

# THE SPOKE DISTRICT 6740 NEWSLETTER

# Rotary



In recent weeks Rotarians across our district once again demonstrated the kindness and generosity that is characteristic of our organization. Throughout our area we are saddened to see the destruction caused by a tornado. Yet, as we would expect, almost immediately after it passed, Rotarians were helping clear debris, house and feed victims, and share hope with those affected.

Along with the disaster response efforts, Rotarians helped build handicapped access ramps, clean-up Cave Run Lake, conduct a "Repair Affair", delivered food to the less fortunate, and on and on. Wherever there are needs within the environment, our communities, or among our fellow humans, Rotary stands-up and delivers. Delivery requires resources, and here is how we can all participate and provide help.

To ensure we are always able to maintain the means to effectively respond, we must continue to expand Rotary membership in the district and the number of communities we serve within our district. This we are doing with club by club growth and our efforts to revive Rotary in various communities. We should also ensure we do our part to keep funding available that will help satisfy community needs. We do this by giving to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund- SHARE.

This month we will be highlighting and celebrating the resource-multiplying impact of the Rotary Foundation. On the evening of June 14th, we have the opportunity to gather at locations across our district and contribute to The Annual Fund-SHARE. At the beginning of this Rotary Year we resolved to giving \$100 per member to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund-SHARE.

Giving at this \$100 per member level will generate \$125,000 across our district, and make certain we have District Grant money available in the future. District Grant money is used across our district each year to fund needed projects and recover from catastrophe.

Currently we are about \$50,000 shy of our commitment. Please help us close the gap in this year's giving. If you have already contributed your \$100, thank you. If you'd like to contribute more, please do. The Rotary Foundation is the best investment we make as Rotary members. Your tax deductible gift to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund-SHARE will make sure future needs are appropriately resourced.

Thank you for all you do for your communities and our world.  
Rotary On!

- Xandy



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# Rotary District 6740 Celebrates The Rotary Foundation

## Submitted by Sachdeva Seema

Please join us on June 14, 2025, from 6-8:30 pm, as we celebrate "The Rotary Foundation - Doing Good in the World".

As Rotarians throughout the District, you understand the importance of The Rotary Foundation and the legacy of Global Eradication of Polio Program. The Rotary Foundation transforms many lives, both locally and globally. The contributions made to the Annual Funds Program-SHARE of The Rotary Foundation come back to our district as District Designated Funds that allow us to support much-needed local service projects. Contributions to this event, both individually and from businesses within our district, are necessary for us to continue the important work done by our clubs and for our communities. Please consider contributing to The Rotary Foundation.

Our members will meet in person at one of the six sites and virtually via Zoom across the district.

Site details are as follows:

**Florence** site will host members from the Rotary Clubs of Florence, Covington and Kenton County at The Triple Crown Country Club.

**Maysville** site will host members from the Rotary Clubs of Maysville, Augusta, Mt. Sterling, Fleming County, Morehead, Falmouth, Carlisle, Cynthiana, and Paris at the Maysville Rotary Club House.

**Somerset** site will host members from the Rotary Clubs of Somerset-Pulaski, Somerset, London, Corbin, and Stanford at Eagle's Nest Country Club.

**Pikeville** site will host members from the Rotary Clubs of Pikeville, Paintsville, Floyd County, Whitesburg, Harlan, Hazard, West Liberty, and Pineville at Maynard Family Barn.

**Lexington** site will host members from the Rotary Clubs of Lexington, Lexington After-Hours, Nicholasville, Georgetown, Winchester, Richmond and Berea at The Cellar Bar and Grille of the Signature Club.

**Ashland** site will host members from the Rotary Clubs of Ashland, Louisa, Russell, and Grayson at Bellefonte Country Club.

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Many thanks for your support of The Rotary Foundation and its mission to meet the needs in our communities and around the world.



June 14, 2025

6:00 – 8:30 pm

*Florence*

*Triple Crown Country Club*

*DGN Greg Palmer*

*PDG Dale Elifrits*

*Maysville*

*Rotary Club House*

*DGE Xandy Stewart*

*PDG John Hutchings*

*Somerset*

*Eagle's Nest Country Club*

*PDG Mike Nofstger*

*DGND Terry Pugh*

*Pikeville*

*Maynard Family Barn*

*DGND Frank Dawahare*

*PE Karen Roberts Prater*

*Lexington*

*The Cellar Bar and Grille*

*PDG Keith Key, AG Bill Wilson*

*PN Lyle Hanna, PDG Paul Stanley*

*Ashland*

*Bellefonte Country Club*

*AG Fressola*

*Rtn. Patton Hart*

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ShelterBox Needs Your Club!

Won't YOUR club please consider sponsoring ONE ShelterBox before the end of this Rotary year?

Hundreds are still without temporary housing due to natural disasters or war! Families need you NOW! Remember. . . your gift of \$1,000 will house a family of 6! For more information about where to send your check, please contact PDG Jeanne Clark at [jclarkrotary6740@gmail.com](mailto:jclarkrotary6740@gmail.com).



## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



# The Somerset-Pulaski County Morning Rotary Club Responds to Tornado Cleanup

Submitted by Brian Dopp

On May 16, 2025, at 11:49 pm, Somerset, KY and surrounding areas in Pulaski and Laurel Counties were struck by a powerful tornado that left a trail of destruction in its wake. The violent winds uprooted trees, damaged homes, and disrupted lives across the county, leaving residents grappling with the aftermath.

The storm, categorized as an EF-2 tornado in Pulaski County and an EF-4 in Laurel County, tore through neighborhoods with wind speeds reaching up to 200 mph, uprooting decades-old trees and causing extensive structural damage. Emergency responders worked tirelessly to assist those in immediate need, but the scale of the devastation demanded additional hands to aid in recovery.

Rotary club members sprung to action helping those in need by volunteering at donation locations throughout the region, providing debris cleanup support with Samaritan's Purse in London and helping clear fallen trees in Somerset. One particular home in Pulaski County saw every tree on their property toppled and became the focus of the clubs efforts.

Armed with chainsaws, loppers, and an unwavering sense of community, the Rotarians spent hours cutting, removing, and stacking debris to provide relief to the affected family. Their work not only restored a semblance of normalcy to the family of four but also embodied the spirit of Service Above Self that defines the Rotary mission.

The club's contribution went beyond physical labor—it symbolized hope and solidarity during a time of great need. By joining forces with local officials and residents, the Somerset-Pulaski County Morning Rotary club exemplified the importance of community-driven recovery.

The homeowners expressed profound gratitude for the assistance, and the Rotary members left with the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts made a tangible difference for one family of many healing after the tornado. This act of service serves as a reminder of the power of collective action and the enduring commitment of Rotary clubs around the world and locally who are **#PeopleofAction** and called to serve their communities in times of crisis.





# The Somerset-Pulaski County Morning Rotary Club Responds to Tornado Cleanup

Submitted by Brian Dopp





# Cynthiana Rotary Club Raises \$25k to Install Sign at Veterans Flat Run Park

Submitted by Michael Fisher

The Cynthiana Rotary Club celebrated 100 years of service in 2023. In conjunction, the Rotary Club held a 100th Anniversary Celebration dinner to raise funds toward a project for our local community. The club spent months to determine the appropriate project. After a few ideas, the club agreed that a digital sign at Veterans Flat Run Park would be a significant addition to communicating park activities and allow the Parks team an opportunity to sell some advertising space to support the ongoing work of the Parks Dept.

The cost of the sign was \$25K in addition to the county and city workers voluntarily adding the foundation and electricity to the sign. The Rotary Club raised just under \$10K from the Anniversary dinner. The balance of funds were raised through the Annual Fabulous 4th Celebration the Rotary Club hosts each year. "The sign is a symbol of the support the community provides to our parks and the Rotary Celebrations," said Mike Fisher, Rotary President during the 100th Anniversary year of Rotary. The Fabulous 4th Celebration has been a continuing commitment by the club to bring the community together for the 4th of July. The Rotary Club uses the funds raised for many community projects, but the sign was a special project for the Cynthiana Rotary Club.



Pictured (Left): Mark Sifford, Rotary President, Mike Fisher Rotary Past-President, Bill Selin Rotary Treasurer, and Avi Bear Rotarian of the Year.



# Louisa Rotary Club Hosted Graduating Class of 2025

Submitted by Skylar Chapman-West

On Thursday, May 15, the Louisa Rotary Club hosted seniors of the graduating class of 2025 from Lawrence County High School and the Millard School for a Senior Luncheon at the First Baptist Church in Louisa. President Beverly Scarberry welcomed the graduating class and gave words of encouragement and wisdom about making the most from the different seasons of their life. The featured guest speaker was pediatrician Dr. Casey Fitzpatrick from Three Rivers Pediatrics. Dr. Fitzpatrick was a graduate of Lawrence County High School and has recently moved back home to Louisa. He spoke to the class about chasing progress over perfection and to always allow your dreams to grow and change.



**Lawrence County High School**



# Louisa Rotary Club Annual Golf Tournament

Submitted by Skylar Chapman-West

Beautiful Yatesville Lake Golf Course was the setting for Louisa Rotary Club's annual golf tournament on April 26th. Thirteen teams participated and the tournament was a huge success. The foursome of Bobby Preece, Caleb Bentley, Jamie Prince and Harry Blevins won the tournament with a score of 50. The club would like to thank Manager Missy Kennedy, members of each golf team and Rotarians who volunteered their time for this fundraiser. Also a huge thank you to all of our sponsors who make this event possible. Local businesses and community members continue to be so supportive of our club and our events.



Volunteers from the Louisa Rotary Club also enjoyed the event at the Yatesville Lake Golf Course

Braden West (husband of Rotarian Skylar West) with their son, future Rotarian Grayson Paul. Grant Kiser (son of Rotarian Greg Kiser) with his son, future Rotarian Graham West

# Rotary Club of Nicholasville Awards Scholarships to Jessamine County Students

Submitted by Larry Prinssen

Rotary is the oldest service organization in the U.S. and today the Rotary Club of Nicholasville honors that tradition by awarding scholarships to nine outstanding Jessamine County students. Stella Bower, Lyla Martin, Jae Wilson, Margaret Wilson, Peyton Wood, Alex Smith and Alexis Vittitow each received a \$1000 Rotary scholarship.

Our Joe McMurty Award winner was Clara Brumfield and our Pat Nielsen Award winner was Katy Barkley. Each of them received a \$1500 scholarship. We thank our scholarship committee and especially the scholarship committee chair person Morgan Murray for all the work in the selection process. Thank you to Jessamine County School Superintendent Sara Crum for attending and adding to the day's activities.





## Pikeville Rotary Club sponsors 3 students for RYLA program

Submitted by PDG Seema Sachdeva

Pikeville Rotary Club sponsored 3 students from our local schools to attend the RYLA program sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lexington and our Rotary International District 6740. The event was held on April 26, 2025 at The Life Adventure Center in Versailles, Kentucky. Eighth grade students Benjamin Cantrell from Feds Creek Elementary School and Zander and Zaiden Blair from Elkhorn City schools were in attendance. The students really enjoyed the program and were very excited to share their experience at school. The day's adventures included wall climbing, canoeing, archery and other team building and leadership activities. This highlights the importance of this great program sponsored by Rotary in our district and the impact that it has on the lives of the youth of our area.



# Russell Rotary Club Presents Its Citizen of the Year Award

## Submitted by Earl D. Twinam

The Russell Rotary Club recently honored Lewis Nicholls as its 2024 Citizen of the Year! Congratulations Lewis for your award.





# Russell Rotary Club Shares Pictures from their Pickleball Tournament

Submitted by Earl D. Twinam



# Calendar of Upcoming Club Events

June 14

Rotary District 6740 Presents “Celebrating Our Rotary Foundation”

August/September 2025

District 6740 In-Person Rotary Leadership Institute



**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.



# 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)*

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*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 Noftsgger (Somerset-Pulaski)*