

## Rotary District - News & Updates

March 2021

### Utah Rotary News

#### A Message from the District Governor



#### **ARRRRGGGGHHHH! District Conference Changes**

Trying to put together a fun, entertaining, impactful District Conference in a normal year is hard enough but in a COVID year, it has been a definite struggle.

Until last week our amazing District Conference Committee was moving right along in anticipation of the weekend we would spend together on the campus of Dixie State University (or whatever it will be called by late-April).

We were promised the venue – even in the pandemic - could accommodate 100+ in-person, we could have our choice of several

members of the university faculty as speakers, and tap their IT staff for support. It was going to be amazing and affordable for everyone.

Then your DG received an email from the university contact, with the subject line, “We need to talk!” Everyone knows such an opening line is almost never good! Turns out, following CDC guidelines, we were told: “Instead of 100+, we can only accommodate 47 in-person in a classroom ... and only 35 for meals.” So, back to the drawing board where our resilient and creative committee began re-inventing District Conference 2021.

#### **Here is what the virtual District Conference now looks like:**

1. Online only on **Saturday, April 24 beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m.** with an hour break for lunch and video viewing.
2. \$42 donation to register for our now-**VIRTUAL** district conference, with all funds donated to Polio Plus then matched 2x1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to a total of \$126 per donor.
3. **Dynamic** guest speakers
4. Presentation of **awards** (Clubs of the Year will be awarded on July 17 during DGE Judy Zone’s induction event)
5. **Video competition** between clubs with a theme of **“Remembering 2020!”** The criteria is:
  - No longer than 30 seconds
  - Must incorporate your club name in the most creative way such as icing on top of a cake, scrabble tiles, stadium cards, a sign in your community or in some other way
  - Include photos or video from service projects you completed last year
  - Whatever else demonstrates how your club remembers 2020!
  - There will be prizes

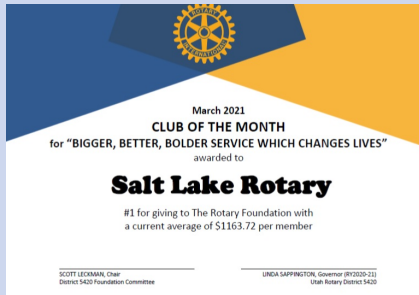
And, for those who will be in the area, some great service projects, a barbeque dinner, entertainment and line dance instruction will bookend our day together.

I’m very, very sorry for all the confusion and misinformation but we are working awfully hard to make it much more fun and interesting than most Zoom calls you’ve been on to date. You can be assured, no one wanted an in-person district conference more than I, but there comes a point at which it’s time to surrender to the enemy, no matter how small!

There are still a few decisions to be made but you are encouraged to register TODAY at <http://5420dc.org> then watch for more information coming soon to an e-mailbox near you.

Linda Sappington  
District Governor 2020-21

## Salt Lake Rotary Club of the Month - Bigger Better Bolder Giving



Club of the Month for March 2021 is **Salt Lake Rotary Club** for Bigger, Better, Bolder Giving to The Rotary Foundation—#1 in the District for contributions of \$1,163.72 *per member*.

“We have a long history of generous donors who support many local and international causes, particularly Polio Plus,” said a club spokesperson, but we also have the District’s newest member of the Arch Klumph Society.” Named in honor of Rotary’s 6th international president, the Arch Klumph Society recognizes the Rotary Foundation’s highest tier of donors—those who have contributed \$250,000 or more during their lifetime. “Our ‘bigger, better, bolder

giving’ could also be because Scott Leckman, District Foundation Chair, is a member of our club and he has a real knack for encouraging us to pull out our wallets!”

Whatever the reason, \$1,163.72 per member is an incredible achievement. Congratulations to President Christian Deputy and all generous members of the Rotary Club of Salt Lake City.

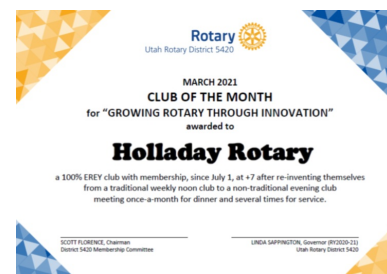
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## Holladay Rotary Club is March Club of the Month for Growing Rotary through Innovation

D5420’s Club of the Month for “Other Accomplishments” in March 2021 is the **Holladay Rotary Club** for “growing Rotary through innovation.”

This 100% EREY club really took to heart advice from this year’s RI President Holger Knaack who counseled clubs worldwide to “put everything on the table, test new approaches, and prepare Rotary for the future.” After evaluating their what, why and how of all they have done, are doing and hope to do in the future, Holladay Rotarians re-invented themselves from a traditional weekly lunch club to a non-traditional evening club which now meets once-a-month for dinner and several times a month for service projects.

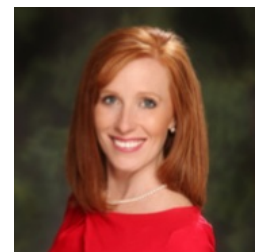
As a result of out-of-the-box thinking and hard work, **Holladay Rotary Club** also leads the district in membership growth with 8 new members since July 1. Congratulations to Co-presidents Marilyn Sweeney and Cindy Beebe and all members who have been willing to embrace change for the good of the club and RI.



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## Jennie Taylor to Inspire Teens & Adults on Tuesday, March 9

**Interaction - The Virtual Interact Speaker Series** - continues Tuesday, March 9 from 6 to 7:15 pm when Jennie Taylor tells the story of losing her husband Major Brent Taylor, United States Army on his last tour of Afghanistan, then raising her children alone and coping with lots of challenges. The Interact Speaker Series has been developed as a result of the tough stuff dished out during 2020. Giving teens and adults the opportunity to learn how ordinary people overcame adversity will help them meet the challenges in their own lives. Parents are invited to attend as well so they can coach young people who are dear to them and promote the series in their Interact Clubs. Upon registration adults and teens will be sent the Zoom link to the virtual event.



**Get your Zoom link - register for the free March event here.**

If you missed the February event [click here](#) for the video of U of U student Hay Soe.

**Tuesday, April 13 - 6 to 7:15 pm - Celeste Edmunds, Executive Director of The Christmas Box Foundation**, founded by New York Times best-selling author Richard Paul Evans to transition children out of a crisis situation into a safe foster home, describes her own childhood growing up in foster care. Adversity. Fear. Hope. Registration will open March 11.

## Seeking Vibrant Rotarian for District Interact Chair



We are seeking a Rotarian who wants to grow the impact of Interact Clubs across the state in the position of District Interact Chair. The Interact Chair reports to the District Youth Chair and the term is from now until June 1 2023. Contact Brent Parkin for a job description. [youthrotary@gmail.com](mailto:youthrotary@gmail.com)



## Rotary Theme for 2021-2022 Serve to Change Lives

In his first address, incoming **Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta** urged members to become more involved in impactful service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own. "Rotary kindled the spark within me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity," said Shekhar Mehta. [Watch video.](#) [Read blog.](#)

## 'Big West' Leaders Call For Change

Changing the multi-year trend of decreasing membership continues to be a priority, and we believe solutions will come from **Big West Rotarians**. The Focus Group Project created thirty groups of governors, district resource chairs, club presidents and other Rotarian leaders. Using an open-ended facilitated approach, participants discussed what we, in our various roles, could do to address the 14-year negative trend in membership in North America. Read their take-aways on our [website blog](#).



## Jenae Green of C-SPAN to Speak on Zoom March 24 - 8 pm



The **Utah Rotary eClub** invites all Utah Rotarians and their friends to join a Zoom call with Jenae Green of C-SPAN as she discusses the tools the network offers for experiencing government without media filters. Learn how C-SPAN provides a window into Washington with access to public officials working on the issues facing our nation—like the coronavirus pandemic and a volatile economy. Jenae Green will discuss how C-SPAN'S nonpartisan mission guides its coverage of the political process, and how its TV, online, and radio resources help you stay informed. There is no charge to attend on March 24 at 8 pm. Register here: [bit.ly/rotarycspan](https://bit.ly/rotarycspan). to get the Zoom link. Contact Devin Thorpe at [devin@devinthorpe.com](mailto:devin@devinthorpe.com) with any questions.

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## Zoom to Learn about Gift Planning Tuesday, April 27 - 6:30-7:30 pm

Would you like to learn the ways to 'Give Smartly to the Rotary Causes You Care About'? Brett Sutherland of the District Foundation Committee has organized a ZOOM presentation to answer all



Utah Rotary ... did you know you can support RYLA, Youth Exchange, Interact ... even Rotaract, by purchasing a **Rotary license plate** when you buy a new car or renew your plates? The cost – over and above the new plate or renewal fee – is an affordable \$25 annually. See [dmv.utah.gov](http://dmv.utah.gov) online for your options in support of Rotary's future ... besides, it might even save you from getting a



your questions about gift planning. It will held on Tuesday, April 27 from 6:30- 7:30 pm. To get the Zoom link email Brett

[brett.sutherland@afpartners.org](mailto:brett.sutherland@afpartners.org)

ticket! If you are looking for a brief presentation for a club meeting to discuss how this program works, contact Sydney King at [sydhking@msn.com](mailto:sydhking@msn.com) who is available to your club with forms and fun.

## Annual Business Meeting Friday, April 23 at 4 p.m.



Each Rotary year, the Resolutions Committee has the responsibility to review District 5420's Manual of Procedure, the governing document which exists to guide and assist individual Rotary clubs in advancing the Object of Rotary.

To this end, the annual business meeting will be held on Friday, April 23 – prior to the virtual District Conference the next day - to consider new resolutions or proposed amendments to the MOP which have been received, prepared, published and distributed by all Rotary Clubs. Voting members, in each of 5 caucus groups around the district, will be selected based on the number of

members in each club. Information on this process, as well as a copy of the most recent version of the Manual of Procedure has been emailed to all club presidents, who are encouraged to share this document with their boards and members to ensure sufficient time to consider and submit changes to the District Resolutions Committee by Monday, March 15, 2021.

For more information, please contact PDG Tom Powell ([andlpowell@hotmail.com](mailto:andlpowell@hotmail.com)), Chairman or PDG Eugene Banks or PDG Kelly Atkinson, members of the Resolutions Committee.

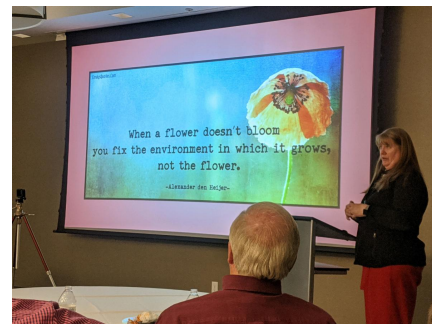


## Don't Forget the Earth Day Club Cleanup Challenge

In recognition of Earth Day on April 22, all Utah clubs are challenged to organize a clean-up day in your communities anytime between now and April 17. You are encouraged to work with your local municipalities to identify a park, cemetery, section of road, or other location needing clean-up, then go out and do it! Invite Rotaractors, Interactors, neighbors, friends and family to participate and be sure to publicize your event in local media, posts to Facebook and any other social media. These are service projects clubs can safely accomplish outdoors during our seemingly never-ending COVID pandemic and have fun doing it. Even so, please use care to accomplish your cleanup safely by wearing reflective safety vests along roads, use gloves and bring sufficient water.

## The Club Hub

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



The **Cedar City Rotary Club** has been learning about the intergenerational poverty issues in our area, as well as the amazing initiatives seeking to improve them. Iron County is the second-poorest in the state, with 5% of adults and 12% of children living in intergenerational poverty. We've been grateful to learn about the work of Iron County's Intergenerational Poverty Committee, which has a special focus on breaking the poverty cycle

USU Moab is proud to have the **Rotary Club of Moab** continue their tradition of supporting our students through annual scholarship donations. Two Moab Rotary Club scholarships are awarded each year to two students who put service above self, the motto of the Rotary Club.

through educational opportunities for middle and high schooler students. We've also learned about one school's innovative student interventions and supports, which are particularly impactful for students living in intergenerational poverty.



Recently the **Mount Timpanogos Club** held brief check donation ceremony in the humble elegance of the parking lot of the Tabitha's Way Local Food Pantry North County location with all of the camaraderie allowed by social distancing and masks. Funds came from the Club's District Grant and a generous donation from the Obra Foundation. The pantry distributes 100,000 pounds of food monthly. Tabitha's Way was begun over a decade ago by Wendy Osborne, providing much needed help to those with food insecurity. The additional needs in northern Utah County moved Michael "Mike" Carter and Al Switzler to establish a sister facility. Debbie Lauret, Cherise Armstrong, and Nick Gilbert are associated with the Club and serve as volunteers in the North Pantry.

During the February 2021 orange fundraiser, the **Orem Rotary Club** worked jointly with **Utah Valley University Rotaract Club** to sell 140 boxes of oranges from California for \$5,600, with Rotaractors contributing \$1,080. Raised money will fund initiatives, like Coats for Kids to provide winter coats to children in need and their joint participation at the 65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York on March 22, 2021. Delegation will advocate for the mountain women, and State of Utah as the model of sustainability. The statement E/CN.6/2021/NGO/125 from 13 December 2020 highlighted their contribution to the United Nations Agenda for sustainable development.



The **Midvalley Rotaract Club** ran a community-wide drive to gather warm socks for people without homes this winter. Socks are the single most needed item in homeless shelters, yet they are the least donated items of clothing. The Club collected socks for a month and donated them to local homeless shelters.



**Park City Sunrise Rotary** marked their five year anniversary of preparing nutritious dinners monthly for homeless youth by renewing their service in 2021. Each month a lead volunteer creates a menu for 50 teenagers and puts out a call to Sunrisers to prepare portions of the meal. Their dishes are then car pooled to the Volunteers of America facility for homeless teens in Salt Lake City. During COVID, club members have not been allowed to serve, but are looking forward to a time when they can dish out the hot meals to teens and get to know them better. Thanks go out to **Sunrise Rotarian Pam Woll** who initiated this service project five years ago!

**Save the Dates**

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

DATE TBD	Pre-PETS Club Secretary and Treasurer training
Tues. Mar. 9	Interact Speaker Series – 6-7:15 online
Mar. 9-10	Rotary Leadership Institute (Part 2)
Mar. 19-20	<b>Virtual</b> High Country PETS
Tues. Apr. 13	Interact Speaker Series – 6-7:15 on Zoom
Thurs. Apr. 22	District Clean-up Competition for supporting the environment on Earth Day
Fri. Apr. 23	<b>Virtual</b> District Business Meeting (4 pm)
Sat. Apr. 24	<b>NEW PLANS VIRTUAL</b> Utah Rotary District Conference in St. George
Mon. May 31	Peace Fellow Scholar application deadline
Sat. June 5	Year-end District Assembly
June 12-16	2021 RI Convention in Taipei, Taiwan
Tues., June 15	District grant final report deadline. Must include receipts.
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
Sept. 22-25	<b>TENTATIVE</b> RYLA in Aspen Grove
Nov. 4-6	<b>TENTATIVE</b> Bigger, Better, Bolder Service on a Reservation Weekend



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