



## Rotary 2023-2024 President Named



Gordon R. McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2023-24. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

McNally lauded Rotary's ability to adapt technologically during the COVID-19 pandemic, saying the approach should continue and be combined with the best of our past practices as Rotary seeks to grow and increase engagement.

"We have learned there is a willingness within communities to care for one another," he says, "and we must ensure that we encourage people who have recently embraced the concept of volunteering to join us to allow them to continue giving service."

McNally says that senior leaders' ability to communicate directly with club members online will be one positive legacy of the changes Rotary has had to make. But, he adds, "face-to-face meetings remain important, as they encourage greater interaction."

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## Meeting

Another wee, another hybrid meeting. Looks like this is going to continue for awhile. Dusty R. lead us on the pledge and Tim T. gave the following reflection: "Whatever you may lose in life, never lose hope. It costs nothing, but it's value is priceless. Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words."

After the introduction of guests, our welcome song, and 50/50 Julie had two people, Kim C. and Dusty R. act out a short scenario. Dusty

R. played the part of Jack and Kim C. the part of the pharmacist.

Jack, age 92, and Judy, age 89, living in The Villages, are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way, they pass a pharmacy. Jack suggests they go in.

Jack addresses the person behind the counter: "Are you the owner?"

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## **McInally (Continued from page 1)**

The best way to increase membership is engagement, according to McInally. To better support clubs, he says, Rotary International, regional leaders, and district teams all need to engage with them. Engagement through social media will reinforce Rotary's brand and showcase the opportunities that come with it. And, he says, engagement with governments, corporations, and other organizations will lead to meaningful partnerships.

With better engagement, McInally says, "We will grow Rotary both by way of membership and in our ability to provide meaningful service."

He adds, "Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. I would encourage the use of the flexibility now available to establish new-style clubs that would appeal to a different demographic."

McInally, a graduate of dental surgery at the University of Dundee, owned and operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh. He was the chair of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a Presbytery elder, chair of Queensferry Parish Congregational Board, and commissioner to the church's general assembly.

A Rotary member since 1984, McInally has been president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. He has also served Rotary International as a director and as member or chair of several committees. He is currently an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and vice chair of the Operations Review Committee.

McInally and his wife, Heather, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Bequest Society.

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The pharmacist answers, "Yes."

Jack: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course, we do."

Jack: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jack: "Medicine for rheumatism?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jack: "How about suppositories?"

Pharmacist: "You bet!"

Jack: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis and Alzheimer's?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The Works."

Jack: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jack: "Everything for heartburn and indigestion?"

Pharmacist: "We sure do."

Jack: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers and canes?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jack: "Adult diapers?"

Pharmacist: "Sure."

Jack: "We'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry."

Unfortunately, our speaker was unable to make the meeting because of business commitments so President Julie took the opportunity to solicit information from members. Her question was "how do you feel about doing more outings like the Escape Room and what are some suggestions of locations. The overwhelming response was positive and the following places were suggested. Ocala Equestrian Center, Royal, an original all black community, Hiking, Dade Battlefield, Lew Gardens, and dinner theater. If you have some suggestions, contact President Julie as she will be looking into possibilities for the future.

By the way, Do you know what the first service project was for? Sue B. knew the answer.

# Haiti Global Grant

As most of you know, our club has been working on a grant for water and sanitation in Haiti since 2016. Every time we get ready to start work on the grant something happens to stop us in our tracks. Last year we were able to get one well dug at Adventise Hospital, but internal labor strikes shut us down. Just recently, the country went through another upheaval with the assigation of the president. Now this!

A massive magnitude 7.2 earthquake hit Haiti early Saturday morning, leaving buildings crumbled, hospitals overcrowded and people rushing in fear from their homes into the streets. The quake left at least 2000 people confirmed dead and thousands injured so far.



The earthquake occurred on Monday, the National Earthquake Information Center reported. The death toll stood at 304, according to Jerry Chandler, Haiti's director of civil protection.

The quake came as tropical Tropical Storm Grace moved toward the island, potentially complicating relief efforts. The storm is expected to arrive late night or early Tuesday morning, according to the Hurricane Center.

Teams will be sent to the area for search and rescue missions, Chandler told the Associated Press.

The quake has sparked comparisons to the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti that killed an estimated 300,000 people. "High casualties are probable and the disaster is likely widespread," the U.S. Geological Survey said of Saturday's quake. "Past events with this alert level have required a national or international level response."

Saturday's epicenter struck about 100 miles from Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital. Haiti's new prime minister, Ariel Henry, said on Twitter he would mobilize all available government resources following the "violent damage in various parts of the country." Preliminary U.S. Geological Survey estimate hundreds of millions of dollars in damage. USGS reports the region has "structures that are vulnerable to earthquake shaking."



Henry declared a one-month state of emergency for the country. Some towns were almost completely razed, he said at a news conference. He added the government sent people to Les Cayes, a coastal town where local hospitals are overwhelmed with wounded people, to help coordinate a response. Haiti's overburdened hospitals were already under the strain of the worsening COVID-19 pandemic.

As in the past, Shelter Box is gearing up to send material and workers to help out in this crisis.

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We need volunteers to help pack food bags on the second Thursday of every month. We need at least eight volunteers to handle the packing. If you can help, please contact Gay D. at 217-725-8500 or [gdauid2150@aol.com](mailto:gdauid2150@aol.com)

**Fellowship Dinner**

Dinner on August 25th will be at Sakura in Colony Plaza. If you would like to go contact Norm D. at 617-840-9279 or [dpn4659@gmail.com](mailto:dpn4659@gmail.com)

**50/50**

We are down to 13 cards and the pot has grown to over \$700.00. So now is your chance to make some extra cash. You can increase your odds by increasing your investment to \$10.00 which buys 25 tickets.

Currently we are conducting "hybrid" meetings every Wednesday **starting at 5:00pm**. You can attend in person at Lake Miona (face mask optional and Villages ID required), or join by ZOOM.

**Meeting ID 291 972 2411 and Password 84594**

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**Meetings**

Aug 25th

**Committee Meetings**

Aug 25th      Service Projects

Sep 8th        Board Meeting

**Event**

Mar 19th      Tech Expo