



RI President's October Message



A quarter of the Rotary year is now behind us. I am sure you are helping Rotary to *grow more* and *do more*. And I hope you have already done your part for the Each One, Bring One initiative by introducing one person to Rotary.

Do you ever think about your earliest days as a Rotarian? I often do — because those first moments of discovering the power of service shaped who I am today. When I joined my Rotary club, our efforts focused on India's rural communities, where people were living without toilets, getting their drinking water from the same pond they bathed in, and sending their children to outdoor classrooms set up under a tree. The nearest health care provider often was miles away — and the services were inadequate. But after Rotary clubs carried out some service projects, the villages had toilets, clean drinking water, a classroom for early learning, and a nearby health care center.

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Meeting

This week we had a special treat with Past president Gay and President Julie leading the meeting. It was like a tag team going back and forth between the two. Since we had no speaker the meeting was devoted to club business.

We have several events coming up including our fundraiser on November 4th, the food collection on October 30th, and the trip to the Renaissance Faire on November 7th. Details on the Faire will be sent out shortly. We still need a few volunteers for the food collection on the 30th so if you can volunteer please

contact Gay RS.

Our club by-laws have undergone an extensive review and rewrite. The final version was voted on at the meeting and the new by-laws passed unanimously.

Tim T. was able to secure a meal pack from the food packing event we attended. He prepared the rice, soy, dried vegetables, and vitamin pack and served each member a small sample. The consensus was that it was not great, but if you were hungry it could be very satisfactory.

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The spark that Rotary kindled within me forced me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity. It made service a way of life and led me to a guiding principle I still stand by: Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on Earth.

If you feel the need to reignite the spark of service in yourself or your club, October — Community Economic Development Month — is a great time to do so. When we work to improve the lives of people in underserved communities — through, for example, projects that provide vocational training and access to financial resources — we help build and sustain local economic growth.

The need is great. According to the United Nations, 9 percent of the world’s population — that’s 700 million people, a majority of them in sub-Saharan Africa — live on less than \$1.90 a day. By supporting strong community development as well as entrepreneurs, we can help improve conditions for people in that region and others.

Your club can also promote economic development in your own community by expanding vocational training opportunities through local schools and community colleges, partnering with lenders to improve access to financial services, or working with a nonprofit that provides resources to entrepreneurs and connects them with the business community. Of course, developing strong communities is impossible without strong public health. On 24 October, World Polio Day, we’ll celebrate our tremendous progress in the effort to eradicate polio. But we also know the fight is not over. We still need your help raising funds and awareness to ensure that all children are immunized against polio. Please don’t forget to activate your clubs on that important day.

Service has been rewarding for me throughout my life. I know the same is true for many of you. Join me this month in becoming a good tenant of our planet by helping others to better themselves and their communities. Together, we can *Serve to Change Lives*.

The Polio Miles 2021 Virtual Half Marathon



Congratulations to President Julie for being the first to record 26.2 miles in the virtual marathon



Cindy I has been walking along country roads in Northern Michigan

Celebrate Community, a joint initiative of the four major volunteer service organizations, will launch this year with a focus on local community service during the week of October 10 to 16.

The organizations – Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International – have collaborated during the past 18 months to share ideas on future collaborations. This first public effort encourages clubs to reach out to one another to work together on projects that improve and benefit local communities.

“All of our organizations serve our communities to change lives. We must ensure that our various clubs identify a local need and work together to provide the service to fulfill that need,” said Shekhar Mehta, President, Rotary International.

“We have so many common goals and objectives,” said Peter Mancuso, 2021-22 Kiwanis International president.

“The Celebrate Community initiative is one way to join together to work on a project that will have a measurable impact on communities around the world.”

“We can help the world recover in this time of need when many are still struggling,” said Douglas X. Alexander, International President for Lions Clubs International. “If we let our passion for service shine through, there is abso-

lutely nothing we can’t accomplish together.”

Patsy Garner, 2021-2022 Optimist International President, supports the effort to encourage all service clubs working together to help their communities. “Now, more than ever, collaboration is needed. Resources can be scarce and a joint effort could make a far greater impact in our communities than a single act.”



Clubs are encouraged to work together on projects such as health and wellness, food insecurity and hunger, education and literacy and environmental projects. Efforts could include

community cleanups, food donations and distributions, walks or runs to raise money for specific causes and collecting books to help children build personal libraries. Clubs should follow all local guidelines for meetings and gatherings. Clubs that involve youth participants should follow organizational youth protection guidelines.

All four of the leaders said this initial effort is a springboard to the future — they envision an annual project in which all the clubs around the world collaborate and bring their youth clubs along, too. The joint project also allows community members who are serving in different clubs to learn more about each other, their organizations and their combined efforts to help children and adults who are challenged by environmental or financial difficulties.

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News and Announcements

Fellowship Dinner

Next week's fellowship Dinner will be at Napolino's, 9811 Highway 301, Wildwood. If you would like to attend please contact Norm D. at 617-840-9279 or dpn4659@gmail.com

Whispering Oaks

Our regular Wednesday meeting on October 27th will be held at Whispering Oaks Winery. It will be a two hour event, starting at 5:00pm, with entertainment provided by Toni Brookes. There will be light snacks but no wine tasting or tour of the winery. The cost will be \$5.00 per member and spouse. Guests, who might be interested in joining will be free. Transportation details to follow.

Fundraiser Set

On November 4th, a group, One World, One Dream, Peace will put on a talent show to benefit our foundation. The event will take place at La Hacienda starting at 6:00pm and ending at 8:30pm. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. If anyone wants tickets contact President Julie before Friday the 15th.

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

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Meetings

Oct 20th Beatrice Newell - Rug Hooking

Committee Meetings

Oct 20th Service Projects

Event

Oct 24th World Polio Day

Oct 27th Whispering Oaks Wine Tasting

Oct 30th - Nov 15 District Food Drive

Nov 4th Talent Show Fundraiser

Nov 7th Renaissance Faire