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District 6740

Governor's Newsletter



Message from the Governor

The very best thing about my year as District Governor has been visiting clubs, not only meeting the great Rotarians in our District, but listening to you speak with passion about the wonderful and innovative humanitarian service projects you undertake. It takes inspiration and determination and a dedication to Making A Difference.

Rotarians around the globe share the same goal: if we see a problem or a void, we dedicate ourselves to its solution and fulfillment. We find any possible way to help our communities and regions to ultimately enrich our state, nation, and the world. Rotarians in District 6740 are exemplary examples of this Service Above Self attitude. I am so proud and thankful for all of you who take on these projects to help others less fortunate even when the job seems insurmountable.

My year as District Governor has been a busy and eventful one, and I have been blessed by great AGs, presidents, and a very supportive District management team. No one does any great thing alone. So, it is with a grateful heart that I thank the following for their unstinting support and help:

My aide, DGN John Hutchings (Maysville), who was always willing to help me with all things Rotary and lend moral support, even when he was on double-secret probation (joke).

AG Michael Babb and Amanda Morris (Cynthiana) for the terrific job of designing and putting together the District newsletter.

Marty Chiles (Lexington) and his staff for redesigning our new and beautiful District website.

Jeanne Clark (Lexington), for being a stellar District Conference chair and seeing the brighter side of things when things got sticky, and for being my friend.

DGE Dean Hammond (Lexington), who was always available and willing to help with anything needed.

Interact Chair Barbara Rahn (Florence), who helped meet our goal of 5 new Interact Clubs this year (!), and to the clubs who sponsored them, Augusta, Lexington (2), Somerset-Pulaski, and Pineville.

PDG Kathryn Hardman (London), PDG Cindy Legg (Paintsville), and PDG Jack McAllister (Lexington), who were always there to help me and answer questions.

Christie Adams (Somerset-Pulaski), whose invaluable help always makes anything she does a success.

Harding Dawahare (Lexington), who single-handedly sold more District raffle tickets than anyone and helped make the raffle a success.

Gerry van der Meer (Lexington), whose help and great attitude was invaluable to me.

PDG Tom Ashford (Lexington) and his wife Polky, for taking me under their wing and helping in every way possible, for encouraging me, and for making things fun. I will never forget the Cheryl fans!

Club presidents... thank you for everything!

As we prepare for the new 2018-19 Rotary year, I want to say what an honor and privilege it has been to serve as your District Governor and be a part of your Rotary lives in 2017-18. I will never forget the inspiration and commitment to the Ideals of Rotary that I witnessed in the Rotarians of District 6740. Thank you for all you do and thank you for truly **Making A Difference**.

Cheryl W Spriggs

District Governor 2017-18

Thank You

Assistant Governors

Assistant Governors are invaluable to the District as liaisons between the Governor and clubs. The AG role plays an integral part in service to the District as they visit clubs in their assigned geographical areas to encourage and assist clubs and report challenges and progresses made by clubs.

I am happy to say that this year I have been blessed with great AGs. I have called on all of them at times to reach out to clubs when my schedule would not allow and for sometimes helping other clubs not in their area. I would like to recognize and thank the 10 AGs in our District for performing their duties with efficiency, timeliness, and for never saying no.

Greg Palmer, Florence Club

Area 1 (Campbell Co., Kenton Co., Florence, Covington)

James Glass, Pikeville Club

Area 2 (Pikeville, Harlan, Hazard, Whitesburg)

Jim Martin, Lexington Club

Area 3 (Lexington, Lexington Sunrise, Nicholasville, Georgetown)

Michael Babb, Cynthiana Club

Area 4 (Carlisle, Cynthiana, Falmouth, Paris)

Wilma Walker Thompson, Richmond Club

Area 5 (Richmond, Winchester, Berea, Mt. Sterling, Richmond Bluegrass)

Christie Adams, Somerset-Pulaski Club

Area 6 (Somerset, Somerset-Pulaski, Stanford)

Derrick Dean, London Club

Area 7 (Corbin, London, Pineville)

James Beaumont, Russell Club

Area 8 (Ashland, Grayson, Louisa, Russell)

Taylor Kelsch, Augusta Club

Area 9 (Augusta, Fleming Co., Maysville, Morehead)

Cheryl McGraw, West Liberty Club

Area 10 (Paintsville, West Liberty, Prestonsburg)

Your good work this past year made my job a lot easier. My thanks and appreciation to each of you for a job well done!

Cheryl W Spriggs

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2017-2018 District 6740 Grants

Together we make a difference, both large and small, and always for the better, in the lives of others in our communities and the world.

The following sixteen clubs applied for and received grants to improve the lives of others in their communities, for a total of \$20,700 in District Designated Funds.

Ashland – Education: literacy.

500 third-grade students in Boyd County receive their own dictionary

Corbin – Health: general.

Provide shoes and blankets for 500 children in need in the Corbin area

Covington – RI Youth programs.

Supplement costs of Youth Exchange

Georgetown – Education: literacy.

Third-grade students receive a dictionary and fourth grade students in Georgetown receive a thesaurus. 1600 students

Grayson – Health: general.

Provide repaired bicycles to 75 Carter County residents for exercise and transportation

Lexington – Education: general.

Graduation celebration for 40 disadvantaged children, supply backpack of school supplies and a watch to each student

London - Education: literacy.

Provide a dictionary to 800 third-grade students in Laurel County

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2017-2018 District 6740 Grants

Louisa – Community development: general.

Replace inappropriate trees causing sidewalk damage and pedestrian hazards in Louisa for the health of the environment and the community

Florence – Peace: general.

Generate goodwill and friendships in the community with 390 first responders and law enforcement personnel at recognition lunch

Paris – Health: general.

Provide backpack meals for 375 children in Bourbon County to ensure adequate food and nutrition on weekends and school breaks

Paintsville – Community development: general.

Develop a community produce garden with Rotarians and community volunteers. Distribute harvest to needy citizens in the community

Pikeville – Health: disease.

Physical fitness program to target underserved children in Pike County and the problems of being obese and overweight with an after school program for 75 youth

Richmond – Education: literacy.

Provide a dictionary to each third-grade student in Madison County. 400 students

Whitesburg – Education: literacy.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library will expand by 75 children in Letcher County, where children are considered at risk due to social and economic characteristics of the community

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2017-2018 District 6740 Grants

Maysville – Community development: construction/renovation.

Improve Rotary Park by installing new fencing which will provide a safer and more attractive environment. Expand the grill area for 17,190 residents of Mason County

Congratulations to these clubs who see a need in their community and set about doing something about it.

Remember...when you donate to the Rotary Foundation annual fund, 50% of the money returns to the district to fund District Designated Fund Grants.

Thank you for Making A Difference.

DG Cheryl

District Conference

Below are pictures from the District Conference held at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill on June 8th and 9th, 2018.



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Greenbrier Getaway



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BOUGHT DISTRICT RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE DONATION TO THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION!

A special thanks to these top selling clubs that sold all tickets they received and many more:

Lexington Club sold 110 tickets...\$5500

Ashland Club sold 59 tickets...\$2950

Pikeville Club sold 31 tickets...\$1550

Louisa Club sold 26 tickets...\$1300

Carlisle Club sold 22 tickets...\$1100

Thank you to all clubs who sold every ticket they received:

Berea Club

Lexington Sunrise Club

Grayson Club

Hazard Club

Pineville Club

A special thanks to these individuals who worked hard to make the fundraiser a success:

Harding Dawahare, Lexington Club Foundation Chair, who made a very successful effort with his club to sell tickets every time I asked him for help.

Kevin Fosso, President of the Carlisle Club, and **Ernie Pitt** of the Ashland Club, who went the extra mile for this fundraiser.

My personal thanks to each of you, without whom the fundraiser would not have been the success it is.

Thanks to all of you, the Foundation will receive a whopping donation of **\$22,600** from individuals and clubs in District 6740.

Thank you for Making A Difference!

DG Cheryl



Club News

Rotary Club of Harrodsburg

Harrodsburg Club President Marty Collier and DG Cheryl Spriggs present \$2,000 worth of goods and gift cards from district clubs to Chelsi McDonald, Ronald McDonald House of Lexington. A big thanks to all clubs who donated to this charity service project.



Ms Cheryl Spriggs, Thank you so much for graciously donating wish list items, and gift cards to RMHC, your contribution and all the awesome work by Rotary District 6740 provides so much comfort to our children and families away from home. RMHC volunteers
Sincerely,
Sara S.

Cheryl & District 6740,
Thank you so very much for your generosity & friendship to our House & the families we serve. Your donations of gift cards & VAN LOAD of wish list items overwhelmed our hearts & filled our pantry shelves. Thank you & please come visit us soon!
Chelsi McDonald & RMHC Family



Club News

Rotary Club of Flemingsburg

On Saturday, June 16, the Flemingsburg Rotary Club hosted several young people from the community on a trip to Lexington for a night of food, fun, and fellowship. Four rotary club members, four friends of Rotary, ten local young people, and one bus driver left Fleming County High School at 3:30 Saturday afternoon. They arrived just north of Lexington at 5:00 at the newly constructed Bluegrass Stockyards on Iron Works Pike. There they were met by former Fleming County High School graduate Laura Lee Crain, who gave them a tour of the facility, as well as a history lesson about the origins of the stockyards and its ties to Fleming County. Then the group enjoyed a delicious supper catered by the stockyards restaurant catering staff, before boarding the bus again for the short trip up Iron Works Pike to the Kentucky Horse Park, to attend the Lexington Rotary Club's annual Pro Rodeo event at Alltech Arena. The group saw bare back riding, calf roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing, and of course, bull riding. In addition, the crowd was entertained with trick riders and the comedy of the Rodeo Clown. The highlight of the evening for most was the mutton busting event, as well as the calf chase. In this event, around 50-60 kids age 11-12 chased three calves around the arena trying to grab the ribbon tied to their tails. The winners received cash prizes. The Rodeo ended around 10:30 pm and the group boarded the buses for the sleepy ride back to Flemingsburg. The Flemingsburg Rotary club would like to say a big Thank You to Mendy High of the Fleming County Youth Service center for helping us identify the young people who attended, as well as the Fleming County School district for allowing us the use of the bus. Finally, thanks to our bus driver Johnny Vise, for getting us to and from the Rodeo safely. A good time was had by all.





Club News

Rotary Club of Ashland

Here is members of the Rotary Club of Ashland celebrating the fourth annual Microbrew Beer and Food Truck Fest in downtown Ashland, where we volunteered and participated!

In the photo is Presiden Carrie Stambaugh, Past-President and Secretary Vincenzo Fressola, and Past-President and Fundraiser Chair Ryan Reames.



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Rotary Club of West Liberty



West Liberty Rotary Club recently participated in a project to plant pecan trees. They also provided trees to local citizens to plant themselves in honor of Arbor Day



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Rotary Club of Campbell County

In early May Campbell County Rotarians Arnd Reh fuss and Joe Johnson distributed golf ball receptacles to four golf courses in the area. Several weeks later they collected the given, gently used balls to be donated to veterans through the National Guard Armory in Ft. Thomas. They collected over a thousand golf balls!!!



On May 19th, the Campbell County Rotary Club in conjunction with the Cold Spring Home Depot sponsored a Classic Car Show.



Club News

Rotary Club of Richmond

Richmond Rotary Club partnered with EKU's Sustainability Office and Environmental Studies students to plant 470 American Chestnut Trees on April 20. The University has been working with the American Chestnut Foundation to create improved trees that are resistant to blight. Rotarians provided moral support, a bit of labor, nourishment for the students and funding to continue the project.





Interact & Rotaract News

Pineville Interact Graduates

Pineville Interact Group has 1st graduates! Class of 2018
(you'll see the ladies in the blue stoles)

Mackenzie Fuson (president); Marissa Holland, Sarah Combs, Olivia Webb,
and Anna Howard.



Your gifts are not about
Leadership is not about
Your purpose is not about

YOU

A life of significance is about

SERVING

those who need your gifts, your
leadership, your purpose.

Kevin Hall, author "Aspire"



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