

Rotary District - News & Updates

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Utah Rotary News

A Message from the District Governor



Here it is ... the final writeup from this year's District Governor, but before I say anything else I want you to know, I have a really big problem!

A longtime member of my club recently commented, "Rotary is certainly not the same organization it was a few years ago!" I agree with him. Over the past decade or so, Rotary has changed in many ways, especially with a greater emphasis on impact in EVERYTHING we do, whether in our neighborhoods or the world.

In RY2020-21, RI President Holger Knaack's theme has been "Rotary Opens Opportunities." In RY2021-22, incoming RI President Sheker Mehta's theme is "Serve to Change Lives." It occurs to me these two themes are connected by a familiar phrase I've used repeatedly in our very strange Rotary year. So, as we transition into a new and more normal year, let's remember, "Rotary Opens Opportunities for **bigger, better, bolder ways** to Serve to Change Lives!"

It has been my honor to serve as your District Governor despite the challenges associated with COVID. While I missed the opportunity to have an in-person breakfast with our PDGs, attend RYLA or the RI Convention in Hawaii; visit most clubs in-person, all experiences which traditionally make up a Governor's year, it's

still been **amazing!** During our pandemic, as I sat in front of what my little granddaughter would define as "a bajillion" Zoom calls, I cheered – masked and socially-distanced - from the sidelines as clubs succeeded in adding new members, found creative ways to serve and fundraise; and, have generously given to The Rotary Foundation. I interacted with Rotarians and RI leaders I would never have met except for this opportunity; witnessed three of D5420's five struggling clubs find their way back to vibrancy ... and perhaps the most exciting, we are about to add a 46th club (RC of Southern Utah Veterans) which now is very close to having the required 20 members for a charter – and we have two satellite clubs forming!

So, what's my really big problem? From the beginning, I have planned to recognize one large club (over 40 members) and one small club as "Clubs of the Year" because I believe you can never give too much recognition for doing good. My really big problem is there are at least 5 large clubs in the district which are likely to qualify ... and probably that many again which could easily be named small club of the year. What a great problem for a DG to have, don't you think?

Being Governor of Utah Rotary District 5420 has been a wonderful once-in-a-lifetime roller coaster ride and one I will always remember. We still have a few weeks before July 1, but I want to take this opportunity to say - to you all - how much I have appreciated your "bigger, better, bolder" support through the challenges of RY2020-21! It has been a truly amazing year.

Linda Sappington
District Governor 2020-21

Park City Sunrise Rotary - Club of the Month - Bigger Better Bolder Service - Hazardous Waste Collection

Park City Sunrise is recognized as June 2021 Club of the Month for "bigger, better, bolder service."

This honor acknowledges Park City Sunrise's "Hazardous Waste Day," nearly a decade old, semi-annual event, in partnership with Summit County in which Rotarians – at 10 stations in an area parking lot -



accept such hazardous materials as paint, batteries, oil, and pesticides, as well as mattresses and bicycles. This year, PCS Rotarians accepted materials from 470 residents who also donated \$3,500 for local recycling programs.

Congratulations to Park City Sunrise President Scott Pepler and all PCS members for this outstanding "service above self" project – which could easily be duplicated by clubs throughout D5420.

Linda Sappington
District Governor 2020-21

St. George Rotary Club is Club of the Month for their Foundation Giving

St. George Rotary is recognized for Foundation Giving as June 2021 Club of the Month.

This honor acknowledges the presentation of an unprecedented 66 Paul Harris Fellow awards using accrued club and member points, to Rotary family members and friends as well as business, community and local and state government leaders.

This club's Foundation Chair, upon reviewing club giving records, noted the large number of accrued club points as well as more than half of SGR's 65 members with enough member points to receive a 2nd, 3rd or 4th PHF and went to work to make this happen. Chartered in 1931, St. George RC has a rich and storied history in this rapidly growing community and is now one of six clubs in Washington County.

Congratulations to SGR President Dale Desmond, former Foundation Chair Rulon Olsen and to club members who support The Rotary Foundation.



Linda Sappington
District Governor 2020-21

Pass the Baton District Assembly Saturday, June 5 on Zoom

On Saturday, June 5, current and incoming presidents are encouraged to attend a "Passing the Baton" District Assembly from 9 – 10:30 a.m. This Zoom call is designed to help incoming presidents know what outgoing presidents know as we move toward the last day of the year. You'll hear from RI Director Johrita Solari, D5420 Governor Linda Sappington and other district leaders as we educate, motivate and celebrate our success in RY2020-21. We look forward to seeing you ... even if it's just in your jammies or Saturday work clothes. Please register at <http://bit.ly/5420bets3>.



Blog: How to Jump Start Your Club Post-COVID

While half the clubs in our District met by Zoom during COVID, a quarter of our clubs did not meet at all. Many Rotarians suffered 'Zoom fatigue,' with accompanying drops in club meeting attendance. With new CDC and state guidelines in place, and an incoming class of Club Presidents-Elect raring to go, this blog post has some suggestions for how to jump start your club in the new Rotary Year. Read on, as money is offered for your club efforts! Contact District Governor Elect Judy Zone dgjudy@utahrotary.org for details.

Easy, Fast Way to Donate

Thank you for Doing Good in the World by donating to The Rotary Foundation. Because of your generous support, we can take action together to improve lives in communities that need our help the most.

Did you know that we have a recurring giving program, Rotary Direct? With Rotary Direct, your gifts are transformed into projects that mobilize Rotary members around the world. Together, we are using our expertise in disease prevention and treatment to support global COVID-19 vaccination efforts. With your ongoing support, we can continue our work toward a polio-free world, building on the recent big achievement of the African region being declared free of wild poliovirus.

These projects and more are possible because of donors like you. Help us continue making a difference in your community and around the world by **enrolling in Rotary Direct** today. It's a simple and secure way to make a big impact.

Sincerely,
The Rotary Foundation



Visioning - Key to Club Strategic Planning

2021-2022 Utah Rotary District Governor Elect Judy Zone will be asking all clubs to complete their visioning and strategic planning **using this document** before their **Club Cluster Assembly** this Fall.

Club Presidents for this Rotary Year: get a jump on scheduling your board meeting for this purpose or, if your club is small, a whole club session. Your board will bring the goals developed to your Club Cluster Assembly to share with other club boards, learning from each other and building better relationships between our clubs. Cedar City Rotary Club President 2021-2022 Miriam Keener has already completed the club visioning. **Read the results in this [utahrotary.org](#) blog post.**



Governor Cox Speaks at Cedar City Rotary Club

Utah's governor and lieutenant governor both spoke during a **Cedar City Rotary Club's** luncheon, primarily addressing the topics of volunteer service and the role of government.

Gov. Spencer Cox and Lt. Gov. Deidre Henderson commended the Rotarians for their reputation of volunteerism, as reflected in the organization's motto: "Service above self."

Read the full story here.



College Scholarship Program for Native American Students



Richfield Rotary is partnering with several other Utah Rotary clubs to provide scholarships at Snow College for Native American students regardless of their Utah geographic location or tribal affiliation. Thus far we have raised or received commitments for \$54,500. About \$45,000 will be placed in an endowment so the principal will continue to draw interest so scholarships can be provided for Native Americans for generations to come.

For more information and an application for deserving students you know, contact Brent Thorne at brent.janis@gmail.com

Join the Rotary Club of Midvalley in Uganda this September

The **Rotary Club of Midvalley** will be leading a group to Uganda, September 1-15 (plus travel days). We will visit our food crop and fish farming project sites and meet with community members, visit other communities in the country to evaluate potential future projects, participate

in service projects in refugee settlement, and of course support the local tourism economy as we enjoy everything from gorilla treks, to whitewater rafting to safari game drives! A fantastic mix of service and fun! Rotarians and other interested individuals are encouraged to come! Contact Drew Allen for more information 801 910 5215 or Houndoc@aol.com.



New Veterans Club Inspires Us All to Meet Unmet Needs

Utah Rotary's new **Veterans Satellite Club** is sponsored by the **Dixie Sunrise Rotary Club** with a focus on veterans helping veterans. According to satellite club president Doug Graham, though there are veterans' groups in Southern Utah - like VFW, Marine Corps League, the Veterans Administration, and Vietnam Veterans groups - this new satellite club has defined some opportunities to serve veterans that are not currently being addressed. Some of the new focuses for this group should inspire all our Utah Rotary clubs to think twice about how to serve those who might be underserved. [Read more here.](#)



Rotary Leadership Institute Congratulates District Graduates

Our congratulations to Rotarians who have graduated from the Rotary Leadership Institute during the 2020-2021 Rotary Year.

Bountiful - Jill Allsop, Jill Everett, Sydney King, Erik Knutsen, Ralph Pace, Rhett Stenback. **Brigham City** - Daniel Kennedy. **Dixie Sunrise** - Glenn Artist, Mike Branum, Charlotte Shelley. **Hispano-Latino Salt Lake** - Javier Barros, Jessica Gutierrez, Francisco Soto. **Lehi** - Glade Hamilton - RLI Chair/faculty. **Logan** - Ralph Bair, Jay Black, Wendi Hassan, Darlene Jensen, Randy Jensen. **Midvalley/Midvalley Rotaract** - Kurt Brooks, Martha Velasco, Stephanie Velasco. **Millcreek** - Karen Hansen. **Ogden** - Rick Barnes, Julie Snowball. **Orem** - Clark Merkley. **Salt Lake** - Orn Bodvarsson, Scott Leckman - RLI faculty, Scott Rosenbush. **Tooele Valley** - Mike Wells - RLI faculty. **West Jordan** - Kelly Atkinson - RLI faculty.



Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a leadership and development program designed to strengthen Rotary clubs through education, collaboration and exchange of ideas.

Special Peace Presentation by State Dept. Officer June 17



District 5420's Peace Committee invites you to a special presentation. The path the peace starts with understanding. Please join us as we become more educated regarding the migration issues affecting our southern border. The speaker will be Abraham Wise, State Department Public Diplomacy Officer for Central America. His topic: U.S. response to root causes of irregular migration from Mexico and Central America. Thursday, June 17th at 7 pm. [Click for the Zoom link here.](#)

Earn a Masters in Legal Studies at the U



The Master of Legal Studies Program at the S.J. Quinney College of Law at the University of Utah is a one-year executive master's degree that you can complete on the weekends or online. Learn about the intricacies of the law without the need to invest in a JD or become a lawyer. Perfect for professionals in many fields including HR, conflict resolution, compliance, management, anyone who works with lawyers, and anyone who finds that a working knowledge of the law would help them in their profession. For information contact carolynn.clark@law.utah.edu or go to <https://mls.utah.edu/>

The Club Hub

Get ideas, support other clubs! Send your service projects & fundraisers to Newsletter Editor [Lola Beatlebrox](#) for this



May was a busy month for the **Cedar City Rotary Club**. We hosted Governor Cox and his cabinet at one of our weekly meetings, put on our annual golf tournament, honored local healthcare workers who went to New York during the height of the pandemic there, and held a leadership visioning workshop to set goals for the next year. A new monument in our Veterans Memorial Park, a gift from our sister city of Gapyeong, South Korea, was also dedicated. It's been a fantastic month, and we look forward to more as our community and state continue to open back up.



On May 15 **Brigham City Rotary Club** held their 1st Annual Greatest Wild Bird Challenge. With one of the Greatest Bird Refuges in the World right in our backyard, we held an event to celebrate the beauty of birds. There was a contest for individuals and teams for the most birds identified that day, as well as a photo contest. Fun was had, prizes earned and funds raised. We are excited for next year when we can invite the whole District to join us and have a wonderful time together.



"Next time you exit or enter the freeway, take note of the litter on either side of you. Makes you want to clean it up!" That's how the **Murray Rotary Club** appealed to volunteers from JustServe.org, businesses next to the highway interchanges, Rotarians, Rotaractors, and family members. In March we won \$500 from the district for 90 volunteers removing 190 55-gallon bags of litter from seven Murray City vacant properties including three homeless camps. But we were frustrated that we could not clean up the trashiest areas in Murray...the areas adjacent to on and off ramps to the freeways, controlled by UDOT. So after the March project we talked to UDOT. They were very receptive. UDOT provided orange bags, orange vests, and disposed of the trash. On Saturday May 15, 16 Rotarians (3 from Midvalley Rotary), 10 Rotaractors (7 from Midvalley Rotaract and 3 from SL Rotaract), 16 from businesses, and 32 others (including family members), removed 84 60 gallon bags of litter from 4 freeway interchanges. A very visible project! Everyone who volunteered had one thing to ask: "Please don't throw litter on our interstates!"



Park City Sunrise Rotary Club mustered all hands on deck to run their spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Masked and safely distanced, Rotarians welcomed and directed 470 cars bringing an estimated 16,000 lbs of latex paint, 6500 lbs of e-waste, 8200 lbs of chemicals, 150 lbs of prescription medications/sharps, 1887 lbs lead acid batteries, 4-5 gallon buckets small household batteries, 380 gallons oil, 97 CFLs/ light bulbs, 30 propane tanks, 45 bikes for reuse, and 21 mattresses. The biannual event is a collaboration between Park City Sunrise Rotary, Park City's nonprofit recycling center Recycle Utah, Park City Municipal, Summit County, the Snyderville Basin Water Reclamation District, and Park City Mountain Resort. This event is essential for diverting hazardous waste from the county landfill because residents can dispose of their waste closer to home (the Park City Mountain Resort parking lot). Processing the nasty stuff is expensive and Sunrise Rotarians collected \$3,500 in donations from residents to support the event.



The **Ogden Rotary Club** 2021/2022 board held their visioning session on May 17 with 10 of the 12 board members in attendance. We started off the evening with a delicious steak and chicken dinner with spouses in attendance and then participated in three team building exercises (low COPE at the Ogden Boy Scout Office). What better way to build a team and trust than to catch each other as we fall backwards from a platform 4 feet off the ground. We also had to cross a lava field (pretend) and had to rely on each other to get across. We finished off the evening with our visioning session in the BSA board room facilitated by our Vice President, Pam Higginson, using the resources from our DGE, Judy Zone. We have some great ideas to "increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance our participant engagement, and increase our ability to adapt" which we will adopt as part of our new strategic plan.



May was a very busy month in which the **St. George Rotary Club** awarded four intermediate school students as winners of our annual 4-Way Test Essay Test Contest; certified 18 Rotarians from three local clubs to prepare them to "Question, Persuade and Refer" (aka QPR) those contemplating suicide; inducted two new members; and were recognized as one of four clubs (so far this year) in D5420 to earn the Rotary Citation.

The month ended on Memorial Day weekend when St. George Rotary also honored nearly 2000 veterans interred in local cemeteries during a special "service above self" project resulting in a beautiful display of American flags.



The **South Valley Rotary Club** (serving Bluffdale, Draper, Herriman, and Riverton) took advantage of a beautiful Saturday morning to clean up a main thoroughfare in our community. We're proud to live here and enjoy the opportunity to serve our neighbors. In an hour we filled six huge, human-sized bags of trash!



This month the **Park City Twilight Rotary Club** once again participated in our adopt a road clean-up project. We had a great turnout with 14 members/guests participating and we collected 10 giant bags of trash. The weather was perfect and the work was rewarding!



In terms of attendance, cars and \$40,000 raised, **Hurricane Rotary** held their largest **car show** in the history of our club. Locally, we have already begun to do good with the funds raised by donating a brand new



The **Rotary Club Hispano Latino of Salt Lake** led the San Andres Island project in Colombia to raise funds to in

trailer to our Scout troop, donating money to the city of Hurricane for the baseball program, raising money for the local HS mountain bike team, and giving out \$5,000 in scholarships to our interact program for the graduating class of 2021. We have also raised money for Tans Treats, the Hurricane Food Bank, and the Washington County Search & Rescue thru our "happy dollar" contributions. We also donated dictionaries to six elementary schools.

the wake of the hurricane that devastated 97% of the infrastructure of the island. We made a Bingo fundraiser project in cooperation with Chelsea Rotary Club, San Andres Rotary Clubs and Colombian Organizations from San Francisco and Canada. With all this effort we raised money to buy water treatment plant to delivery 240,000 liters of fresh and potable water to the San Andres Island people.

Rotary License Plate Challenge

Sydney King, chair of the Utah Humanitarian License Plate campaign, has a challenge for us all - take a picture with you and your loved ones with your new Rotary License plate. Why? Because the annual \$25 DMV fee goes directly to support our youth programs. You get to drive around with your personal message and the Rotary logo on your chariot. And you get to have your picture in the License Plate Gallery. To get yours, go to dmv.utah.gov/plates/humanitarian# Then click on E-Service and Click on Order License Plates



DG John Hanrahan



Sydney King



Brad Barber & Family



Both Family Cars Because!



Brent Parking & grandson



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District Governor Linda Sappington

Important Foundation Deadline Reminders

All Club dues and donations must be sent to The Rotary Foundation before June 30 for them to count this Rotary year. This affects funding for both your club and the District so please send your money today!

Deadline for District Grant Final Reports is June 15. Any club failing to file their Final Report will not be eligible for a grant next year, so please get it in right away! Contact District Grant Chair Jim Lauret if you are going to have trouble doing so.

Deadline for new District Grant Applications is July 1, 2021. There are several significant changes this year including a letter of support and a new digital form so start early! All forms, guidelines and contact information is on the Foundation tab of utahrotary.org.



Save the Dates

ROLLING CALENDAR (watch for more information about these **TENTATIVE** events):

- Sat. June 5 Passing the Baton” FINAL District Assembly in RY2020-21 (Current presidents and presidents-elect encouraged to attend)
- Wed. June 9 Youth Protection Training for PEs and Youth Chairs, 5-6 pm
- June 12-16 Virtual 2021 RI Convention in Taipei, Taiwan
- Tues., June 15 District grant final report deadline. Must include receipts.
- June 22-23 Rotary Leadership Training—Part I
- Thurs., July 1 District Service and Impact Reports due for RY2020-21
- Thurs., July 1 District grant applications due for RY2021-22
- Sat. July 17 DG Judy Zone’s Installation BBQ, Cottonwood Country Club, Holladay, UT
- Sat., Aug. 21 Club Cluster Assembly (CCA) (Logan, [host] Cache Valley Morning, Brigham City)
- Sat., Aug. 28 CCA (Layton [host], Ogden, Mt. Ogden, Kaysville)
- Sat., Sept. 11 CCA (Bountiful [host], Centerville-Farmington, Salt Lake)
- Sat., Sept. 18 CCA (Sugar House [host], Tooele, Holladay, Midvalley, Valley West, Millcreek, Murray)
- Sept. 22-25 RYLA in Aspen Grove
- Sat., Sept. 25 CCA (Orem [host], So. Valley, West Jordan, South Jordan, Sandy, Lehi, Mt. Timpanogos, Provo, Spanish Fork, Springville)
- Sat., Oct. 9 CCA (Moab [host], Monticello, Blanding)
- Sat., Oct. 23 CCA (Red Rock [host], St. George, Dixie Sunrise, Hurricane Valley, Zion Canyon, Cedar City)
- Sat., Oct. 23 VIRTUAL World Polio Day program
- Sun., Oct. 24 World Polio Day
- Nov. 4-6 **TENTATIVE** Bigger, Better, Bolder Service on a Reservation Weekend
- Sat., Nov. 6 CCA (Park City [host], Park City Sunrise, Park City Twilight, Heber City, Roosevelt, Vernal)
- Feb. 4-11, 2022 Friendship Exchange to Mexico
- Sept. 23 - Oct. 2, 2022 Friendship Exchange to Colombia



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