

THE SPOKE DISTRICT 6740 NEWSLETTER

Rotary



From The District Governor
December 2024

How would you like to begin your Rotary experience in 2025? Would you like to help the world's most recognized service organization grow influence in your community? You can learn helpful ideas by registering for our district's Rotary Leadership Institute, RLI, being held on January 25th in Lexington. RLI is one of the best programs we offer to introduce Rotary members to happenings beyond club level. RLI is where we learn to use proven methods to expand our club's community presence. This is an excellent Rotary experience, and a great way to spend a day; please consider joining us.

What else might you do to help energize your Rotary 2025 involvement? How about registering for our multi-district conference being held May 2nd and 3rd in Chattanooga, Tennessee. This year our district conference is in conjunction with districts from Eastern Tennessee and North Alabama. It promises to provide an exceptional opportunity to interact with Rotarians from different communities, and different backgrounds. Your attendance will offer you a chance to hear from a member of Rotary International's Board of Directors, and two Rotary International Past Presidents. This is the perfect place to learn more about the service our organization provides around the world. Make 2025 the year you share in yet another remarkable Rotary event.

We will have a number of invitations in the coming months to share in Rotary events with other clubs. Whether it is the newly popular Golf Ball Drop, a pancake breakfast, an international dinner, or otherwise, clubs throughout our district provide us with opportunities to share ideas of how to make our Rotary experience the most meaningful. Rotarians are viewed as leaders within their communities. Most leaders are naturally inclined to want to meet and learn from others. Rotary International tells us we are "People of Action". Let us each commit to acting in 2025 by engaging more, reaching out more, and introducing new members to our Rotary clubs.

2025 will provide many opportunities to grow membership, start clubs, and find new ways to serve our communities. As we embrace each opportunity we will also be growing ourselves as Rotarians. I am looking forward to this year's opportunities for action, and I hope that you are as well. Thank you all for serving Rotary as you do.

Rotary On!

Xandy



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Thank You from the Rotary Foundation

Dear Rotarians,

We're so thankful for donors like you, who make Doing Good in the World possible. Because of your support this year, The Rotary Foundation can help fund the work of Rotary members who improve people's lives through meaningful and sustainable projects around the globe.

With contributions from donors like you, Rotary members work with each other and our partners to accomplish amazing things that transform communities. Your gifts are so much more than donations — they bring health, opportunities, and hope to neighbors, friends, and families.

Here are some examples of how we are helping communities thrive:

- Health workers in Sierra Leone are trained through a Rotary global grant-funded project to resuscitate infants who struggle to breathe.
- Submerged ships are transformed into artificial reefs in Mexico, supported by far-flung Rotary clubs and a Rotary Foundation global grant.
- A Rotary project supplying clean water to Zimbabwean villages brings wide-ranging benefits.
- Rotary members raise awareness and funds toward eradicating polio.

Thank you for your dedication to Doing Good in the World with The Rotary Foundation. You make these projects possible, and we are truly grateful for your support.

Sincerely,
The Rotary Foundation



Rotary District 6740 Selects 2027-2028 District Governor Nominee Designate

The Nominating Committee of Rotary International District 6740 met on December 14, 2024 for the purpose of selecting a District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND). The member selected will serve as District Governor for Rotary Year 2027-2028.

The Nominating Committee has selected Rotarian Frank Dawahare from Pikeville Rotary Club.

Frank has an accounting background, and has served in sales and management positions for multiple companies. He has been a member of the Pikeville Rotary Club since 1989, and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow recipient. Frank served as Pikeville Rotary Club's Foundation Chair for 5 years. He was President of the Pikeville Club during Rotary Year 2000-2001. Frank has also served as an Assistant Governor and was actively involved with the Flood Disaster Relief Committee. Frank is a staunch supporter of multiple interests within the Pikeville community, which include arts, soccer and workforce innovation.



According to Section 4.5 of the By-Laws of Rotary District 6740, the District Governor is to notify the clubs in the District of the Nominating Committee's selection within 72 hours of being informed. Clubs in the District have fourteen (14) days from the date of this notification to challenge the nomination of Frank Dawahare. If you or any member of your club has reason to make such a challenge you have until midnight of December 30, 2024, to notify me in writing.

This email is in accordance with my responsibility for the nomination of a District Governor Nominee Designate for Rotary District 6740.

Xandy Stewart
District Governor



GIVE THE GIFT OF ROTARY



TAKE ACTION:
rotary.org/donate

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you're supporting the work of Rotary members who are working with communities around the world to find sustainable solutions to their needs. Rotarians and Rotaractors are taking action to make a difference, but we need your help.

A gift today can accomplish great things from delivering polio vaccines that protect children for a lifetime to providing medical equipment that gives newborns a healthy start.

Take
Action:
**GIVE
NOW**

**Your gift today can make a difference.
Visit my.rotary.org/givethegift
to donate and learn more.**

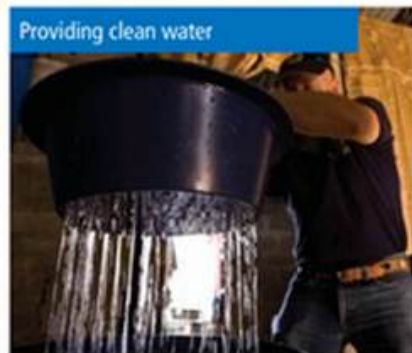
rotary.org/donate

Your gift does not purchase a specific item but will support projects like those shown here.

\$15
POLIO VACCINES



\$50
WATER FILTER



\$100
VOCATIONAL TRAINING



\$150
HAND WASHING STATION



\$200
REPLACING LIVESTOCK



\$320
PEACE LEADERSHIP TRAINING



District 6740 Rotary Leadership Institute

Issue: RLI Registration—we need you!

Target Audience: Current and potential club leaders AND anyone who wants to know more about Rotary
Date: January 25, 2025 (9:45 AM to 4:30 PM) Parts I, II, III run concurrently in breakout rooms and must be completed in sequence

Location: Lexington Public Library, Eastside Branch, 3000 Blake James Drive, Lexington, KY

Cost: FREE, COURTESY OF D6740 LEADERSHIP

Topics:

Part I:

My Rotary World, My Leadership in Rotary, and Ethics/Vocational Service, Foundation I: Our Foundation, Engaging Members, and Creating Service Projects.

Part II:

Rotary Opportunities, Effective Leadership Strategies, and Attracting Members. Club Communication, Team Building, and Foundation II--Targeted Service.

Part III:

Strategic Planning & Analysis A & B and Building a Stronger Club. Public Image & Public Relations, Foundation III--International Service, and Running More Effective Meetings--Parliamentary Procedure

What some of our previous attendees had to say:

--Content was spot on and timely for what we are walking through in our ... Club

--I was surprised with the number of clubs that were represented, I liked the variety and input from the different areas. I was surprised at the number of folks that were entering leadership positions that hadn't had this training

--It was nice having input from a diverse group (age, gender etc.) for perspective and vision.

--I really enjoyed how the group clicked and was able to have really great conversations.

--The collegialness that we are developing so quickly. Love meeting people from across the [District].

--I liked the membership engagement survey. I think that is something that can be used. Not just how do you feel about meeting in person with COVID, but what do you really want to get out of Rotary, what do you like best. I know I joined during Covid and that is a hot button issue, but I do think folks want to be able to engage and be part of the group without that always being the topic of a survey.

--I have already taken one of the ideas back to our board meeting that we discussed during our RLI II group meeting. There were so many ideas that I wrote down and I am looking forward to implementing them.

REGISTER NOW AT <https://RLIHOA.ORG>

District 6740 Rotary Leadership Institute New Year's Resolutions



Did you write Rotary resolutions for the New Year? If not, here's a suggestion for you as we begin 2025 or one to add to your current list:

Resolve to increase your knowledge of Rotary, increase your value to your local club and your community, and refine your leadership skills by registering for the upcoming Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)! All it will cost is a little of your time. Classes are fun, interactive, fast-paced, topical, and geared for busy Rotarians who want to be more effective leaders in their vocations and their clubs.

The next RLI is scheduled for Saturday morning, January 25, at the Eastside Branch of the Lexington Public Library. Parts I, II and III will be run simultaneously. You must complete the Parts in order as each one builds on the previous one. Participant check in opens at 9:45 AM and the Institute begins at 10:00 and ends at 4:30 PM. And remember, thanks to DG Xandy Stewart and our District leadership, registration for District 6740 Rotarians is FREE. Rotarians from other Districts are welcome to join for a registration fee of \$60 plus a nominal credit card fee. Meals and breaks will be provided.

To register, go to <http://RLIHOA.org>. Then go to Upcoming Trainings, RLI Parts I, II and III In-Person - District 6740 , January 25th, 2024, at 9:45 am. Click on More Info. There you will find instructions on how to register for the classes in Parts I, II, or III.

If you have questions or run into difficulty registering, contact Judy Worth at jkworth@icloud.com.

Best wishes for a safe, healthy, and happy New Year!
District 6740 RLI Planning Group
Martha Riddell, Dean Hammond, Jack McAllister, Judy Worth

P.S. This letter is being sent to ALL District 6740 Rotarians. If you're already an RLI grad, please tell a fellow Rotarian about RLI and encourage them to register.



to all club secretaries and members of District

Feeling Poetic? Then try this...

In association with Rotary International the e-club of Innovation present *The Rotary Poet of the Year Awards*
A fantastic exciting Rotary competition open to every Rotarian, Rotaractor, Interactor, Rotakid, Rotary Club and friends of.

Will You Be

Rotary *Poet of the Year* **2025**



Everyone can enter, so let's put pen to paper or press those keys. Individual or club submissions are also welcome. If the winner is in our district, they will receive their award from me, either at a club meet or a special Rotary Poetry event unless the winner is at The Rotary International Convention in Calgary in June 2025 it will be awarded by RI President Stephanie Urchick

Everyone is welcome to be

Rotary
Poet of the Year



Enter here:
www.rotarypoetry.org

There are 2 categories to choose from Open and *The Magic of Rotary*

Raise Rotary awareness. Share with your friends. Have a club poetry night.

This is a real opportunity for friendship and fellowship

Good Luck
Your District Governor 2024/25

Rotary District 6740 Continues Its Partnership with ShelterBox

Tis the season to show our continued support for ShelterBox. This crucial mission reaches out to families across the world with temporary housing and supplies to keep a family of 6, displaced by war, hurricanes, and other natural disasters, safe from the elements. For additional information, please reach out to PDG Jeanne Clark.



RC of Floyd County Update

Officers and Board members of the RC of Floyd County recently held a Visioning Workshop on the Big Sandy Community and Technical College campus in Prestonsburg. As part of the workshop, facilitator PDG Jeanne Clark began the session by talking about the importance of including each of the Five Avenues of Service in their short and long term strategic planning. The two-hour workshop was monitored by DG Xandy Stewart, DGE Greg Palmer and PDG Cindy Legg. Club leadership went away with lots of new information about the comprehensive nature of Rotary as well as resources needed to complete the analysis of their club and setting goals. Pictured are (l-r) Pres. Kelli Martin, DG Xandy Stewart, Director Rhonda Clark, Dir. Kevin Woods, Dir. Heather Ousley, DGE Greg Palmer, Dir. Tony Grubb, Sec. Rodney Gardner and Treas. Tonya Johnson.



RC of Lexington After Hours Celebrates the Holidays

On Dec.12, members and guests of the RC of Lexington After Hours attended a social to celebrate the holiday season. The evening began as the group enjoyed a Candlelight Tour of Ashland, home of Henry Clay, then traveled to Shun Lee Chinese restaurant for dinner.

Attending were Pres. John Sims, Ed Maley, Vanessa and Cameron Grossl, Teresa Branham, Conley and June Salyer, Dale and Edie Torok, Jeanne and Kenneth Clark.



Rotary Leadership Institute
Save the Date



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District 6740

In-Person Rotary Leadership Institute

Eastside Public Library

Lexington, KY

9:45 AM (check in) to 4:30 PM

JANUARY 25, 2025



Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

Jan 25, 2025

District 6740 In-Person Rotary Leadership Institute
Eastside Public Library Lexington, KY 9:45 am to 4:30 pm

March 1, 2025

Somerset-Pulaski County Morning Rotary Club International Dinner
The Center for Rural Development, Somerset, KY

May 2-3, 2025

Multi-District Conference
Chattanooga, TN
Video: <https://bit.ly/4euS444>



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.

6740 Multi District Conference
May 2-3, 2025



SPARKING THE *Magic* OF ROTARY



Multi District Conference
East KY 6740 / East TN 6780 / North AL 6860
May 2-3, 2025, Chattanooga, TN



<https://bit.ly/4euS444>

The District Leadership Team Is Here for YOU!

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Xandy Stewart (Maysville)

DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT

Greg Palmer (Florence)

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE

Terry Pugh (Somerset-Pulaski)

DISTRICT FINANCE CHAIR

PDG John Hutchings IV (Maysville)

DISTRICT TREASURER

PDG John Hutchings IV (Maysville)

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

AG Bill Wilson (Lexington)

DISTRICT DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND
INCLUSION CHAIR

AG Bill Wilson (Lexington)

DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION CHAIR

PDG Seema Sachdeva (Pikeville)

DISTRICT ROTARY PUBLIC IMAGE CHAIR

AG Gill Fauber (Covington)

DISTRICT TRAINER OFFICER

Judy Worth (Lexington)

DISTRICT ALUMNI CHAIR

PDG James Glass (Pikeville)

DISTRICT ENDOWMENT/MAJOR GIFTS
SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR

PDG Keith Key (Lexington After Hours)

DISTRICT GRANTS CHAIR

PDG Kathryn Hardman (London)

DISTRICT COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Arnold Taylor (Covington)

DISTRICT INTERACT CHAIR

Joanna Foley (Pineville)

DISTRICT NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT CHAIR

Patton Hart (Louisa)

DISTRICT NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE

Martha Riddell (Lexington)

DISTRICT PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY
COORDINATOR

PDG Seema Sachdeva (Pikeville)

DISTRICT POLIO PLUS CHAIR

PDG Rakesh Sachdeva (Pikeville)

DISTRICT ROTARACT CHAIR

AG David O'Meara (Richmond)

DISTRICT RYLA CHAIR

Chris Hickey (Lexington)

DISTRICT YOUTH EXCHANGE CHAIR

Arnold Taylor (Covington)

DISTRICT YOUTH PROTECTION OFFICER

Arnold Taylor (Covington)

ANNUAL FOUNDATION CHAIR

PDG Seema Sachdeva (Pikeville)

DISTRICT COLLEGE ON LEGISLATION CHAIR

PDG Kathryn Hardman (London)

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS CHAIR

PDG Mike Noftsger (Somerset-Pulaski)