

# Rotary



## District 6560

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## Pediatric Surgeries



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### DISTRICT CALENDAR

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION 2016-2017  
 The Rotary Foundation's 100th Anniversary  
YEARS OF SERVICE GIVEN BY THE WORLD

#### August –

**Membership &  
New Club  
Development Month**

27 Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), Parts I, II and III, Carmel, IN

#### September –

**Basic Education &  
Literacy Month**

#### October –

**Economic &  
Community  
Development Month**

1 District Leaders' Retreat



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# New Opportunities Continue Community Service

Nearly two months into the new Rotary year and we're off to a great start!!! Clubs in our district are energized, vibrant, working hard to serve their communities, and having fun! There is much to celebrate this year: The Rotary Foundation turns 100; we bring

the Rotary International Convention back to Atlanta in June 2017; and we continue our fight to eradicate Polio (we are so close!). With these celebrations though, come opportunities.

Our communities are in great need of the service we provide. The membership rate of our organization is our top priority, so we may continue to serve members of our communities and save lives around the globe. Membership to Rotary International is a gift – it allows you to attach yourself to all of the positive things happening in this global community. I encourage you to share this gift with your friends, neighbors, co-workers and colleagues...INVITE them to a meeting, social event or community project and ASK THEM TO JOIN our incredible organization!

## MEMBERSHIP JUST BECAME A LOT MORE FLEXIBLE!

Your Rotary clubs now have more options for attracting members and keeping them involved. In April, representatives from Rotary districts around the world met to revise Rotary's policies, approving changes that give clubs greater flexibility in when, where, and how they meet as well as the types of membership they offer. For example, clubs may now:

- Structure their meetings however they like, as long as they meet at least twice a month. Want your service events and monthly socials to count as meetings? No problem. Prefer to offer both online and in-person meeting options? Go for it.
- Amend bylaws to reflect attendance requirements. Reporting attendance to the district is still expected, but clubs are free to relax or tighten their policies.
- Change bylaws to offer additional membership types such as associate, corporate, or family. Want to invite colleagues of the same company to join as corporate members who alternate attendance at meetings? Do it.
- Invite a Rotaract member or younger professional to join at a lower financial and time commitment. Rotaractors who meet the qualifications of membership can now join a Rotary club without giving up their Rotaract status. Relatively few Rotaract members make the jump to Rotary when they turn 30. This change may facilitate Rotaractors' transition to Rotary clubs.

These changes were made after Rotary carried out several years of pilot programs to explore innovations in membership, classification, and the club experience. Consistently, the research found that when clubs have more freedom to determine how they meet, whom they invite to join, and what defines engagement, the club is more vibrant and able to grow.

As members of Rotary, we are out to change as many lives as we can, for the better. Not alone. Not as individuals. But together—as a team—through Rotary Serving Humanity. Thank you for your service to your community!

— Katie L. Smardo, District 6560 Governor

Join The Rotary Foundation Chairs from clubs throughout Rotary International District 6560 for a

## Conversation on Foundation Growth Opportunities

at one of the following dates and locations

**6 September 2016 | 6:30-8:30 pm**

**Minnetrista** | 1200 N Minnetrista Pkwy, Muncie 47303

**15 September 2016 | 6:30-8:30 pm**

**Columbia Club** | 121 Monument Circle, Indianapolis 46204

**28 September 2016 | 6:30-8:30 pm**

**Kokomo Country Club** | 1801 Country Club Dr, Kokomo 46902

### THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



YEARS OF DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who

invest their time, treasure, and expertise to address issues, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace.

Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach the challenges of poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

## What Is RLI?

[2016-17 Schedule: 8/27, 10/22, 4/1]



The **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** is a series of fast-paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to increase a Rotarian's base of knowledge in Rotary and strengthen their leadership skills. The courses are fun, topical, and geared toward active Rotarians who want to be more effective leaders in their clubs.

### What Will I Learn?

Structured as three one-day courses, RLI progresses through Parts I, II, and III. Those completing Part I move on to Part II, and so on. Courses provide a broad range of Rotary knowledge and skills. Examples include:

Creating Hands On Service Projects, Public Relations, International Service, Membership Development, Rotary Leadership, and many others.

### How Is Material Presented?

RLI training offers interactive and collaborative learning sessions including discussion groups, group challenges, and problem solving sessions. A course workbook is provided to each student.

**District 6560 RLI Parts I, II, III**  
**Saturday | 8.27.2016 | 8:00 to 3:30**

**St. Mark's Methodist Church**  
4780 E. 126th St., Camel, IN

### Questions?

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### Who Are the Faculty?

Carefully selected by District 6560 leadership, many faculty are present and past R.I. directors, district governors, presidents and those experienced in special areas of Rotary.

### Why Should I Attend?

Thinking of joining a club committee, temporary task force, or accepting a leadership role in your club? RLI training helps you be more effective and successful in your club endeavors.

### When and Where?

Courses are held within District 6560, but club members may take a course offered in any district and location.

### How Do I Sign Up?

Go to **[www.hoa-rli.org](http://www.hoa-rli.org)**. Select the RLI Events tab, then the correct session and date for District 6560. All sessions (I, II, and III) are taught on the same day. The current course fee is \$50 (recently reduced) and is commonly paid by your club. This includes the facility use, training materials, and breakfast, lunch, and snacks.



## Vickie Blade Heart 2 Heart Project

### Rotary Club of Carmel and District 6560 Global Grant Honors Vickie Blade

The Rotary Club of Carmel and District 6560 are sponsoring a global grant to provide pacemakers in Mexico in honor of Vickie Blade (wife of PDG Mark Blade). This global grant is a cooperative effort between Carmel / District 6560 in Indiana, San Miguel / District 4170 in Mexico, and the Heart 2 Heart program partners in Zones 30 and 31. San Miguel Rotary has arranged with the National Institute of Cardiology in Mexico City and Heartbeat International to import and implant 400 pacemakers in patients without financial resources who would otherwise die. The grant covers hospital authorization and certification, import expenses, delivery and storage, insurance and taxes, and other expenses required by the Mexico Ministry of Finance. The pacemakers are donated by Heartbeat International, so the average cost per pacemaker is around \$300. Implanting the pacemakers will also provide access to valuable training for medical personnel.

Every club in D6560 is urged to sponsor at least one pacemaker at \$300. A \$600 contribution funds two pacemakers; \$1,500 supports five pacemakers; and 10 pacemakers require a \$3,000 contribution. Your support is vital to the success of this global grant, which will save the lives of hundreds of patients in our sister Rotary districts in Mexico, while honoring Vickie Blade, a beloved wife and mother, whose life was unexpectedly cut too short.

### Pledge Now and Pay Later

Please email your club's pledge for this project to Brad Sexauer at [bsexauer1@gmail.com](mailto:bsexauer1@gmail.com), and copy District Rotary Foundation Chair PDG Salim Najjar at [spnajar@att.net](mailto:spnajar@att.net) by the end of September 2016. **Please do not send your donation until you are informed to do so.** Club checks and individual contributions should be payable to *The Rotary Foundation* and mailed directly to TRF with Form 123 (see next page). The global grant number is included in the form.



## Council on Legislation 2016 Overview

The 2016 Council on Legislation (COL) was by all accounts a great success, thanks to the strong commitment, diligence and hard work of its delegates in carrying out the Council's critical role in Rotary's governance. The Council adopted a number of forward looking enactments, including several that *provide greater membership and meeting flexibility. These approved changes in policy will give those clubs that so desire more freedom to determine the categories of membership they offer and when, where, and how a club chooses to meet.*

Over the past 15 years, Rotary has carried out pilot programs that have explored new definitions of membership, classifications, and the club experience. We have consistently found that when clubs are given the freedom to determine how to hold their meetings, the composition of their membership, and what defines engagement, the club is more vibrant and better able to grow.

While this flexibility is available to those clubs that choose to amend their bylaws, a club that wishes to continue to adhere to the traditional requirements regarding meetings, attendance, structure, or categories of membership may continue to do so.

Please find a summary of essential changes [HERE](#), including changes about the membership and meeting flexibility decisions and the impact they will have on our organization's growth in the years ahead. You can also read a wrap-up of the Council's actions on [rotary.org](#). Thanks to District 6560 COL representative **PDG Tom Fisher** for his commitment, dedication and vision for the future success of our organization!



### Important deadlines ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

#### 15 December 2016

Last day for early-registration discount  
(\$340 Rotarians/\$70 Rotaractors)

#### 31 March 2017

Last day for preregistration discount (\$415  
Rotarians/\$100 Rotaractors)

#### 14 June 2017

Last day for online registration (\$490  
Rotarians/\$130 Rotaractors)

**Register early to take advantage of  
discounted rates!**



# 2017 bettertogether

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Central Indiana

SAVE THE DATE! | April 28-29, 2017  
Children's Museum of Indianapolis



## THE EXCITEMENT STARTS HERE!

Friday Night Gala | One-Day Saturday Conference | Inspiring Speakers  
House of Friendship | Club Showcase | Family-Friendly

Share your passion for Rotary  
at **Rotary BetterTogether 2017 District Conference** at the  
Children's Museum of Indianapolis, a fun and unique place to  
explore and engage with your Rotary friends!

Enjoy Friday night at the museum with a Gala Dinner and cocktails.  
Celebrate and collaborate on Saturday with a one-day conference dedicated to showcasing your club's successes and projects plus listening to inspiring speakers.  
**There's more!** Bring your family as there are discounted passes to the museum on Saturday.  
*Hotel partners, other activities and keynote speakers to be named!*



**REGISTRATION OPENS EARLY 2017!**



## Global Grant Provides for Pediatric Heart Surgery in the Middle East

The first pediatric heart surgery from the latest Gift of Life heart surgery global grant project took place in July 2016 at the AUB Medical Center of Fatmeh in Beirut, Lebanon. Bakour was one of seven children with congenital heart disease from poor families in Lebanon whose lives will be saved as a result of the efforts from our District. This effort was led jointly by the Rotary Clubs of Carmel and Fishers. The remaining six surgeries were to take place in the following weeks after this initial procedure.



### 2017 PETS

#### Dear Rotary District 6560:

I'm excited to announce that District 6560's request to join the 2017 Land of Lincoln President Elect Training Seminar (LOL PETS) has been accepted! Our application was approved by the Land of Lincoln Directors during their May 15, 2016 annual meeting. We are joining over 100 President Elects from Districts 6490, 6510 and 6580 for LOL PETS at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham, IL on March 18-19, 2017.

Attending Land of Lincoln PETS provides each President Elect with an opportunity to develop needed skills, knowledge and motivation to lead a successful Rotary club. 2017 LOL PETS will enhance your leadership ability and embolden achievement toward a successful year as your Rotary Club President. The program focuses on building relationships and sharing ideas between clubs through active breakout and plenary sessions. You will not be disappointed by this outstanding networking, learning and sharing opportunity.

Our entire district leadership team is motivated to support your club by providing training that empowers Rotarians to have a meaningful impact in our local community and our world. Leading a successful Rotary Club as President requires dedication and a passion for making a difference! Please mark your calendars now and plan to join the experience next March for LOL PETS.

Additional information about LOL PETS is available at <http://www.lolpets.org> and will continue to be updated. You will receive instruction about registration and program details later this year. PDG Tom Branum Jr. was correct when he said Rotary is "better together!"

Please contact me with any questions and thank you for inspiring Service Above Self!

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Join Leaders . Exchange Ideas . Take Action



DGE Bryce Adam and PDG Jerry Erskine traveled to Effingham, Illinois to apply for District 6560 to become part of the LOL PETS.