

THE SPOKE DISTRICT 6740 NEWSLETTER

Rotary



Message from the DG

As we close out this Rotary year and mine as District Governor, I would like to thank all of our District Leadership, my Assistant Governors, the amazing club Presidents, and energetic members for a year I will never forget. This year I have had the privilege to serve all of you and have, hopefully, left our district in pretty good shape and ready to take on the challenges of the future.

Because most of you were unable to attend the Business Meeting which took place right before the District Conference began, I would like to leave you with a few highlights of my remarks that afternoon as they pertain to the State of the District.

- My message to all members this year was a challenge to make every club a healthier one by recommitting to the Five Avenues of Service.
- Membership growth, while falling a bit short of my goal, was notable with 21 clubs gaining members, 4 clubs showing no gain and 9 clubs losing members. We are at 1264 members right now and show the 3rd highest gain in membership out of the 14 districts in Zone 30.
- 86% of our clubs set goals this year and recorded them in the Goal Center.
- We have 3 active Rotaract clubs and 6 active Interact clubs.
- Our ShelterBox challenge was successful with 12 clubs sponsoring at least one box. We raised over \$18,000 to provide shelter for families displaced by war or natural disasters.



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Message from District Governor Jeanne Clark

- Six amazing clubs were awarded the 5 Star Club honor for their completion of a rigorous set of standards. They were **Ashland, Fleming Co., Georgetown, Lexington, Louisa and Pikeville.**
- The District awarded 21 clubs over \$29,000 in district grants and spent another \$17,000 on global grants in India and Zambia. The Leslie Co. Water Project is totally funded and in the works thanks to PDG Jack McAllister's fortitude!
- Our contributions to The Rotary Foundation this year will exceed \$200,000 thanks to the efforts of DRFC Rakesh Sachdeva as well as generous club and individual giving.
- A brand new Rotary club has been organized in Eastern KY – **The Rotary Club of Floyd County's** Charter has been applied for, officers elected, and 25 members are excited and ready to go.
- District now has its own 501 c 3 thanks to the perseverance of District Finance Officer John Hutchings.
- Rotary Youth Exchange is rebounding with an exchange student from Ecuador being placed in Pikeville.
- The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards were held at the Life Adventure Center in Versailles. Twenty-four 8th grade students participated in this one day leadership opportunity.
- The Rotary Leadership Institute was held on two different dates this year and was very well-attended. Eleven Rotarians graduated from the Institute.
- We will close out the year with a gain in membership, a brand new club and on sound financial footing.



5 Star Clubs



Congratulations to our
District's first

5 STAR CLUBS

(for completing a rigorous set of criteria
within the 5 Avenues of Service)

Ashland (Pres. Michael Huy)
Georgetown (Pres. Lenora Trachsel)
Fleming Co. (Pres. Ginny Reeves)
Lexington (Pres. Kim Johnson)
Louisa (Pres. Tom Bradley)
Pikeville (Pres. Brett Keene)

The 5 Star Club Family



Awards and Honors



The Excalibur Award John Hutchings IV (Maysville)

Outstanding Service to District 6740

Brian Dopp (Somerset/Pulaski)
Vincenzo Fressola (Ashland)
Patton Hart (Louisa)
Bill Wilson (Lexington)

Friends of Rotary

(non-Rotarians nominated by a club)
Hunter Fraley (West Liberty)
Melissa Hinton (Fleming Co.)
Cody Pauley Johnson (Dist. 6740)
Norma Meek (Ashland)
Amanda Turner (Pineville)

Community Business Partners of the Year

(nominated by a club)
The Barr House Inn (Paris)
Moore & Parker Funeral Home (Augusta)
UK/Kings Daughters Medical Center (Ashland)

Rotarians of the Year (nominated by their club)

Tom Burke (Augusta)
Garry Conley (London)
Hunter Fraley (West Liberty)
Bruce Gordon (Georgetown)
Bill T. McConnell (d.) (Paris)
Dave Meyer (Covington)

ShelterBox Heroes **(donating \$1,000+)**

Augusta
Covington (2)
Fleming County
Georgetown (2)
Kenton County (2)
London
Louisa
Mt. Sterling
Richmond
Russell
Somerset-Pulaski
West Liberty

Friends of ShelterBox **(\$100 - \$500)**

Ashland
Florence
Morehead

Scenes from the District Conference



The Excalibur Award

The highest award of the evening went to John R. Hutchings IV (**Maysville**) for his devoted service to our district.



Best-selling author and our keynote speaker Dale Smith Thomas lit up the room with her remarks on choosing to live a life of positivity.



Fleming County Rotary President Ginny Reeves and her husband Woodie became brand new Paul Harris Fellows!



DG Jeanne with her Assistant Governors

Scenes from the District Conference



Conference Co-chairs Karen Roberts Prater (Pikeville) and Brenda Kelly Fauber (Covington) worked their magic!



DG Jeanne selected 4 outstanding Rotarians for their service to both her personally and the district - top right - Bill Wilson (**Lexington**), bottom left - Patton Hart (**Louisa**) and bottom right- Brian Dopp (**Somerset/Pulaski**) Not shows Vincenzo Fressola (**Ashland**)

Scenes from the District Conference



DG Jeanne and the Presidents or representatives of our 34 Rotary Clubs!

Celebrating Our Rotary Foundation – Doing Good in the World



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Our Rotary District 6740 held the 4th Multi-site hybrid Rotary Foundation Event on June 1, 2024, to celebrate the good our Foundation does in our communities and around the globe.

Rotary is a champion for fighting poverty and disease, promoting peace, maternal and child health and literacy, assisting access to clean water and sanitation as well as protecting our environment. These are the seven areas of focus of The Rotary Foundation. The transformational impact this Foundation has had globally since it was first initiated in 1917 by Arch Klumph with the initial contribution of \$26.50 is indeed monumental.

The contributions that Rotary members make to The Rotary Foundation help fund Global Grants, Peace Scholars, PolioPlus Program as well as District Grants.

The event was led by District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Rakesh Sachdeva. One hundred and twenty-two Rotarians met at 6 sites: Triple Crown Country Club in Union led by DGN Greg Palmer, PDG Dale Elifrits and AG Gil Fauber, the Maysville Club House led by DGE Xandy Stewart and PDG John Hutchings, the Eagle's Nest Country Club in Somerset led by DGND Terry Pugh and PDG Mike Noftsgger, Maynard's Family Farm in Pikeville led by Frank Dawahare and PDG James Glass, J. Render's Speakeasy in Lexington led by PDG Keith Key and DG Jeanne Clark and the Bellefonte Country Club in Ashland led by AG Vincenzo Fressola and New Club Development Chair Patton Hart.

PDG Rakesh Sachdeva gave a report on the PolioPlus campaign and why zero matters. DG Jeanne Clark gave a brief report about the Shelterboxes and Global Grants that our district participated in during 2023-2024. PDG Jack McAllister presented the status of Leslie County Global Grant. PDG Keith Key talked about the Levels of Giving to TRF. PDG Kathryn Hardman gave a report on District Grants. She reported that 21 district grants were awarded to 20 clubs for a total of \$29,292. She also shared that the twin club fundraiser of **Rotary Clubs of Corbin and London**, That International dinner raised approximately \$27,141. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to PolioPlus Program of TRF. She further shared her delightful experience of attending the RI Convention in Singapore. DGE Xandy Stewart updated the members about the upcoming Limestone Cycling Tour Fundraiser sponsored by the **Maysville Rotary** to be held on September 7, 2024, and is expected to have about 60 riders participating in the event.

District Foundation Event

PDG James Glass encouraged the members about hosting Youth Exchange and President Nominee Shelly Justice-Fouts shared her great experience of hosting Vicky, our district's exchange student from Ecuador for a year. PDG Seema Sachdeva served as the Master of Ceremony and thanked the sponsors for the event including "The Rotary Wheel" Sponsor – Forcht Bank, "Service Above Self" Sponsors – Community Trust Bank, First and Farmer's National Bank, and Phoenix Preferred Care.

The event was a huge success with pledges and donations of approximately \$60,700. This Rotary year our Annual Program Fund giving is expected to be around \$130,000 and our Polio Giving in excess of \$71,000, with our total Foundation giving to exceed \$201,000. This year will be a second year in a row that our TRF giving would be in excess of \$200,000. DRFC Rakesh Sachdeva expressed his sincere gratitude to all the members and sponsors for their steadfast support of our Rotary Foundation. He congratulated DG Jeanne Clark for a wonderful year of service and welcomed iPDG Seema Sachdeva as the next District Rotary Foundation Chair who will be serving from 2024-2027. DG Jeanne Clark congratulated him for his unparalleled dedication and service as the District Chair of The Rotary Foundation. Rakesh has led our district successfully in this role since 2020 and under his leadership developed the hybrid multi-site Foundation Event that has evolved as a role model for other districts in the nation.

Submitted by iPDG Seema Sachdeva



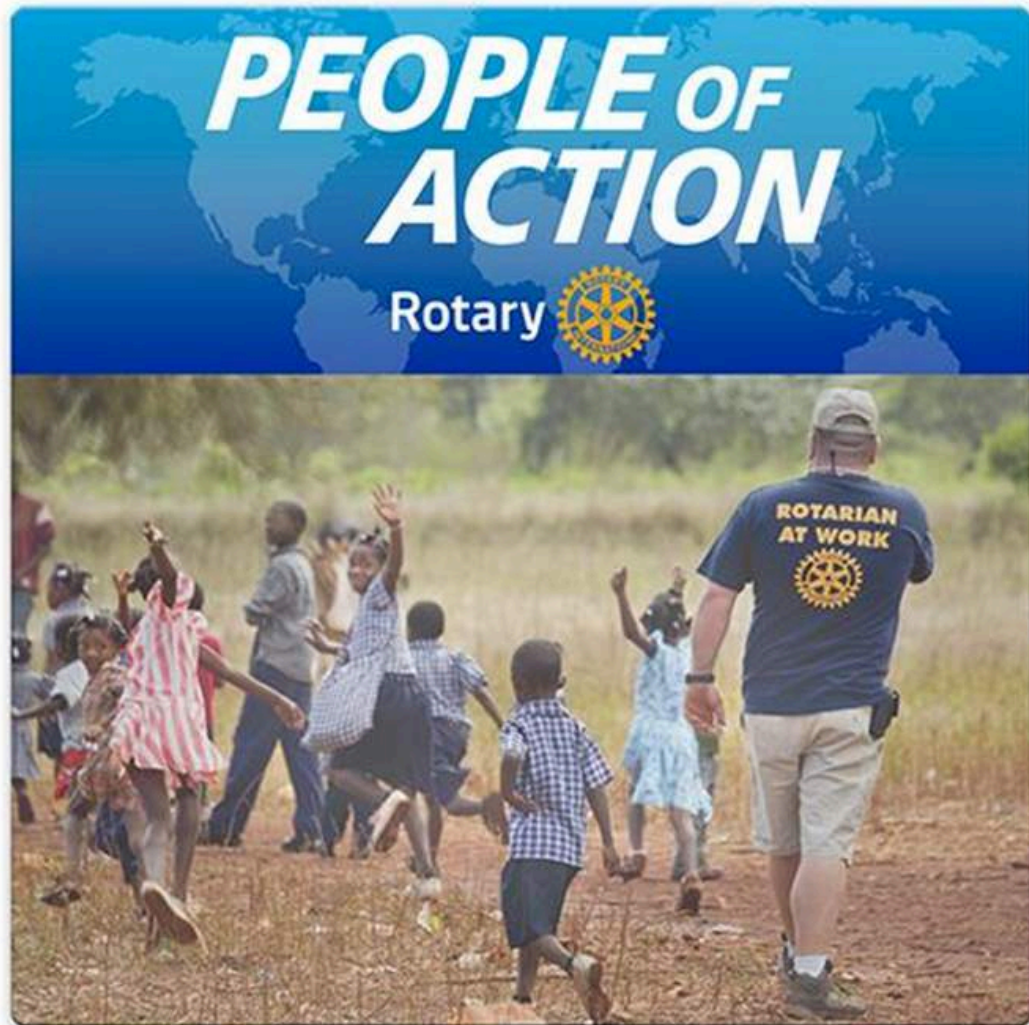
District Foundation Event



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Club Presidents - please send Brian Dopp (brian.dopp@outlook.com) upcoming events you would like to share with the district.

Please provide to Brian at least 2 months in advance to ensure inclusion on this events page.



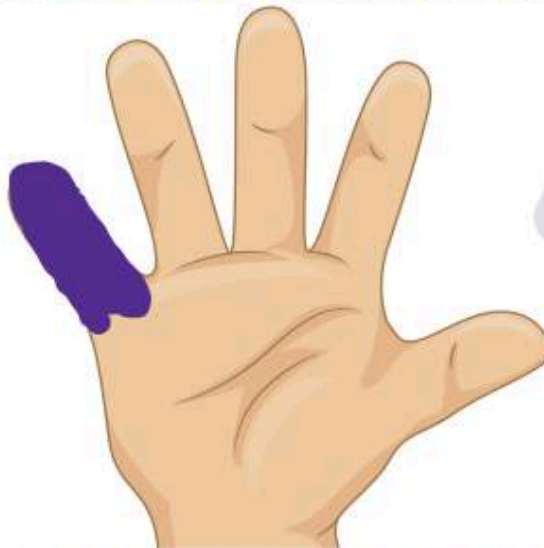
Purple Pinkie Project for Polio Plus

Rotary District 6710

is accepting donations for a specially prepared Bourbon in a specially labelled bottle sealed with purple wax for a minimum of \$130.00.

Help us vaccinate all children in the world!

Only 156
bottles
available



No limits

**Make checks to District 6710 PPPPP and
mail to D6710 Treasurer Melissa Earnest,
206 Cherry Ln, Princeton KY 42445-2325**

This bourbon was distilled 11/10/14; stored
in oak barrels 8 years; bottled 11/08/23;
and is now ready for you to take home!

Thank You from Rotary Club of Tinnevelly

The Rotary Foundation

CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

“SAKTHIMAN”
PHYSIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENTS &
ROTARY PARK FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION GLOBAL GRANT NO. GG2456445 -
TREATMENT SUPPORT TO CHILDREN AFFLICTED WITH MUSCLE DISORDER
/MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AT INSTITUTE OF MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY &
RESEARCH CENTRE, VEERAVANALLUR, AMBASAMUDRAM, TIRUNELVELI, TAMILNADU, INDIA.
PROJECT OUTLAY - ₹ 64.78 LAKHS (US\$ 77533)

SPONSORS:-
MOST CLUB - ROTARY CLUB OF TINNEVELLY, RID 3212, INDIA
INTERNATIONAL CLUB - ROTARY CLUB OF LEXINGTON AFTER HOURS, RID 6740, USA

SUPPORTED BY:-
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3212, 6600, 6060, 6080, 6540, 3192
ROTARY CLUB OF KENTON COUNTY, USA, ROTARY CLUB OF LOUISA, USA
ROTARY CLUB OF SOMERSET-PULASKI COUNTY, USA,
ROTARY CLUB OF FLORENCE, USA
ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS CENTRAL AADITHYA, CHENNAI, INDIA
ROTARY CLUB OF RAJAPALAYAM KINGS CITY, INDIA,

PROJECT COMMISSIONING - 24th JUNE, 2024.
CHIEF GUEST - RTN. MUTHIAH PILLAI.R
DISTRICT GOVERNOR, RID 3212.

RTN. VIVEK NADUVATHMANA, PRESIDENT RTN. SARAVANAN MANICKAM, SECRETARY
RTN. SATHEESHKUMAR P, CHAIRMAN, GLOBAL GRANT.

ROTARY CLUB OF TINNEVELLY.

Thank you to the **Rotary Clubs of Kenton County, Florence, Somerset-Pulaski, Louisa and Lexington After Hours** for your contributions in expanding the services and equipment of the Muscular Dystrophy Clinic in Tinnevelly, India through a global grant. The clinic will be able to treat more poor children through your generous help. This is a picture of the plaque which will be permanently posted at that clinic!!!

New Rotary Club in the Works for District 6740

A Charter has been applied for in the creation of a new Rotary Club for District 6740!!! (Stay Tuned!)

The Rotary Club of Floyd County

2024 – 2025 Officers

President Kelli Martin

Vice President (President Elect) Susan Kendrick

Secretary Rodney Gardner

Treasurer Tonya Johnson

Charter Members

Bobby Akers	Tony Grubb	Dr. Mina Majmundar
Kathy Allen	Patricia Hackworth	Kelli Martin
Robert Allen	Rick Hughes	Lauren McCoart
Steven Bailey	Doug Hyden	Jean Rosenberg
Rhonda Clark	Kevin Woods	John Rosenberg
Jon Dye	Sarah Hyden	Anna Shepherd
Martha Ellis	Tonya Johnson	Julie Smith
Rodney Gardner	Dr. Jack Kendrick	Joyce Wilcox
Kim Grubb	Susan Kendrick	

For information about joining, contact us at: Floydcountyrotary@gmail.com

Pineville Interact Ambassadors

Members of the **Pineville Interact Club**, under direction of their sponsor Joanna Foley, played a key role in the success of our District Conference this year as many of their members served as Ambassadors.

Interact students served as greeters, monitored the silent auction, participated in the flag ceremony and provided many other duties before and after the program. The Pineville Interact is one of the most active and passionate Interact clubs in our district. Thank you Interactors!





2024 Leadership Seminars

09:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**JULY
13**
Saturday

FLORENCE, KY

**JULY
20**
Saturday

SPRINGFIELD, IL

**JULY
27**
Saturday

GADSDEN, AL

**AUG
3**
Saturday

LITTLE ROCK, AR

**AUG
10**
Saturday

SHREVEPORT, LA

Open to all current

INSPIRATION APPLICATION

This experience will provide an interactive, engaged learning experience where you will learn, grow and share with others in your region to take your district to new heights! The content will be aligned with the tools and skills to share meaningful stories to Engage your current members, Attract new members, Adapt to alternative club and member models all while increasing your Impact through the power of the Rotary Foundation.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

9:00- 9:15 Welcome-Jill and Beth

9:15 – 10:00 Membership – Explore the Five Elements of the Club Experience and learn how to Enhance Participant Engagement

10:00 – 10:25 Public Image-Tool Kit items to help Clubs Promote Membership

10:25-10:35 Break

10:35-11:00 Public Image-Tool Kit items to help Clubs Promote The Rotary Foundation

11:00-12:00 Foundation-What is your passion? What is your dream project? How can the Rotary Foundation help increase that impact? Learn how to Plan a Successful Project and how to inspire Rotarians and friends of Rotary to Give to The Rotary Foundation.

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-1:50 Membership-Discover how to identify a clubs' strengths and vulnerabilities, learn how to use action steps to strengthen club and gain many inciteful tools to enhance participant engagement in our "Resource Buffet"!

1:50-2:40 Public Image-Create a public image calendar for the year integrating membership drives, membership highlights, foundation projects, foundation giving, world polio day, and local service projects.

2:40-2:50 Break

2:50-3:40 Foundation-Discover what a Legacy Dinner is and can you create a successful event. Gain an updated status on PolioPlus and get ideas for a World Polio Day event.

3:40 Wrap Up

Pikeville Rotary Club Empowering Girls of Appalachia Symposium - Another Successful Year!

The Rotary Club of Pikeville hosted third Empowering Girls of Appalachia Symposium on April 11, 2024 at the Appalachian Wireless Arena.

The event was founded by our Past District Governor of Rotary International District 6740, Seema Sachdeva. It is organized by a committee of Rotary members including Dr. Seema Sachdeva (Committee Chair), Kitty Baird, Carrie Cinnamon, Shelly Justice Fouts, James Glass, Kay Hammond, Dr. Genesis Kilgore Bowling, Gerri Kinder, Rhonda Little, Dr. Margo Riggs, Karen R Prater and Terri Walters.



The event benefited 180 ninth grade girls of Pike County representing Pike Central, East Ridge, Shelby Valley, Phelps, Northpoint Academy, and Pikeville High School.

The theme for this year as set by RI President Gordon McInally is “Create Hope in the World,” with a mental health focus. The program enhanced the international focus by equally emphasizing hope through bringing knowledge of opportunities for educational advancement and of vocations for the empowerment of young women.

Pikeville Women of Rotary exposed our young Pikeville students to true role models of strong-spirited, well-educated and successful Appalachian women. Our speakers included Ms. Renee Shaw, (Broadcast Journalist, KET Director of Public Affairs), Mrs. Jean Hale (Former CEO and Past Chairman of Community Trust Bancorp), Dr. Lori Werth (UPike Provost), Chrysta Ghent/Rachel Burchett (Big Sandy Community and Technical College/East KY Science Center), and Kari Hall Jones PhD. (Clinical Psychologist).

The program was equally split between speakers and stations where participants were exposed to hands on experience with nineteen vocations. The stations offered included Pikeville Medical Center Physical Therapy, Occupational therapy, OR Tech team, Respiratory Therapy, trauma team, nursing department, sonography, radiology and laboratory department. Also present were Galen College of Nursing, American National University, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, TEK, Appalachian Center for the Arts, MCCC Green Dot, US Army, Navy and Marine Corps, and University of Pikeville School of Social Work and School of Nursing and University of Kentucky College of Public Health.

Additionally, there were ten female Rotarians who offered sign-up for a day of experiential shadowing with them during the summer break. Their professions include Business (Karen Roberts), Banking (Gerrie Clark and Eva Stewart), Legal (Rhonda Little, Helena Jackson), Medical (Dr. Seema Sachdeva, Dr. Preeti Sahasi), Military (Dr. Margo Riggs), Non-Profits (Kay Hammond), and Pharmaceutical (Allison Powers)

A light breakfast and a full lunch were provided for students and those attending with them. Time was provided during lunch and during station activities for fellowship with students from other high schools. The event was sponsored by Rotary D6740 district grant, Pikeville Rotary Club, Community Trust Bank, Pikeville Medical Center and University of Pikeville. Our sincere thanks to Pikeville Police and Fire department for their assistance and the staff of AW Arena.

Pikeville Rotary Club Empowering Girls of Appalachia Symposium



Rotary Club of Florence Celebrates 2024 Scholarship Recipients

On Monday, May 6, 2024 at noon the **RC of Florence** announced the 2024 scholarship recipients and recognized all the hard work the students 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 of these 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 them scholarships that may help with tuition and give some a better chance at achieving their career goals.

The club also honored the first RYLA scholarship recipient.

Applicants are evaluated on their community service, involvement in Rotary and complete an essay reflecting upon Rotary's motto or the Four Way Test and address how these ideas will impact the next phase of their life.

Funds to support these scholarships are raised through the club's annual golf outing which takes place in October of each year.

The recipients for 2024 are:

Boone County High School ([@BCHS_Rebels1955](#)) - Joseph Pile
Conner High School ([@ConnerHigh](#)) – Taryn Hubbard
Cooper High School ([@RCH_Jaguars](#)) – Rukhshona Tursunova
Ryle High School ([@Ryle_HS](#)) – Emma Adelman
Walton-Verona High School ([@WaltonVeronaHS](#)) – Max Rice

The inaugural RYLA scholarship recipient is Evelyn Voisard of Conner Middle School ([@CMColts](#))

Evelyn will be attending the Rotary District 6740 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) in the summer of 2024. RYLA is a program for 8th graders who would not otherwise have an opportunity for leadership training or develop leadership potential. It is an exciting and challenging camp experience that will inspire attendees to become leaders in their schools, community and life.

Congratulations to all the recipients!

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Joseph Pile
Boone County
High School



Rukhshona
Tursunova
Cooper
High School

Taryn
Hubbard
Conner High
School

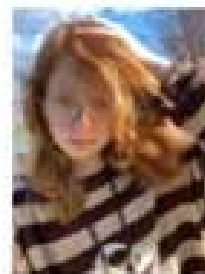


Emma
Adelman
Ryle High
School



Max Rice
Walton-Verona
High School

RYLA
Evelyn
Voisard
Conner Middle



Rotary Club of Florence Open House

Julie Pile

The Rotary Club of Florence held an Open House on Monday, April 29th inviting members of the community to come and learn about Rotary and our club. There was a wonderful turnout. Each of the club's teams prepared tri-fold display boards and offered handouts. There were even a couple of door prizes given. Finger foods were served so that guests and club members could mingle and talk in a casual atmosphere. Two new member applications were received and a number of visitors attending stated they would be back to a future meeting. The event was enjoyed by everyone and there are plans for it to become a yearly event. A big shout out to the club's membership team for coordinating the event.



Stephens Elementary School Dedicates New Outdoor Classroom Provided by Rotary Club of Florence

“I just really can’t stop smiling,” said Dr. Jim Detwiler (@JimDetwiler1), Chief Academic Officer at Boone County Schools. “It warmed my heart to see the representatives of the Rotary Club and the school leadership and the teachers—this partnership doesn’t exist in most places around the country, and it really makes our community unique.”

Detwiler, staff members and students at Stephens Elementary School, and members of the Rotary Club of Florence were on hand to dedicate a new outdoor classroom. “This area was just overgrown with weeds,” said Stephens Principal Eric Blankenship (@mistabscience). “Once we had it cleared, the Rotary Club offered to provide benches to create an outdoor classroom.”

A grant from District 6740 funded the classroom. “The club used that grant money to purchase benches,” said **Rotary Club of Florence** President Julie Pile (@juliepile). “It gives students a chance to read, relax, and be part of nature.”

The area, nestled between two wings of the school, has recently been weeded and mulched by staff and volunteers from Lakeside Christian Church. “It’s rained a lot, and some of the weeds are starting to come back,” said Blankenship. “But that’s okay—it’s outside!” The classroom has ten benches, which seat up to four students each. “We just had a fifth-grade class out here to perform their reader’s theatre, and the kids were just smiling and excited. We’ve had different types of presentations where outside organizations such as the 4-H and the Co-Op come in with different presentations, with animals, with plants—anything that needs to be outdoors.”

Blankenship said this is just the first phase of the outdoor classroom. “Eventually, we’d like to add raised beds to create pollinator gardens, and maybe grow vegetables. Give the kids something they can see grow and change over time.”

He went on to say that Stephens teachers are innovative, but providing them a space outside of the classroom helps keep the students engaged and motivated. “Real life’s not set in a classroom. So, on days like today, with this beautiful sunshine, we’re able to give them a wide open outdoor space. The wonderful new seating area provided by the Rotary Club of Florence allows the students to get out, move around, and have a unique atmosphere that is free for us to use, still on the school grounds, and safe.”

“We always love anything that has to do with the environment,” said Detwiler. “Making sure students are working with their hands, making things, it’s a really great opportunity for them. It makes me proud of the community.”

Rotary’s motto is service above self, and the Rotary Club of Florence always looks for ways to invest in the next generation of students. “Rotary has been one of our greatest community partners,” said Blankenship. “We are a true partnership. Our job at the school is to raise the next generation of community members. By partnering with Rotary, not only are we preparing them academically, but also socially. They see the bigger, greater good, and have a sense of community service.”

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“That connection is really important,” said Detwiler. “You can see a storyline from when a student enters kindergarten to when they take their first job in the community. That ownership piece is essential for us all to be successful for our students.”

“Schools can’t do everything on their own,” said Pile. “Partnerships like this can create a bond and build a village, connecting our club and club members to the school, so the students know they’re loved, and we want to invest in them.”

That partnership means a lot to Blankenship. “Whenever we’ve reached out for support with different items, Rotary has stepped up and helped us out. They helped us organize the One to One Reading Program, which helped many of our students who needed a little extra help in reading, and those students are thriving now. Now, with this outdoor classroom, we have another area that gives every student in our building a fun, clean outdoor space where they can learn. We’re here for you, and you’re here for us, and together, we will make the county an even better place.”

Read online: <https://florencerotary.org/stephens-outdoor-classroom/>



Rotary Club of Richmond Celebrates First Successful International Dinner

Congratulations to President Wendy Ridout and the members of the **Rotary Club of Richmond** on their successful first-ever International Dinner held on June 8 at the First Christian Church in Richmond. The dinner raised money for Enrich, KY as well as The Rotary Foundation and the club Foundation.



Rotary Club International Dinner Draws Crowd

By Robert Halcomb The Sentinel-Echo

The London and Corbin chapters of Rotary Club collaborated to host the 14th Annual International Dinner at the Corbin Arena on Saturday evening.

The dinner featured a variety of local restaurants/ vendors preparing dishes native to their country of origin or country of choice. The floor of the Corbin Arena was filled with guests, tables, and vendors. They sold out of tickets as approximately 700 people attended the event. The purpose of the event was to promote the Rotary Club's longstanding campaign to end polio across the world.

Rotary District 6740 Governor Jeanne Clark highlighted the importance of their mission by telling a story from a trip that she took to distribute polio vaccines in India. Clark told the story of a young girl who "was not wearing shoes and had only tattered clothing" that visited the vaccine clinic being sponsored by the Rotary Club. According to Clark, the young girl approached her eagerly to receive the vaccine and, despite the language barrier, was able to communicate her thanks by "placing (Clark's) hand on her face and smiling."

To Clark, this heartfelt interaction across cultures demonstrated the importance of continuing the Rotary Club's mission despite dwindling numbers of polio worldwide.

In addition to collecting money via purchased tickets, the dinner also offered guests the opportunity to bid on items at a silent auction.

Those attending could sample dishes from 23 countries represented at the dinner, including the following:

Brazil — University of the Cumberlands Pioneer Caterers

Canada — Milly Burkhart

Chile — Andrea Muñoz

China — Fangmin McQueen; Jeremy Bryant

Cuba — Sante Fe Mexican Restaurant

England — Barnett Family; Tim Barnes

France — Folktale Coffee and Bakehouse

Greece — Dino's Italian Restaurant & Lounge

India — Meera and Sweta Patel; Sudhir and Shobhna Patel; Dr. Usha Patil; Red Roof Inn & Suites/KT Patel

Indonesia — Febi Baldwin; Somerset Asian Market; Wes and Destiny Gilreath

Ireland — Joe and Lola Caldwell

Italy — Brooklyn Brothers Pizzeria; Lex Rents LLC, Family Lake Vacation

Lithuania — Suzie and Greg Razmus

Malaysia — Alfie Cheng

Mexico — El Dorado Mexican Restaurant; Bethel Hispanic and Multicultural Church; Santa Fe Mexican Restaurant

Rotary Club International Dinner Draws Crowd

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Mexico — El Dorado Mexican Restaurant; Bethel Hispanic and Multicultural Church; Santa Fe Mexican Restaurant

Netherlands — Parkinson's in Motion

Pakistan — Faia Arif; Adeela Bashir; Parina farhan Javaid

Philippines — Dr. Atienza Acob Medical Center

Thailand — The Palace Family Entertainment

Uganda — Uganda Counseling and Support Services

United States — Old Town Grill of London; Applebee's; Pepsi Cola Bottling Company; Slim Chickens; Dupont Lodge; Mont and Melonie Lowans; David's Steakhouse; Wildcat Mountain Cheese; Baptist Health Corbin; Flowers Bakery.

Also speaking at the meeting were Corbin and London Rotary Club Presidents Mallory Davis and Kenny Jones. Both leaders extended their gratitude to those present at the event, as well as expressing their belief in the importance of the Rotary Club



Rotary Club International Dinner Draws Crowd By Robert Halcomb The Sentinel-Echo



District Governor Jeanne speaking before dinner started. Corbin Jazz band is featured in the background.



Rotarian John Burkhart & wife Millie hosting the country of Canada. They served Poutine with local cheese maker Wildcat Mountain Cheese.



Host Bethel Hispanic & Multicultural Church with their booth before dinner started.



Sudhir Patel International Dinner: Rotarian Sudhir Patel & Family at one of their host booths.

London Rotary Club Redbud Ride

On April 20th the **London Rotary Club** volunteered for the Redbud Ride, an event that London Downtown presents. This event brings in Cyclists from all over Kentucky, as well as cyclists from around the country. It is a kickoff event ride for the Kentucky Cycling Challenge. This year brought almost 600 riders to Laurel County. Cyclists can choose to ride 100 miles, 72 miles, or 24 miles. Along the way where rest stops where the riders could get snacks, rest and relax. The London club hosted a rest stop as well as the kickoff pancake breakfast.



Volunteers working the rest stop



Anthony & Ellen getting a favorite snack ready for the riders.



Riders taking a well-deserved break



A peanut butter & jelly sandwiches party the night before the big event

London Rotary Club Member Celebrations



Celebrating John Burkhart's 50th year of serving with Rotary



Welcoming Ronald Rotondi, Christina McCreary, Kenneth Corso & Lana Carnes as new members



Welcoming Abby Harrison as a new club member

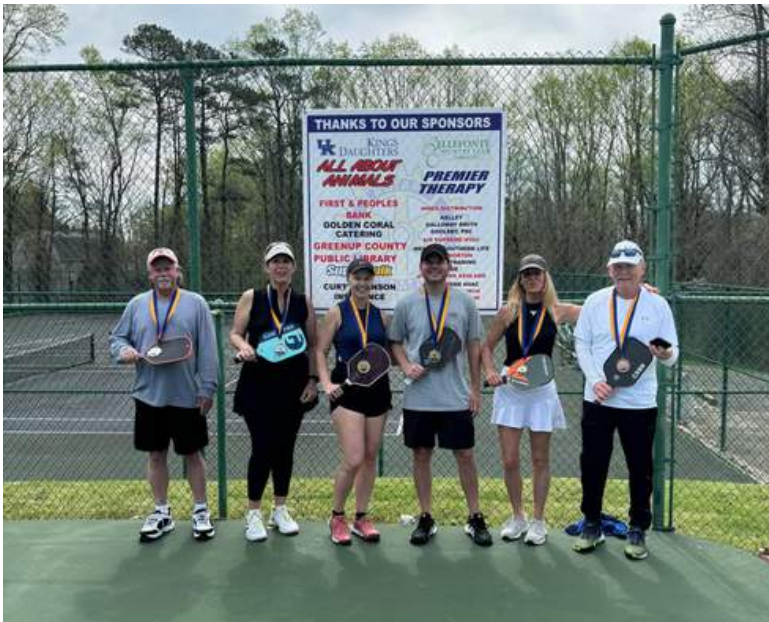


Welcoming Sheena Robinson as a new club member

Russell County Rotary Club Welcomes New Members and Holds Successful Pickleball Tournament



Russell County Rotary Club welcomes new member Kyle Gammon



Brittany Key Speaks to Richmond Rotary Club

Brittany Key, the St. Jude Area Representative for Development, spoke to the **Richmond Rotary Club** on Wednesday, May 29, 2024. Brittany discussed the background of St. Jude and the research taking place at the hospital. In addition, two representatives of Mulberry Builders were the guests of the Richmond Rotary Club. Mulberry Builders is building the second St. Jude "Dream Home" in Lexington. Mulberry Builders has donated the materials and their time to build the "Dream Home." A ticket raffle is being held by St. Jude to give away the "Dream Home" this fall and raise money for St. Jude. The Richmond Rotary Club meets at Golden Corral every Wednesday for lunch at noon and a program. Come join us if you are in Richmond.



Cynthiana Rotary Club Holds Annual Senior Luncheon

The Cynthiana Rotary Club recently held its annual Senior luncheon. The Rotary Club honors students with the top 30 GPA's in the graduating class. The students are invited to a lunch where they share their plans following graduation. The Senior class of 2024 was the first class to have the entire top 30 students will a GPA greater than 4.0. We are proud of our students and enjoy this tradition of honoring our seniors.



Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce Helps Keep Kids Safe, Tracks Missing Kids

By Andy Furman, NKyTribune reporter

Kyle Wallace has a love-hate relationship with his job.

“I hate that it has to exist,” he told the **Covington Rotary Club** meeting recently. “And I love that it does exist – to catch those who take advantage of kids.”

Kyle Wallace is Detective Kyle Wallace with the Kenton County Police Department and the Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce.

“The ICAC was founded in 1998,” he said, “And currently there are some 61 Taskforces throughout the United States, compiled over 5,000 Law enforcement agencies.”

With over 89,000 arrests, he pointed out.

And what they do – investigate a wide-range of internet crimes – they work together with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in the apprehension of these child predators.

In fact, NCMEC became the primary resource for missing children, Det. Wallace noted. “In 1998 NCMEC established the cyberviolence team to combat threats to children; and they’ve recovered more than 400,000 missing kids.”

The cyberline is the place to report child exploitation – if one believes you or someone you know is a victim of exploitation.

“The child and family link to the cyberline – www.cyberetipline.com – and will fill-out an online report,” Det. Wallace said. “NCMEC Call Center Specialists retrieve and prioritize each lead. Then the report is immediately reviewed and analyzed by NCMEC’s Exploited Child Unit (ECU).”

In 2023, for instance, Det. Wallace noted that 28,800 cases of missing children were reported – and one-in-six of those were likely victims of child sex trafficking.

“Some 25,306 cases have been resolved with the help of NCMEC,” he said. “About 19 percent of children who ran from child welfare last year were likely victims of sex trafficking.”

As for missing kids and Human Trafficking, Det. Wallace said 161 cases of 200 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky were resolved last year – in Ohio 1,545 of 1,749 were resolved.

So why do these kids run away?

“Understanding adverse childhood experiences as common risk factors helps identify opportunities to proactively intervene to prevent child sex trafficking,” Det. Wallace said. “We’ve organized these factors into three categories.”



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- **Societal and Environmental** – Which would include Racism, Bullying, Lack of Resources, Gang Activity, Sexism, Involvement in child welfare for juvenile justice systems
- **Family** – Inter-generational sexual abuse, Lack of acceptance of gender identity or sexual orientation, Housing instability/homelessness, immigration status, adverse childhood experiences – Domestic Violence, Household substance abuse, Physical/emotional neglect or abuse, sexual abuse, families with untreated mental health issues
- **Individual** – History of trauma, Lack of supportive family or adult figures, low-self-esteem, Developmental or physical disability, substance misuse

When asked about how many cases-per-year occur in Kenton County, Det. Wallace was quick to tell the Northern Kentucky Tribune, “They do fluctuate; and they are with all age groups.”

His visit concluded with this:

“There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want and that they can grow up in peace.” – Kofi Annan

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Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation — CPR — Can Save Lives – and “Anyone Can Learn it,” EMT tells Rotarians

By Andy Furman, NKyTribune reporter

David Fine gave the group a lesson. The lesson of life – saving a life.

Fine served as teacher to his fellow Rotarians at the **Covington Rotary Club’s** weekly luncheon at the Radisson Hotel by explaining and performing CPR.

CPR – or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation – is an emergency lifesaving procedure performed when the heart stops beating.

“Immediate CPR can double or even triple chances of survival after cardiac arrest,” said Fine, who is an EMT, Terrace Park, Station 94. “I learned CPR as part of my EMT certification, and “I’ve used it.” He says he was in an ambulance with a heart attack patient, when he performed CPR. He would not comment on the patient’s results.

According to published reports, some 350,000 people die from cardiac arrest in the United States. Fine says keeping the blood flow active – even partially – extends the opportunity for a successful resuscitation, at least until trained medical staff arrive on site.

Fine described the Hands-Only CPR technique — with the use of a dummy – to the assembled lunch crowd, and did admit although a certified EMT, this was his first public presentation.

“It’s really not difficult at all,” he stressed.

The Hands-Only CPR, he explained, is CPR without mouth-to-mouth breaths.

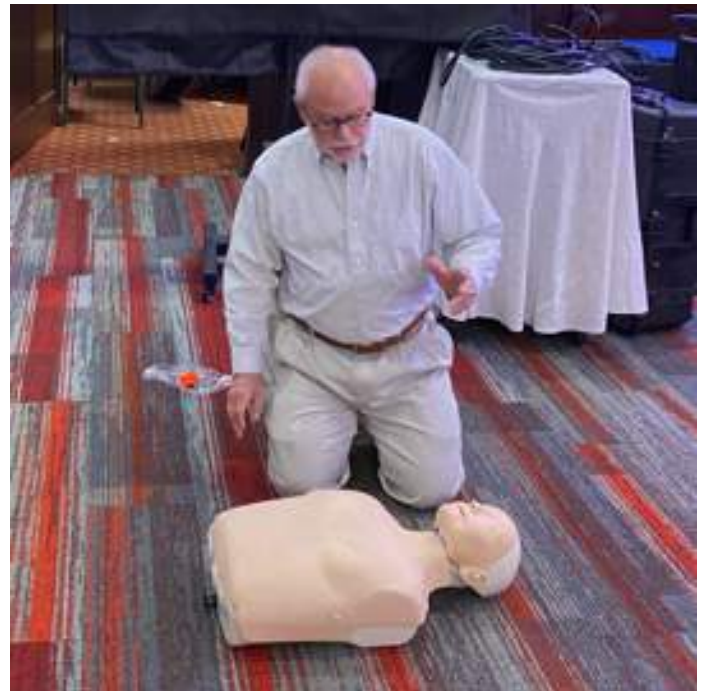
“It is recommended for people who see someone – not a child – collapse in an out-of-hospital setting — perhaps at home, or at work,” Fine said. “It actually consists of two steps.”

1. Call 9-1-1 – or have someone call, and
2. Push hard and fast in the center of the chest.

“CPR should be performed by anyone – including bystanders, or people in the office, should an emergency arise,” he said.

Some key points:

- Minimize interruptions in chest compressions
- Breath after 30 compressions
- Provide compressions of adequate rate
- Avoid leaning on the victim between compressions
- Keep elbows stiff
- Proper hand placement on victim



EMT David Fine demonstrating CPR to Rotarians. (Photo by Andy Furman/NKyTribune)

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And when should you perform CPR?

“CPR should be used when you see someone who is unresponsive and is not breathing, or only gasping,” Fine said.

Learning how to perform CPR properly takes just a few short hours, according to Fine, but it can change a life forever. “And anyone can learn it.”

Cardiac arrest can happen anytime and anywhere. In these emergencies, the heart stops beating or beating too ineffectively to circulate blood to the brain and other vital organs.

“Every second counts,” Fine pointed out, during his hands-on demonstration.

CPR certification can help prevent brain damage and death by keeping oxygenated blood moving throughout the body.

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The half-hour instructional demonstration proved to be eye-opening for the Rotarians. Visit www.redcross.com to learn how to sign up for CPR classes in your area.

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