Prater, President Kay Hammond, PP Rick Newsom, PP Robert Williams, Teri Walters (Teri served as the Compliance and Stewardship Chair for District Disaster Relief Committee.)
- DGE Jeanne Clark, for outstanding dedication and service as District Governor Elect
- DGN Xandy Stewart, for outstanding dedication and service as District Governor Nominee
- DND Greg Palmar, for outstanding dedication and service as District Governor Nominee Designate
- The awards presentation was followed by entertainment provided by award winning band, Coaltown Dixie. The Rotarians enjoyed true eastern Kentucky fellowship later in the hospitality suite.

Day 2 of the conference began with the District Business meeting. DG Seema Sachdeva thanked iPDG Michael Noftsgger for his service and dedication to Rotary.

After the business meeting, the first session of the day was presided over by Past District Governor Joe Caldwell. The topic was Rotary's Legacy of a Polio-Free World. Past District Governor Rakesh Sachdeva presented a most inspiring and informative address on Why Zero Matters. Starting with a history of the disease from 1915, Rakesh told how unsanitary conditions everywhere contributed to outbreaks of the disease. Children were removed from their homes and put in facilities away from their families in an attempt to stop the spread. Finally, in early 1950s, after much research, Dr. Jonas Salk created a vaccine from live virus. Then subsequently, Dr. Sabin found that a live attenuated virus could be used to provide more efficacious protection.

Most of the time, Sabin's vaccine was given on a sugar cube. Rakesh related a dear story of the connection between that and the Mary Poppins song "A Spoonful of Sugar." The Cincinnati school system was the first to give every student the vaccine at school. Since that time, polio has been almost eradicated from the world. There was one case in Pakistan in 2023. Rakesh stressed the importance of getting Zero cases to insure the deadly disease doesn't rise up again.

The biggest Polio fundraiser in the district is held jointly by the London and Corbin clubs. Corbin President Chase Hail and London President David Vickers told how the two clubs have worked together for the past 13 years to make a huge impact on raising funds. The two clubs alternate hosting an International Dinner between the two towns and give all proceeds to the eradication of polio.

Another fundraiser for polio was presented by Tom Burke, President of Augusta Rotary Club. Tom told of a Ride for Rotary. This was a 2-week motorcycle trip across southern India. The last time, the ride had 41 participants and the riders enjoyed great camaraderie while raising money to fight polio.

Session Two – Transforming Tragedy to Hope – was a truly heartwarming event. Presided over by PDG James Glass, the session was dedicated to the largest district wide service project in our history that was spearheaded and coordinated by District Disaster Relief Chair, PDG Rakesh Sachdeva. Members of the Pikeville Rotary Club told how the Pikeville Club played a major part in disaster relief after the devastating floods last July.

In less than five hours, over 16 inches of rain fell on an area where many were already barely getting by. Affecting 13 counties and causing 43 deaths, people were left with no homes, no cars, no clothing or food.

DG Seema presented an overview of Rotary's response to the unbelievable devastation. Realizing they had no Disaster Organization in place, Pikeville Rotary quickly partnered with the Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky to form a 501©3 allowing tax-free donations. As of this date, over \$335,000 has been raised and distributed.

Rtn. Terri Walters took on the task of being in charge of Compliance and Stewardship. To help fill immediate needs, gift cards in amounts of \$100 or \$150 were given, depending on the number of family members. Every card and donation is accounted for. The weekend of August 19, 900 families received \$115,000. A later effort saw \$185,000 given to over 900 school children for their needs.

Teams were formed to go into each affected county. Team leaders spoke on the conditions they found and how each team helped - PP Rick Newsome (Letcher county); PP James Sullivan (Floyd county and Elkhorn City); PP Robert Williams (Perry county); PP Bob Shurtleff (Carr Creek/Perry county); President Kay Hammond, PP Eva Stewart, PDG Carrie Cinnamond, and PP Gerri Kinder (Pike county); PP Jerry Kanney (Breathitt county); and PP David Lester (Knott county and Schools). The outreach leaders' stories touched the hearts of everyone attending.

PDG James Glass and Rtn. Dennis Rohrer led an effort to supply 250 infrared space heaters as the weather began to turn cold. For many, the small heaters were their only source of warmth.

Monetary awards were also given to the Riverside Christian Church and the James Still Dyslexia Learning Center. With a \$25,000 from Rotary Disaster Response Grant, 250 kids received WalMart cards for flood relief supplies. This grant was coordinated by District Grants Subcommittee Chair, PDG Kathryn Hardman.

All in all, 1,707 households received help, impacting 5000 persons. Rotarians donated over 575 Service hours.

Imagine Rotary in Appalachia

Seema Sachdeva

Awards were given to team leaders and Rtn. Terri Walters, Compliance Chair, “People of Action” who saw this endeavor to completion. In closing, PDG Rakesh Sachdeva told of the overall impact and embraced the new theme – “Create Hope in the World.”

Following Session Two, DGE Jeanne Clark presided over the Rotary meeting and Leadership Luncheon. Delightful entertainment was provided by The Dance Gallery led by Tiffany Owens.

Our first guest speaker for the Leadership Luncheon was Mrs. Jean Hale. Jean started her journey in Community Trust Bankcorp 50 years ago as the first woman to hold the titles of Vice President, Senior VP, Executive VP and became the President and CEO at the age of 45. Recently retired, she is a true trailblazer who exemplifies strong work ethic, value of education, volunteerism and commitment to excellence. She shared her personal journey and experiences during her career when there were not many opportunities for women in the financial world. Our second speaker was RI President’s Representative, PDG Peter Schultz, from Canada. Peter retired as the Professor of Physics from the University of Western Ontario and currently serves as a Research Advisor for a technology startup company. He brought us the vision and message of our RI President, Jennifer Jones. He discussed the strengths of our district and gave constructive suggestions to overcome our challenges. He actively engaged with us in all our breakout sessions. Peter is a strong supporter of The Rotary Foundation. He is a Paul Harris Society and Bequest Society member, and a major donor.

DG Seema Sachdeva recognized the leadership of her team of Assistant Governors (Gil Fauber, Bill Wilson, Dinesh Mistry, David O’Meara, Terry Pugh, Tina Cook, Vincenzo Fressola, Frank Dawahare, and Xandy Stewart), RLI team (Judy Worth, Martha Riddle, PDG Jack McAllister, and PDG Dean Hammond), Interact leaders (JoAnna Foley, Cheryl McGraw), Brian Dopp and Patton Hart.

The topic of the first afternoon session was The Rotary Foundation, presided over by DGND Greg Palmer. District Rotary Foundation Chair, PDG Rakesh presented the impact made by Rotary Funds – The Annual Fund, the Endowment Fund, and Polio Plus. On June 10, there will be our annual Multi-site Foundation Event, hosted at 7 sites in the district with the goal of raising \$50,000 for the Annual Fund.

Several Rotarians spoke of grants they had received. Leslie Co. received a Water and Sanitation Global Grant. The Butterfly Project received a \$130,000 Global Grant for empowering girls in tribal Northern Kenya.

District Paul Harris Society Chair, PDG Keith Key spoke of the levels of TRF giving: Paul Harris Fellows give \$1000/year to join Paul Harris Society; Major Donors contribute a minimum of \$10,000; and the Legacy Society which can be left in a bequest of \$1 million dollar.

The final afternoon session Empowering Girls was presided over by DGE Jeanne Clark. Jeanne spoke of the various ways clubs can reach out to young girls. The goals are to increase self-worth, provide choices and opportunities and influence their directions.

One of the projects in Zone 30, 31 was \$235,000 for gender-specific toilets in India.

DG Seema and Rtn. Genesis Bowling shared how the Pikeville Club reaches out to 9th graders with Empowering Girls of Appalachia. The girls hear successful women talk about how they overcame some of the obstacles that the 9th grade girls are facing. This year they actually had some hands-on experience with mannequins brought by healthcare professionals and students. And 12 lucky girls won a raffle allowing them to “shadow” a female Rotarian at work.

DGE Jeanne told of how the Lexington After-Hours Club partners with Bluegrass Community College for a career fair held at the Loudon Avenue YMCA. They include “at risk” girls in 4th grade.

President Florence Tandy Stewart of Rotary Club of Covington related how their club partners with Wilderness Road Girl Scouts for STEM Projects.

The President’s Dinner Banquet was extremely pleasurable. Our guest speaker was none other than our own President of University of Pikeville, Dr. Burton Webb. He holds degrees in Zoology, Biology, and Medical Immunology. He has led the University through a period of unprecedented growth since 2016. He spoke of the transformational changes at the University and the exponential growth in the past decade. He shared his vision of the future and the expected upcoming expansion of the various programs at the University, both at the undergraduate and graduate level.

This was also the night of recognition of our successes of the various club Presidents. DG Seema Sachdeva awarded gifts for Outstanding Presidential Service Awards to President Mike Fischer, Tom Burke, Kenny Gulley, Wayne Logan, Tammy Cranfill, Florence Tandy, Chase Hail, David Vickers, Sune Frederickson, Judy Flavell, and Kay Hammond.

The awards were also presented to the District Conference Planning Committee members including Shelly Justice Fouts and Lee Fouts, Karen Roberts Prater and Greg Prater, PDG James Glass, PDG Carrie Cinnamond, Gerri Kinder, Genesis Kilgore Bowling, David Lester, Kay Hammond, Terri Walters, Kitty Baird, Larry Miller and Jordan Gibson.

I would like to thank the members of our District Conference Executive Committee: PDG Rakesh Sachdeva (Chair), PDG John Hutchings (Treasurer), PDG James Glass, PDG Mike Noftsgar, DG Seema Sachdeva, DGE Jeanne Clark, DGN Xandy Stewart, and DGND Greg Palmer.

Rotary Foundation Awards for the year 2021-2022 were given as follows:

TOP THREE HIGHEST IN PER CAPITA ANNUAL GIVING IN THE DISTRICT IN 2021-2022

1. RC OF LEXINGTON AFTER HOURS: \$593.90 ANNUAL FUNDS PER MEMBER
2. RC OF SOMERSET-PULASKI COUNTY: \$577.67 PER MEMBER
3. RC OF KENTON COUNTY: \$470.57 ANNUAL FUNDS PER MEMBER

EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR CLUB AWARD IS GIVEN TO CLUBS WITH MINIMUM ANNUAL FUND CONTRIBUTION OF \$100 per member, and every member giving \$25 or more)

- 1.RC OF SOMERSET-PULASKI COUNTY
- 2.RC OF KENTON COUNTY

100% FOUNDATION GIVING CLUB IS GIVEN TO CLUBS WITH MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION OF \$100 per member, and every member giving \$25 or more to either the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, Global Grants or Endowment fund)

- 1.RC OF SOMERSET-PULASKI COUNTY
- 2.RC OF KENTON COUNTY
- 3.RC OF LONDON

END POLIO NOW: COUNTDOWN TO HISTORYCAMPAIGN CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION for clubs that contributed at least \$1500 to Rotary's polio eradication efforts

- 1.RC OF CORBIN (\$11,337)
- 2.RC OF LONDON (\$10,337)
- 3.RC OF SOMERSET-PULASKI COUNTY (\$4,200)
- 4.RC OF FLORENCE (\$4,163)
- 5.RC OF LEXINGTON (\$5,550)
- 6.RC OF MOREHEAD (\$1,500)

The evening experience was enhanced by the entertainment provided by The Hatfield and McCoy Arts Council and Artists Collaborative Theatre. They did a superb job presenting excerpts from Bloodsong: The story of Hatfield and McCoy.

Closing Remarks were offered by PDG Peter Schultz and DG Seema Sachdeva.

PDG Rakesh Sachdeva thanked our sponsors for their support. The Conference was generously supported by District 6740 and Pikeville Rotary Club.

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The Rotary Foundation



Celebrating Our Rotary Foundation – Doing Good in the World
June 10, 2023

6:00 – 8:30 pm

Join us as we honor the work done by TRF and YOU at the following locations:

Erlanger
The Hive

Maysville
Rotary Club House

Somerset
Thee Parsonage

Pikeville
Maynard Family Barn

Lexington
The Club House at Rabbit Run

Ashland
Bellefonte Country Club

Richmond
Perkins Building, ECU

Levels of Giving

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| \$5,000+ | The 1915 Charter Club |
| \$2,000 - \$4,999 | The Rotary Wheel Sponsor |
| \$1,000 - \$1,999 | Service Above Self Sponsor |
| \$100 - \$999 | Every Rotarian Every Year Sponsor |

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

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District 6740 Treasurer, c/o PDG John Hutchings
99 Edgemont Road, Maysville, KY 41056

The Rotary Club of Lexington After Hours Empowering Girls Career Fair

Jeanne Clark

District Governor Elect

The Rotary Club of Lexington After Hours has presented its first Empowering Girls Career Fair.

On Tuesday, April 11, 125 fifth grade girls from Arlington, Cardinal Valley, Deep Springs and Harrison Elementary Schools gathered at the YMCA on Loudon Avenue in Lexington to learn more about careers in aesthetics and hair styling, respiratory therapy, technology, nursing, culinary, and law enforcement. Career areas were presented by professionals from Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Sullivan University, the Lexington Police Dept., Paul Mitchell School, and Class 101. After the presentations, the girls were treated to a pizza lunch while listening to DJ Eli Masharbash. Thirty five girls walked away with \$25 gift cards to Target.

The program was sponsored by a District 6740 grant, Aaron Foley from Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Corey Donohoo from the YMCA, Susan Douglas from the Wilderness Road Girl Scouts with the support of Family Resource Coordinators Ashli Dunn (Arlington), Kate O'Ferrel (Deep Springs), Carmen Cotto (Cardinal Valley), and Phyllis McKissack (Harrison).

Special thanks go to RC members and supporters Pres. Ed Maley, Teresa Maley, Teresa Branham, June Salyer, Conley Salyer, Rebecca Simms, Katherine Wright, Vanessa Grossl, John Simson, Kenneth Clark, Katherine Wright and Chair Jeanne Clark.



Rotary Club of Florence Celebrates 2023 Scholarship Recipients

Adam Curry




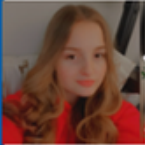





Rotary Club of Florence

The Rotary Club of Florence, serving all of Boone County (@FlorenceRotary), announced on April 24, 2023, their 2023 scholarship recipients. During the ceremony, the club recognized all the hard work the scholarship recipients have put in throughout their high school careers. Youth play an important part in Rotary. They are our future leaders and will help shape the way the world works. The Rotary Club of Florence is proud to support the youth in our community through scholarships that help them achieve their goals.

All students have continued to show exemplary determination and effort both in and outside the classroom. These students have demonstrated courage, strength, and perseverance. The Rotary Club of Florence wants to show their appreciation and give support to these students through offering a scholarship that may help with tuition and give some a better chance at achieving their career goals.

Recipients included:

Alexis Kollar, Boone County High School (@BCHS_Rebels1955)
Addyson Turner, Walton-Verona High School (@WaltonVeronaHS)
Aiden Wagenlander, Randall K. Cooper High School (@RCHS_Jaguars)
Sophie Vonderlage, Larry A. Ryle High School (@Ryle_HS)
Emma Akers, Ignite Institute (@IgniteAtRIC)
Lillian Mullins, Conner High School (@ConnerHigh)
Ellie Blair, Union Pointe Academy

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|  Ellie Blair Union Pointe Academy |  Addyson Turner Walton-Verona High School |  Lillian Mullins Conner High School |
|  Sophie Vonderlage Larry A. Ryle High School | |  Alexis Kollar Boone County High School |

ROTARY CLUB OF FLORENCE, KY (SERVING ALL OF BOONE COUNTY)
MONDAY, April 24, 2023 12:00 PM - FLORENCE NATURE EVENT CENTER
SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION

GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME OR WATCH ROTARY CLUB OF FLORENCE MEETINGS LIVE ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL
EACH WEEK - PLEASE SUBSCRIBE TO OUR CHANNEL - <https://www.youtube.com/rotaryclubofflorenceky>
So that we have enough seating and food, please RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/vcSQJhHqrqzYUg3a7>



L-R Club President, Harold Slone, new member, Eric Gibson, Past President, Patton 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

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