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DISTRICT CALENDAR

2017-2018

December – Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

- 31 Deadline: Elect & report 2018-19 club officers to RI and DGE

January – Vocational Service Month

- 1 Deadline: Club Semi-annual Reports to RI
- 1 Deadline: RI and District Dues to RI
- 14-20 International Assembly, San Diego, California

February – Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

- 13 Pre PETS
- 21 Pre PETS
- 23 Rotary Anniversary



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Rotary Making a Difference



GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Making a Difference!

Dear Rotarians:

It's November already! I hope each of you are having as much fun as I am! Our incredible theme of **Rotary: Making a Difference** is powering our action plan. Our District membership

is growing as you've embraced our challenge. Continue inviting **Leaders** to your club to exchange **Ideas** and take **Action**! It's exciting for me to hear about the excellent projects your clubs are accomplishing. As we embrace the

approaching holiday season, I ask you to thoughtfully consider an additional contribution to our Rotary Foundation. Your tax deductible gift still has time in our annual fund matching points campaign to **Make a Difference!** With your help, Rotary is doing good in the world!

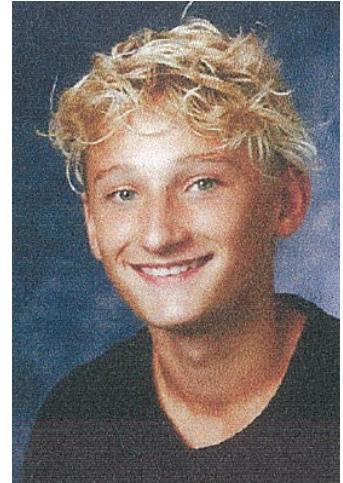
One IN Rotary,
Bryce Adam,
District Governor, 2017-18

MEET OUR ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Rotary Club of Carmel: Oscar from Praesto, Denmark

The Carmel Rotary Club is happy to be hosting Oscar from Praesto, Denmark. Oscar is an avid soccer fan and plays club soccer in Denmark. Upon arriving in Carmel, Oscar immediately tried out for the Carmel High School soccer team. He made the JV squad and scored a goal in his first game. Being a part of the soccer team has helped integrate Oscar into life in Carmel.

In addition to soccer, Oscar also loves to travel. He has been to Italy, Spain, Majorca, Egypt, Turkey, Dubai, Portugal, Norway, Sweden, Gran Canarias, Germany, and is making his second trip to the United States. Although Oscar misses his mom and dad, as well as his younger brother Asbjorn, and younger sister Sille, he is enjoying his time with his first host family. He is looking forward to seeing more of Indiana and the surrounding states. Oscar has participated in Carmel Rotary club events including volunteering at the local food pantry, as well as attending club meetings.



ROTARY CLUB OF GREENFIELD

Community Event Supports Local Non-Profits with \$94,000

The Rotary Club of Greenfield's annual **Steak n' Bake n' Raffle** (SBR) had everything: \$2,000 Reverse Raffle, a terrific band (Ripple Effect), great food (cooked by Rotarians), Blinko, 50/50, a Wine Pull, Prize Pong, Toss Back In and, of course, the People's Choice. The focus of the event's fund-raising, **People's Choice highlights 10 local non-profit organizations**. Over the course of the evening donors have the opportunity to give to their charity of choice – and the "votes" pile up. Each charity keeps their donations (votes). The top five "vote getters" then receive an additional grant from the Rotary club from the evening's profits. This year's event held in October had nearly 500 in attendance. Ninety volunteers (Rotarians and non-Rotarians) were part of the planning and the night of the event. SBR raised over \$94,000 for these 10 non-profits. The top five received Rotay grants of \$5,200 each. Well done!



Matching Points UPDATE!

An update to the **Matching Recognition Points Campaign** was emailed to District 6560 Rotarians on October 31 from PDG Tim Lee (Annual Fund Chair). **At that point**, 79 Rotarians from 15 different Rotary clubs had taken advantage of the opportunity. There were 35,995 matching points remaining.

Matching points can help you or a friend or family member become a Paul Harris Fellow or multiple Paul Harris Fellow more quickly. Donors' contributions to **The Rotary Foundation** are matched during this campaign from the 50,000 recognition points DG Bryce and others generously donated. And, as a reminder, this is also the perfect time for you to support DG Bryce's \$2 campaign.

Your contribution promotes peace, fights disease, provides clean water and sanitation, saves mothers and children, supports education and grows local economies. Half of the dollars that you contribute will be returned to District 6560 to support local and global projects through district grants and global grants.

Please make your \$100 to \$5,000 check payable to The Rotary Foundation and forward to Tim Lee's attention at 1072 Meriman Drive, Greenwood, Indiana 46143. He will complete the recognition points transfer paperwork and forward your tax deductible contribution to your account with The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

DON'T FORGET: the match deadline is November 30, 2017!

Questions? Contact Tim at timlee0910@aol.com or call 317.502.9634.

Thank you to those that have already donated.

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World Polio Day Was October 24, 2017

WASHINGTON – There are only two places in the entire world where children have caught polio this year: Afghanistan and Pakistan. In these countries, the virus is not circulating throughout, but only in very remote or very small areas.

Nearly 30 years ago, the polio virus paralyzed 1,000 children a day in 125 countries. The numbers have dropped so dramatically thanks to a global effort to wipe out the polio virus. Carol Pandak of Rotary International calls the effort "herculean." "Hundreds of thousands of frontline health care workers are out there every day immunizing children in urban areas, in remote areas, in all sorts of settings," Pandak says.

Rotary International was the first organization to promote the global effort to end polio. It has since become a partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), which includes the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UNICEF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

At one time, health workers in some countries risked their lives to immunize the children. Pandak says the vaccinators are now people from the communities they work in which has helped alleviate some of the safety issues. In areas of conflict, Pandak says security personnel accompany them.

Dr. Flavia Bustreo at the World Health Organization says the challenge now is to get to zero cases and to maintain that level for at least three years, just to make sure the virus is no longer circulating. The key to that, she says, is strong surveillance so every single case is detected and children are immunized.

The GPEI has developed a network of laboratories around the world that can identify the disease. Maintaining these



Polio immunizations being administered in Afghanistan

laboratories and the cost of distributing the vaccine is both a huge undertaking and an enormous expense.

The polio virus is a disease that is only found in humans. It doesn't infect animals, which is why it can be eradicated.

Dr. David Nabarro at the UN says getting to the end is actually the hardest part of the campaign because governments and organizations have to keep up their commitment until there are no more cases. "We've got to remain vigilant and focused until the last case has been found and that we have got everybody protected."

Once the final case of polio is recorded, it will take three years to ensure that the last case is, in fact, the final one. That means that if the final case is seen this year, all of these programs will continue to need funding and volunteers until 2020. That's why the theme of this year's World Polio Day is "We're Not Done Yet."

Carol Pearson, VOA News, October 24, 2017

Have you visited the Member Center?

Visit the [Member Center](#) to access the many benefits and resources available to you, including:

- Rotary Global Rewards
- Publications and online tools
- Award and donor recognition opportunities
- Information about the RI Convention, and more!

You can encourage potential members to visit the Member Center to learn about the benefits of membership and express interest in joining a local club. Rotarians can also refer a new member or get help rejoining or finding a new club. <https://my.rotary.org/en/member-center>

Election & Reporting of Club Officers

The election of the 2018-19 officers will get your club headed in the right direction for the next Rotary year. December 31, 2017 is the deadline for election of officers and February 1, 2018 is the deadline for reporting the officers to Rotary International. Current club officers can submit this information via the Club Administration section of My Rotary, approved vendors (DACdb, ClubRunner, etc.), or by sending the information to data@rotary.org.

U.S. Club & District Liability Insurance Webinar

The informational live webinar on the U.S. Club & District Liability Insurance Program will be held on December 5, 2017. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about what it will entail and to register. This is open to all Rotarians.

The RI webpage concerning this program is: <https://my.rotary.org/en/us-rotary-club-and-district-liability-insurance-program>

Join the Competition to Win \$500 for Your Club!

What is World Water Day?

World Water is celebrated on March 22 every year. It focuses on the approximately 1.8 billion people worldwide who must rely on water contaminated with feces, putting them at risk of contracting cholera, dysentery, typhoid, polio and other water-borne diseases.

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals, launched in 2015, include a target to ensure everyone has access to safe water by 2030, making water a key issue in the fight to eradicate extreme poverty. In 1993, the UN General Assembly designated March 22 as World Water Day. It is now a globally recognized event.

What can you win?

Two prizes will be awarded:

- \$500 for the best project (i.e. the one with the most impact)
- \$500 for the most innovative project

What must you do?

Whatever works best for your community! In some areas March 22 is in the middle of a dry season – or a monsoon. In the north, rivers may be frozen until Spring. The choice is yours! All we ask is that the project improve the quality of water and/or level of awareness of it in YOUR community.



You could, for example:

- Clean up debris along a waterway, lake, creek, pond, stream, or other water source.
- Prevent erosion by planting trees and native plants along a water source.
- Build awareness in your community – encourage students to write essays on the importance of water and what they can do to protect it.
- Encourage farmers in your area to use eco-friendly chemicals that will not damage fragile water systems.
- If your community's water source is safe, eliminate plastic water bottles. If they are a necessity ensure they are collected and recycled appropriately.

Use your imagination! The bottom line is to educate your community on the importance of protecting its water sources. Get them involved!

Whenever possible, please consult with

your local water or conservation authority to ensure that your efforts are compatible with conditions in your area! For example, cleaning a watercourse during spawning season could have a negative impact.

How do you enter the competition?

Submit a brief description of your project, including what you have done, the target audience and the expected impact of the project. Remember to tell us your Club name and District number and give us a contact name, email address and phone number. Some projects will be showcased on the Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group (WASRAG) website.

- DEADLINE: Please submit all entries by May 1, 2018.
- AWARDS: Winners will be notified by May 31, 2018. The awards will be presented at WASRAG's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, June 23, 2018.

Please send all entries to WorldWaterDayChallenge at: info@wasrag.org

<http://www.worldwaterday.org/>

Want to know more?

Contact Woody Collins, 317.698.7643 or wmcollins@congohelpinghands.org, www.CongoWater.org