

Rotary District - News & Updates

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Mark your calendars: May 12-14, 2022 District Conference to Offer Leadership & Professional Development Programming

In partnership with Professional Education at the University of Utah, and led by the **Connecting Generations Rotary Club**, the **May 12-14, 2022 District Conference** will appeal to Rotarians and young professionals not yet familiar with Rotary.

I'm asking each club to support this membership event: Send at least one Rotarian per 10 club members AND sponsor one young professional per 10 members who is a potential member. Friday/Saturday: \$180. For those under 40: \$160. **It's up to each club but consider \$100 sponsorships for potential members under 40** years of age. Thursday night Rotary Foundation Dinner is \$50, and features Rick Foster, North American Manager for the LDS Humanitarian Foundation.

All will receive a digital certificate of attendance at this professional development Conference featuring workshops in conflict resolution, managing generational diversity, discovering & addressing implicit bias, building teams of trust, collaboration & results – and much more including all the Rotary programming you love! The House of Friendship will feature outstanding collaborative club service. Saturday afternoon service projects will assist veterans, victims of domestic violence, and those afflicted with food insecurity.

Registration will open later this month. Clubs will be contacted for a brief promotional presentation about this unique Conference. Save the date and see you there!

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Annual District Business Meeting Friday, January 21, 2022, 4 pm by Zoom

Please **click here to register**. All Utah Rotarians are invited though only delegates pre-selected by their clubs vote on proposed resolutions to our District Manual of Procedure at this meeting. **Click to view** the delegate packet which can also be accessed in the bottom left footer of the utahrotary.org website.

Any questions about the multi-club caucuses for delegates, or the process to elect caucus representatives, email Past District Governor **Linda Sappington**.

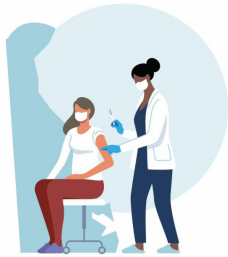
Register for an Eye-Opening 'Grow Rotary' Experience Wednesday, February 16th from 5-6 pm

Attend this presentation on the new growrotary.org tool. This website combines census data on population density,

income, and age demographics with the geographic presence of Rotary clubs and Rotarians in Utah. The tool shows us our opportunities for expanding our clubs, creating satellite clubs, or sponsoring new clubs.

South Jordan Club President Ann Lobos will speak about her club's strategy for growing Rotary in one of the most densely populated 'bedroom' communities of Salt Lake.

Club Presidents, Presidents-Elect, Club Membership Chairs, Assistant Governors, District Membership Specialists, and all interested Rotarians are invited. Zoom link will be sent a week before. [Click here to register.](#)



RI position on Covid-19 Vaccination

From Rotary International: "We see the decision to vaccinate as a civic and humanitarian imperative. Rotary is not a political or religious organization, it is a service organization and this is the lens through which we are advising you of our position.

"Global vaccination is the path to ending the pandemic and the emergence of new variants. Rotary endorses and strongly encourages vaccination for all individuals including our members who are currently able to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

In areas where COVID-19 is surging, communities are facing extreme challenges, health systems are overwhelmed, and contentious rhetoric is dividing us. It is critical that the virus be contained so that the world may begin to heal."

[Read more on the website blog.](#)

What happens to my District & RI dues? What are District and Global Grants?

If you have ever asked these questions, this blog by District Membership Chair Scott Florence provides the answers. [Click to learn](#) how Utah Rotary uses your district dues to benefit clubs and their members, how Rotary International supports districts, clubs, and members, and how your donations to The Rotary Foundation come back to your club to support local and international service efforts. Now you'll know where the money goes!



Lehi Rotary Mourns the Loss of Steve Roll

Steve Roll was born in California, and as a military brat he lived all over the country. But his roots were deep in Utah County. As chartering president of [Lehi Rotary Club](#) and as a member who made service an integral part of his life, he will be dearly missed by his club members and all who knew him in Utah Rotary.

[Please click here](#) for Steve's obituary outlining all his civic contributions and his great love of making music.

We miss you, Steve!



Tornado Relief for Communities in Kentucky - Call for Donations



Rotarians are People of Action. Throughout the world in disaster recovery situations, our compassion and commitment to service are a significant part of relief efforts.

The tornado that touched down in Kentucky has devastated communities in 18 counties in District 6710. The loss of life in many small towns, such as Dawson Springs and Mayfield, is heartbreaking. Survivors have lost their communities, their homes and livelihoods.

In many areas, there is limited electricity, resources for food, gasoline and supplies and medical services. Now more than ever is the time for us to live our hashtag, #Rotary Responds. [Click to learn how to help.](#)

Salt Lake Rotary Kicks Off \$100,000 Fundraiser for Resettlement of Afghan Refugees in Utah

Thank you to all who have already donated to this project! Donations are coming in daily - as of Dec. 27th, 20 Rotarians and Clubs have donated/matched \$16,000. The **Salt Lake Rotary Club** made the initial contribution of \$25,000 to help meet the short and long term needs of 150+ Afghan families with children. The initial match challenge asked Utah Rotary Clubs to donate to match these funds for a goal of \$50,000 from the Utah Rotary family.



Tax deductible donations for this project can be made through The Salt Lake City Rotary Foundation, an IRS 501(c)3 charity. To make a donation please email **Denise Johnsen**. If you prefer a credit card donation use this link: **SLCRF Afghan Project** If you would like to employ an Afghan refugee, email **Scott Rosenbush**, President of the Salt Lake City Rotary Club 24 – phone: 801-901-0973.

3 Cases of Wild Polio; Facts About cVDPV2

In the past month there has been 1 additional reported case of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) in Afghanistan. That makes 3 recent cases in the Kunduz region, which makes this appear to be a local outbreak and more cases are expected to be reported in the coming weeks. Vaccinations will continue to prevent other children from being infected.

Our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) are very excited about the potential of the novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) to prevent circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2). In the past month, 39 Cases of cVDPV2 were reported in Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, and Nigeria. The fight to end polio isn't over until we eliminate both wild polio and cVDPV2. For more information on oral vaccines and our progress against cVDPV2, the GPEI just released an excellent **fact sheet** on the topic.



Rachael Palmer District Polio Plus Chair
Polio Plus Sign Up Sheet
Utah Rotary Polio Fund Donation



Another 4 Star Rotary Foundation Rating

Time to be proud of our **Rotary Foundation** and all the Rotarians who make accountability, transparency and outstanding stewardship a priority. This is our 15th consecutive year of a 4-star rating...and we have again achieved 100 out of 100 in the ratings! If you have not already donated to our Foundation this year, **click here** and make a contribution. Be sure you are signed into your My Rotary account.



Rotary International Convention in Houston!

The deadline for “early bird” registration has now passed but there are still many good reasons to sign up for the Rotary International Convention in Houston June 4-8, 2022. Houston has plenty of activities to keep you entertained. Visit Space Center Houston, the home of Johnson Space Center and the Astronauts. Or, enjoy a night at the theater, a world class symphony, opera, ballet. Your choice of fascinating and educational museums is a short ride from the George R. Brown Convention Center in downtown Houston. And, if you're a sports fan, you can watch the 2017 World Series Champion Houston Astros at Minute Maid Park, within walking distance of the convention center.

For more information or to register online, see <https://www.houstonri2022.org>.

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



Service in the community has made our spirits bright at the **Spanish Fork Rotary Club** this holiday season. Working with the local food bank, Tabitha's Way, we were able to prepare several pallets with hundreds of holiday meals that went to local organizations for distribution just in time for Thanksgiving. For our Christmas project we sponsored our 6th consecutive year of Angel Trees for the Nebo School District Clothing Pantry at Landmark High School. We collected hundreds of items, including coats, shoes, and toiletries. The items went to stock the shelves of the Nebo School District Clothing Pantry. These items are available to social workers and other administrators in the district to give to children in need throughout the year.



On December 1st, 2021, Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University (UVU), including **UVU Rotaract**, and students from Osh Technological University (OshTU) in Kyrgyzstan, hosted the 12th International Mountain Day (IMD) at UVU. Orem-Lindon Rotary and UVU Office of Global Engagement co-sponsored the event. Dr. Rusty Butler, UN representative for the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, spoke on the vast natural amenities of Utah and the importance of mountain tourism. Tatiana Panfilenko and Baiel Abibillaev spoke from OshTU and presented a video on sustainable tourism in their city Osh. Cody Conklin, **UVU Rotaractor**, presented his research on the impact of Covid-19 on tourism in both Austria and Utah.



Congratulations to **Lehi Rotary** on their new Interact Club at Lehi High School. Five or six years ago there was a Northern Utah County Interact club, but it fizzled due to inactivity. Rotarian Holly Thurgood Holly worked with Ms. Gordon at Lehi High School to get the new club going. Having a faculty member involved was critical.

The Lehi Rotarians are involving the high school students in their service projects with Tabitha's Way. The students have also done some fundraisers and collections to support Afghan Refugees.



The **Layton Rotary's** Cocoa Chateau at the "Lights at the Park" is in full swing! Not only a great fundraiser for our projects, but a wonderful venue to talk to people about Rotary. Most nights we have several people ask us "What is Rotary?" We also hand out a free candy cane to everyone that just stops by! In the picture of the Rotarians, the Layton Mayor and Rotarian and our favorite Elf is pictured taste testing the product!



Park City Sunrise Rotary collaborated with the Park City Community Foundation, Toys for Tots, and Holy Cross Ministries to create a Drive-Through Christmas Toy Event for more than 60 Park City working families. Santa and his holiday helpers greeted children and parents as their cars pulled up amid a gentle snowfall. Sunrise volunteers radioed the names of the families to the "North Pole" inside St. Mary's Catholic Church, where 60 huge gift bags awaited. Earlier in the week Sunrise Rotarians had donated board games and sorted through pallets of Marines' Toys for Tots to customize the bags according to each family's "wish list." The joy on young children's faces as Santa greeted them curbside and they received their gifts will not be soon forgotten.



It was busy December for **Bountiful Rotary**. We had an incredible Sub for Santa drive and helped many wonderful families in need. Rotarians and Interact students helped wrap the gifts that were delivered. **Woods Cross Interact** students collected socks for the homeless and are donating a sock drawer to the new Teen Center being built for teens who are temporarily homeless. We are thrilled to be involved with the Woods Cross Interact Students and look forward to projects in the New Year. Happy New Year to all "People of Action". Here's to 2022 Service Above Self.



The **South Jordan Rotary Club** finished up the 65 Christmas packages for Venezuelan refugee kids living in Utah which consisted of a blanket, a stuffed animal and a book.

This was the result of the community participation at our monthly Family Service Nights, including our December event that included a visit from Santa and had more than 170 people attending – 90 of which were members of the Utah Venezuelan community.

It feels good to see the fruits of our labor and to know that we are engaging our local community to make a difference in the world!

As part of the tradition established in 2012, members of the **Orem-Lindon Rotary Club** contributed their efforts and funds to the service project, Coats for Kids. Utah Valley University (UVU) **Rotaractors** joined them for the second year in the row by contributing their own funds and time. Raising over \$3,300, Rotarians and Rotaractors purchased 213 coats to meet the needs of 6 elementary schools in the Orem area. On December 3, 2021, Orem-Lindon Rotary President, Lynn Hillstead, Rotarians Cholpon Akmatlieva, Baktybek Abdrisaev; UVU Rotaractors Byan Alghanmi, and Alitha Thompson, with two of her children, Penelope and Callum, delivered the coats to local schools and talked to principals on how they were discreetly delivering the coats to the children in need.



Richfield Rotary just completed the 20th year of hosting four weekends of 16 team high school girls and boys basketball tournaments. Ninety (90) teams participate each year from all over the State of Utah. The tournaments are our club's major fundraiser each year as we partner with our local chamber of commerce and school district foundation. It has a major economic impact on the area motels, restaurants and businesses. We also provide a hospitality room for coaches and officials.



Members of the **Rotary Club of Millcreek** had a busy month of service projects. The blanket tying project and the Holiday Party at the Utah International Charter School was part of the monthly mentoring commitment that continues through May. Members volunteered to help tie blankets and created fun games for students. This was all greeted with great enthusiasm by the students involved. Club members also volunteered at the Millcreek Elementary School Santa Shop by donating gifts, time and resources. Students were able to shop for family members and wrap gifts for their loved ones that they chose from the Santa Shop.



The holiday season has been full of joy and service for the **Cedar City Club!** We rang bells for the event, completely renewed the landscaping around our Veteran's Park, and distributed food boxes at the mobile food pantry for one of our local schools. We also had a fantastic Christmas party with entertainment by some amazing young women from the Renewed Hope Ranch. Going into the holidays we are full of gratitude for so many things, including Rotary!



In support of the Wreaths Across American project **Dixie Sunrise Rotary** placed flag markers on all the veterans graves at the Ivins cemetery.

Wreaths Across America placed wreaths at all the graves marked on December 18.



St. George Rotary's month of December was filled with social and service activities, including the annual Christmas party, and a week later, a giftwrapping event where Rotary families gathered to prepare all purchases earlier for delivery to 24 low-income children in the St. George area.

Then one of SGR's club members loaded up toys and clothes donated by his family, his club, and the community, then delivered his bag of gifts to 110 children in and around the tiny SE Utah tribal community of Halchita on the northern border of the Navajo Nation.



Throughout December, the **Ogden Rotary Club** had the opportunity to provide several different acts of service. One of those was to put together 250 food bags for local school children in need. These bags contain the ingredients to make a complete meal and are sent home with the children on Friday afternoons to "Bridge the Gap" until they return to school on Monday. Club members raised \$1050 toward this service project, and funds were matched by Weber School Foundation to purchase the food. All who participated were touched by this amazing service opportunity."



In November the **Rotary Club of Ogden** was



honored to participate with the Richard Richards Institute as they presented the Ethical Leadership Award to Ed and Lois Douglas on November 17th at our weekly luncheon.

Ed and Lois created and developed the Astro Camp program in Ogden back in 1991. They facilitated field trips during their tenure and were able to positively impact over 100,000 school children, in addition to those who were lucky enough to attend one of their week-long camps during the summer breaks. Congratulations to Ed and Lois Douglas for a well-deserved award!



The **Salt Lake Rotary Club** shared Holiday Greetings from their Global Grant scholar at Oxford, Rachel Finlayson: "My college, Wadham, has been a great community. Wadham is known for being particularly friendly, inclusive, and social. I joined the rowing team and participated in my first regatta-- it was a ton of fun! I also tried out for the Oxford sailing team, which meant a few trips down to Portsmouth to sail out on the ocean. I have also enjoyed connecting with the Rotary clubs out in the UK. They have taken me under their wing and check in regularly to see how I am doing. They also took some scholars to see Windsor Castle and Eton College a few weeks ago.

The **Vernal Rotary Club** strives to keep the magic alive every Christmas with our Santa's Community Effort program. The program is a supplementary Christmas assistance program we have been overseeing the past 10+ years which provides families in need presents for children up to age 16 "from Santa". We could not have accomplished this program without the partnership of Davis Food & Drug for coordination efforts, Uintah County for the use of their building and community members that shops for presents. Unfilled tags from the "Angel Trees" are filled by fundraising and donation. The Vernal Rotary Club appreciates the generous donations from people in our community such as the Naples Fire Department and EOG Resources. We are happy to report that we were able to assist 184 families with a total of 589 children!



As a part of **Brigham City's Rotary Centennial** the club did 100 days of service and one of the projects was restoring Christmas Village houses. On display all season the 40 year old houses have been a part of Brigham City for a long time and Rotary is putting their stamp on it. To help with the funding they also raised money selling treats to make Santa's house ADA accessible so every child can meet Santa. Rotary President Kennedy was thrilled his Rotarians would take time out of their Christmas to help others celebrate theirs. "We may end up making this a yearly thing."

Save the Dates

January 2022

January 1: **Business Meeting Delegate packet** is posted on utahrotary.org. Club presidents have been notified.

January 21: 4:00-5:30 pm Virtual Annual Business Meeting. [Click here](#) to register.

February 2022

February 3: 6pm Utah time: RI Action Plan workshop: Expand our reach by partnering. [Register](#).

February 4-11: Penasco, Mexico trip - Friendship Exchange

March 2021

March 19-20: High Country PETS starts Noon Friday, end 2:15pm Saturday



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