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Announcements

- **Contributions to The Rotary Foundation are due by the end of March to be counted for our club awards.** This year is the 100th anniversary of The Foundation, and Rotary International will issue a one-time only Centennial Patch to clubs that have every individual member donate **\$26.50** to The Rotary Foundation. **If you have not made your donation yet, please do so before the end of this month.**
- **Please see the story below about registering for the District Conference to be held in Chattanooga April 21-22.**
- **Jim Dodson** announced that he is responsible for the House of Friendship for the 2017 District Conference, and he needs volunteers to help with it. If you are planning to attend the conference in Chattanooga April 21-22, please contact Jim and let him know if you can help.
- If you have pictures, information, or announcements that you'd like to share with the rest of the club, please email them to **SueAnne Lewis** at designprof@att.net.

Registration is Open for the 2017 District Conference

Things are really shaping up for the District Conference April 21 – 22 in Chattanooga at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center. The Early Bird Special of **FIVE MEALS and Registration for ONLY \$125** has stimulated a lot of interest! To register just go to: www.2017discon.com It is so easy to register. Also, you can get your room at the Marriott for only \$114 per night.

The conference will feature some outstanding speakers, starting with Clifton Taulbert, a Pulitzer-nominated author with fourteen books to his credit, who once found himself in the Black Forrest of Germany lecturing in the hunting lodge built for the German Fuhrer, Adolph Hitler. Taulbert has lectured around the globe on the timeless and universal values that build and sustain communities worldwide based upon his groundbreaking first book, *Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored*. Another of his books, *Eight Habits of the Heart* -- about the transforming power of ordinary people—was read by former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and resulted in an invitation for Taulbert to address members of the court and their guests. Most recently Taulbert's latest memoir, *The Invitation*, was chosen by *Forewords Reviews* as one of the top five memoirs of 2014. Again, Taulbert's unique style of writing and storytelling takes his readers on his journey where the "Old South" and the "21st Century" crossed paths for five years. Taulbert, the Great-Great-Grandson of slaves and the aging Mistress of Roselawn, a South Carolina plantation, is a clear example of what is possible when we dare to embrace our common and shared humanity. You will be moved and inspired by his message.

Thaddeus Rex will talk to us about the Science of Charisma. A Rotarian from Carmel, Indiana, Thaddeus inspires groups to use charisma to achieve their goals. He will walk out with his guitar and tell his story of being a musician, and how he came to be recognized as a nationally regarded motivational speaker.

Rick Jensen is a performance coach, sport psychologist, and author. His clients include more than 50 professional golfers on the PGA, LPGA and Champions Tours. His clients have won more than 200 tour victories and 33 major championships.

Invocation: David Stanley
Greeter: Wes Singer

March 27

Four-Way Test Speech Amadou Mbaye

Invocation: Malcolm Stocks
Greeter: David Stanley

April 3

Social & Board Meeting

Invocation: Aaron Wells
Greeter: Malcolm Stocks

Rick will enthrall you with what it takes mentally to be at the top of your game and how to prepare for and execute a winning strategy.

These are just a few of the dynamic speakers who will be at the District Conference. These speakers will be there not to tell you more about Rotary, but to show you how to be a better person, professional, spouse, and parent. All of that improvement will make you a better Rotarian!

It is especially important that you attend on Saturday. At the Foundation Breakfast Rotary International Director Karen Wentz will tell you about the work that the Rotary Foundation is able to achieve because of your support. Saturday night we will celebrate Rotary International President John Germ at the Governors Dinner. There will be several special guests with us that night and we will celebrate their service.

The lunch on Saturday will be very special. This is where we will celebrate all that your club has done this year! Celebrate Rotary Serving Humanity! We expect to give out more than 500 awards during the Parade of Presidents. Be there to cheer when your president's name and your club's name are called! This is your celebration for all the great work that you and your club have accomplished in your community and around the world!

Rotary Business

- In June 2017 the Rotary International Convention will take place in Atlanta. Thousands of Rotarians from all over the world will travel to attend the convention. We seldom get an opportunity to attend this exciting event right in our own backyard, and I strongly encourage everyone in our district to try to attend. To make it even easier to attend we are planning to charter buses to Atlanta for the convention. Registration will open on May 28. The registration will go up to \$490 as we get closer to June 10-14, 2017. You can register through the DACdb Calendar.
- **What is Rotary?** Rotary is an international organization that **joins leaders joins leaders** from all continents, cultures, and occupations to **exchange ideas exchange ideas**, bring our expertise and diverse perspectives to help solve some of the world's toughest problems, and **take action** to bring about lasting change in our communities and around the world.
- **If you miss a meeting, be sure to make up during the two weeks before or after the missed meeting.** You can make up at another club or on line at one of these e-clubs:
 - E-club of Southeast USA www.recswusa.org
 - Rotary E-club NY1 www.rotaryclubny1.com
 - Rotary Club of District 7890 www.rotaryclub7890.org.
- Please notify Secretary **Kesha Shipe** when you make up a meeting. Her email address is ShipeKesha@gmail.com.
- Rotarians who make up at the Sunset Club pay \$10.

Your Vision for Rotary's Future

Dear Friend,

In January, we invited you to participate in our survey Your Vision for Rotary's Future. If you are one of the participants, the Strategic Planning Committee sends a sincere **thank you**. Almost 30,000 members of the Rotary family, including 20,000 Rotarians, provided their input for Rotary's future! We are very grateful for everyone's feedback and want to share a few highlights of what we're learning:

- When asked about the traits of their ideal organization, almost all Rotarians (95%) and Rotaractors (97%) prize **transparency and accountability**.
- According to Rotarians, the two top benefits of membership are 1) **positively impacting their local community** and 2) **friendship/fellowship**.

In the results, we are also learning where Rotary can improve:

- Almost a quarter of Rotarians say that their Rotary club conducts **too few community service projects**; even more (41%) feel their Rotary club is involved in **too few international service projects** each year.



March Birthdays

Wes Singer - 3/7
Margaretanne Ingle - 3/8

Club Anniverseries March

Becky Dodson - 2015

2016-2017 Officers

Devrin Kuipers
President

Jim Dodson
President-Elect

Wes Singer
Vice President

Kesha Shipe
Secretary

Kay Honey
Treasurer

Roger Petrie
Immediate Past President

2016-17 Directors

Monique Wesh
Club Service Chair
Kenneth Herring
Membership Chair
SueAnne Lewis
The Rotary Foundation Chair
Leonard Abbatiello
Service Projects Chair
Becky Dodson
Youth Services Chair
Margaretanne Ingle
Public Relations Chair

international service projects each year.

- Many Rotarians (42%) and Rotary alumni (49%) are frustrated with **Rotary's slow pace of change**.
- Only 36% of Rotarians fully agree that Rotary acts upon feedback from its members.

We hear you and want to reassure you that we are taking action with the survey feedback. Your Vision for Rotary's Future survey results are an integral part in the development of a Vision statement for Rotary. Our goal is a Vision statement that is compelling, inspirational, and aspirational -- a future towards which all Rotary aspires to reach and reflects the impact Rotary wishes to have on the world. Once developed, the Vision will guide the creation of a new strategic plan and set a direction to ensure Rotary's ongoing growth and long-term success.

Rotarian input is essential at every step of the project. To ensure the Vision fully captures the shared values and priorities of Rotary, the Strategic Planning Committee will continue talking to Rotarians and members of the Rotary family at all levels and all parts of the globe. In the next several weeks, you may be asked to provide input to help develop the Vision. We hope you will participate if you receive a request.

Best regards,

Rotary International Strategic Planning Committee

Rotary Information

How Rotary is Organized

Today more than 1.2 Rotarians belong to over 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary International is made up of 538 Districts and 34 Zones.

Rotary is a grassroots organization, with service efforts carried out by members of Rotary clubs. District and international leaders support Rotary clubs and help them provide service in their local communities and abroad.

Clubs

Rotarians are members of clubs, which belong to the global association Rotary International (RI). Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws.

Districts

Clubs are grouped into Districts, each led by a district governor. District leaders, including assistant governors and various committees, help guide and support clubs. Annual district conferences celebrate achievements and bring Rotarians from different clubs together. The Oak Ridge Sunset Rotary Club is in District 6780, and the current District Governor is Fred Heitman, a member of the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge.

RI Board and Zones

The RI Board of Directors, which includes the RI President and president-elect, meets quarterly to establish policies. Directors are elected to represent Rotary clubs within a particular zone (group of districts). The current RI President is John Germ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga. Our District is also represented on the RI Board by Karen Wentz, a member of the Rotary Club of Maryville-Alcoa.

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation is overseen by its Board of Trustees, which includes the Trustee chair and chair-elect. Trustees are appointed by the RI president, with approval from the RI Board.

International and District Officers

John Germ, Chattanooga – Rotary International President
Fred Heitman, Oak Ridge – District Governor
Dave Mason, Oak Ridge – Assistant District Governor
Deborah Alexander-Davis, Kingston – District Governor-Elect (2017-18)



The Four-Way Test

1. **Is it the truth?**
2. **Is it fair to all concerned?**
3. **Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**
4. **Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

Oak Ridge Rotary Clubs Meetings

Rotary Club of Oak Ridge
Thursday Noon, Double Tree Hotel

Breakfast Rotary Club
Wednesday, 7:15 am
Tech 20/20, 1020 Commerce Park Dr.

Area Rotary Club Meetings

MONDAY

Rockwood: Victorian Square, 6:15 pm
Lenoir City: First Baptist Church, Noon

TUESDAY

Maryville: Blount County Library, 7:00 am
Loudon: First Baptist Church Annex, Noon
Clinton: Clinton Community Center, Noon
Knoxville: Knoxville Marriott, Noon
Turkey Creek: Faith Lutheran Church, 5:30 pm
Kingston: Michael Dunn Center, 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Knoxville: Gettysvue Country Club, 7:00 am
Farragut: Fox Den Country Club, 12:15 pm

THURSDAY

Harriman: Roane State Faculty Dining Room, Noon
North Knoxville: Litton's Restaurant, Noon

FRIDAY

Tellico Lake: Tellico West Conference Center, 8:00 am
Knoxville Volunteer: Marriott Hotel, Noon
Bearden: Buddy's Barbecue Bearden, 12:15pm