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## Rotary District - News & Updates

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## So Much to Celebrate! What a Rotary Year 2021-22 Has Been!

35 Rotary clubs & 2 Rotaract clubs undertake 17 **Collaborative Grants** with dozens of community partners.

8 **Club Cluster Assemblies** allow clubs to discuss with clubs in their area how to increase service impact, partner more effectively, add value, innovate to attract new members. Rave reviews!

Unique things happen:

- Cache Valley Humanitarian Center is born thanks to Logan & Cache Valley Morning clubs.
- **Afghan Refugee Initiative** raises \$130,000 – almost all clubs participating – to welcome new neighbors to Utah, thanks to the Salt Lake Club.

Rotarians realize flexibility is good, whether in dues structure or meeting format, evening socials & service projects. Clubs can utilize **matching points** to increase donations to our Rotary Foundation. As a result:

- 70 new Rotarians since July 1 - 1,656 members, 25 clubs with net growth of one or more members.
- One new club (Washington City), two new satellite clubs (Connecting Generations & Farmington), another new club – a family service club – on the way.
- 205 new or new level Paul Harris Fellows – so far this Rotary Year.



Utah Rotarians receive complete **District Financials**, learn of funding sources available to build Rotary and service: District Donor Advised Fund, Youth Foundation.

Let's celebrate together at our first state-wide in-person event in three years: **District Conference** May 12-14. Can't wait to see you there. **Register today!**

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## 27 Days to Register for Our First In-person State-wide Conference in Three Years!

**Time is running out to register!** In partnership with Professional Education at the University of Utah, the May 12-14, 2022 District Conference will appeal to everyone - Rotarians *and* young professionals not yet familiar with Rotary.

concurrent session schedule and a cast of great speakers. Friday night dinner Keynote is retired Chief Justice of the Utah Supreme Court Christine Durham.

The **House of Friendship** will feature outstanding collaborative club service, and how-to ideas for fundraisers. Saturday afternoon service projects will assist veterans, victims of domestic violence, and those afflicted with food insecurity.

\$50 for the Foundation Dinner Thursday May 12. \$160 for Rotarians May 13 & 14. **Register here.** Rotarians and clubs are encouraged to provide partial sponsorships for young professionals they know who are potential members.

## Is Your Club the Utah Club of the Year?

Each year, the prestigious award of Utah Club of the Year is given at District Conference. This year, District Conference is May 12-14, 2022 at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center.

Club presidents, if your club wishes to be considered, this **website blog** outlines the criteria. Please send **DG Judy** your application by May 1, 2022.

## Presidents & Service Chairs: Prepare to Report & Celebrate Your Club's Service

Just a reminder: Your club will need to complete a report of ALL your club's service this Rotary Year for our annual Service Impact Report by June 1. This online document is a way your club can celebrate your community impact with your membership, other Utah clubs, and display to potential new members what your club accomplishes. RI has shared our **2021 Service Impact Report** with Districts in the western U.S. as a great idea that engages members and attracts new ones. Hopefully, you have already selected a Community Service Chair to keep track of club service. If not, please do so now and **share these instructions** with relevant links to a handy excel tracking document and the survey which is completed in June – not now. As the Club Hub in this newsletter demonstrates each month, Utah Rotary clubs excel at serving their communities. Prepare to toot your own horn! In this case, it's a good thing

## Need Additional Funds to Increase Service Impact? Need a 501c3 Foundation in Your Club?

The District's Donor Advised Fund (DAF), established with remaining funds from the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake, is a 501c3 Foundation your club can use to increase service impact, provide a tax deduction for contributions to that service, and even Paul Harris Fellow points for those contributions.



You'll need to apply, and funds are limited each Rotary Year so no guarantee, but if you have an impactful local or international service project of lasting value, even a District or Global Grant in need of additional funding, you will want to check out the **DAF policy & application** on the [utahrotary.org](http://utahrotary.org) website under Utah Rotarians, Useful Club Documents.

Club members can make contributions (\$1000 minimum) to the DAF, using it as pass through for an approved grant. **Multi-club collaborative projects have more power and impact, so work together!** There are other uses for the DAF outlined in the Policy document. **Always ask the sitting District Governor** for more information.

## International & National News Worth Noting

### Donate through Rotary to Help Ukraine

All contributions to Rotary's Disaster Response Fund, through 30 April 2022, will be used to support relief and recovery efforts in Ukraine and surrounding areas. Rotary districts that have been affected by the Ukraine crisis will receive priority access to Disaster Response Grants until 30 June 2022. **Tax deductions and Paul Harris Fellow Points apply.**

[Click here](#) to donate to the Disaster Response Fund, a general fund which is part of The Rotary Foundation set up to receive contributions for worldwide response to disasters. Donations to Rotary's Disaster Response Fund become grants to Rotarians in the field. This channel of support gives donors the greatest assurance that contributions are going to help those most in need. Rotarians in



Hungary, Poland, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Moldova and Romania are eligible for a Disaster Response Grant of \$50,000 until 30 June 2022. When one grant is completed, another grant can be requested, to mobilize donations as soon as possible to make the most difference. Disaster Response Grants may be used to provide basic items such as water, food, medicine, and clothing and for providing immediate aid to support refugees of this crisis.



## Rotary International Convention - June 4-8

On June 4-8, just two months from now, Rotarians from all over the world will gather for the RI Convention in Houston, TX ... the first in-person convention since COVID-19 brought the world to an unexpected halt!

Houston will be a time for learning, a time for meeting new and reconnecting for former Rotary friends, but it will also be a time for celebration and fun. There's still time, so please join us!

For more information or to register online, [click here](#).

## Polio Updates from Ukraine, Malawi, and Israel

Ukraine was in the middle of a polio vaccination drive when the current war started. Neighboring Poland, who has received over 2 million Ukrainian refugees, had asked for polio vaccines to vaccinate incoming refugees. I'm pleased to report that Denmark has already provided Poland with 150,000 doses and plans to send more.

In the past few months, there have unfortunately been two paralytic cases of poliovirus in the world: a three-year old girl in Malawi (wild polio) and another three-year old girl in Israel (circulating vaccine-derived polio, or cVDP). It had previously been decades since either country had a case of polio, (Malawi 1992, Israel 1989). In response to the case in Malawi, 2.9 million children will be vaccinated there in the coming weeks. These cases serve as a somber reminder that no matter how close we are to eradicating polio, the fight against polio isn't over until every last child is protected. Please consider donating today through the [Utah Rotary Polio Fund](#).

Rachael Palmer District Polio Plus Chair

[Polio Plus Sign Up Sheet](#)

[Utah Rotary Polio Fund Donation](#)

## News from Around the District

### The Greatest Wild Bird Event Ever

The **Brigham City Rotary Club** invites you to "The Greatest Wild Bird" Rotary Event which lasts from Friday, May 20 at 3 pm to Saturday, May 21 at 3 pm. Participants will have 24 hours to identify and photograph (if desired) as many species of birds as possible. Winners with the most birds identified will be given a prize at the event closing **ice cream social** at 5 PM. Saturday, May 21. Prizes will also be awarded for the best photographs (One photo only per participant.) All participants will receive a T-Shirt. \$35 for a group of 4 or \$10/individual. [Click here](#) for info and to register.





sponsor Rotaractors so tickets are reduced to \$35. Invitees include the Angel Flight pilots, aviation companies, flight clubs, medical professionals, Westminster Alumni, and Rotarians. For tickets [click here](#). For sponsorship & donations email [Jasmine](#)

## Angel Flight West Gala & Silent Auction is Saturday, April 29

**Westminster Rotaract & SLC Rotaract** will host the Angel Flight West Gala & Silent Auction on April 29th at 6 pm at the Westminster College Tanner Atrium. Tickets are \$70 per person, and they are asking Rotary clubs to

## South Jordan Rotary Undergoes a Sea-Change of Rebranding

The current president of South Jordan Rotary, Ann Lobos, is launching a new **family service Rotary club**, providing an evening meeting for parents with service and leadership opportunities for their children.

Past District Governor Shaun Michel is seeking to rebrand the **South Jordan Rotary club** to appeal to young professionals with an early morning meeting. This is an effort that gets back to our roots as a business networking and mentoring organization, one that is aligned with our **May District Conference** theme of **Connecting Today's and Tomorrow's Leaders**.

Shaun plans to connect seasoned business leaders with young professionals starting out in their careers, offer great speakers who are themselves successful in business, and opportunities to socialize, build relationships, and begin the mentoring process.

Kudos to these great leaders in this area of our state!



The **Rotary Club of Logan** hangs 20 banners along Main Street's banner poles for several weeks, twice a year, to promote Rotary's public image. These banners are seen by 36,000 driver views per day.

They're a great reminder to local residents, visitors, and potential members—Rotary Club of Logan is here "Doing Good in the Community and in the World."

With more than 100 years of local and international service, the Logan Rotary club has served our valley in more than 14 different ways. [Click here](#) to visit their blog at to see their accomplishments this year.

## Opportunities from Around the District & the World



**Peace is Possible**  
One community at a time

## Apply for a Rotary Peace Fellowship Now

Promoting peace is one of Rotary's main Areas of Focus and District 5420 has been successful in sponsoring several qualified applicants. Might you be next?

The fully funded Rotary Peace Fellowship covers tuition and living expenses, increases the capacity of existing leaders to prevent and resolve conflict by offering academic training, field experience, and professional networking.

Up to 130 fellows are selected every year through a globally competitive process based on personal, academic, and professional achievements.

Fellows earn either a master's degree or a post-graduate diploma in peace and development studies at one of the seven Rotary Peace Centers, located at leading universities around the world.

District 5420's Peace Committee is ready to assist with the application and endorsement process. Interested individuals are encouraged to visit [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) or email Peace Committee Chair **Kris Swanson** for more information.

If you feel you are qualified, don't miss this amazing opportunity!



## Support Summer Literacy through Partnering!

Utah Rotary Clubs: Here is an opportunity to support education and literacy by **supporting summer reading programs in your communities**. The Basic Education & Literacy Rotary Action Group (BELRAG) and Save the Children are partnering to offer this opportunity to help **Rotarians keep kids engaged in reading**, helping to minimize the 'summer slump.'

**Save the Children is generously funding twenty-five projects at \$2000 each.**

Rotary Clubs are invited to implement these projects in rural, high poverty communities. Applications will be available in early April with a submission deadline of April 30. Awards will be announced in mid-May. All information will be posted on the [BELRAG.org](http://BELRAG.org) website. Email **Carolyn Johnson**, D7780 PDG, for more information.

## 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 **Bountiful Rotary Club** had a great night of service at the Bountiful Food Pantry, sorting out goods, enjoying each other and the wonderful people who run the Food Pantry. It is humbling to see the bounty of goods that are available from a wonderful community of selfless giving. Also, our Club Membership dinner was fantastic! "Each one bring one" is a great way to grow our club. Thank you to all who attended and are interested in joining the Bountiful Rotary Club. We paid tribute to Paul Summers and had speakers about what Rotary International does in the world and what Bountiful Rotary does in the community.

The **Ogden Rotary Club** had the opportunity this past year to participate in the building of a water well in Kwale, Kenya. Our club contributed \$1,000 of the \$4,500 that was requested, and one of our members, Kent Jorgensen, was able to raise the rest of the funds from other area Rotary Clubs.

Kent then did all the coordinating for the project with WHOLives and the Rotary Club in Africa. During a recent presentation to our club by Mike Anderson from WHOLives and Kent, we learned about how the wells are built and maintained.



The **Rotary Club of Moab** has started collecting the sponsorships for the April Action Car show which will be happening on April 30th at Swanney Park. Our first sponsor is Dave Bierschied from Moab Realty with a donation of \$2,500. All the money collected from sponsors will be put back in to our local community either in the form of scholarships, support to the Moab Free Health Clinic, Seekhaven, MVMC, BBQ for the students and many other activities. All sponsors (of \$2,500) will be able to post a banner during the Car Show and will have their company logo on the Car Show website. Please contact Dave for further information 435. 260. 1968.



On March 21st, 2022, 12 **Utah Valley University Rotaractors** with students from Osh Technological University, Kyrgyzstan, and Snow College, Utah, co-hosted the virtual parallel event, "Inclusive Student Engaged Learning Model to Empower Mountain Women Globally" during the 66th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. Students advocated for mountain women to be in the focus of the UN. It was hosted through Student-Engaged Learning when students work as a group with a faculty serving as a mentor. The event was co-sponsored by the **Orem-Lindon Rotary club**, Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, and Utah China FISH D&C.



**Cedar City Rotarians** recently spent their lunch hour engaging in a variety of service projects to help neighbors—both local and international! One group assembled menstruation kits for the nonprofit Days for Girls. Days for Girls provides these kits, along with basic female health education, to young women around the world who don't have ready access to these supplies. Another group served at our local food pantry and homeless shelter. A third delivered meals to Rotarians who aren't able to attend meetings due to health or other limitations. Additionally, the evening prior, our club served meals to students and community members at SUU's "Bread and Soup Night."



The **Hurricane Valley Rotary** annual **Car Show** will be on Saturday, April 16th on State Street - you can't miss it!! Once again we are expecting an amazing turnout with the goal of raising funds to help pay for playground equipment that will be installed at the park in Dixie Springs. The equipment will transform the park into an all abilities playground. This is a multi-year fund raising effort will kick off with the proceeds from the 2022 car show. We hope you can join us for fun, food and amazing cars! Lots of good raffle prizes too! We remain grateful to our community, Rotary leadership and the opportunity to serve and live by the 4 Way Test!



The Volunteers of America Youth Resource Center was the site for one of the **Rotary Club of Millcreek** service projects. Four Rotarians prepared dinner, while many other members donated food for the evening meal.



The **Vernal Rotary Club** had the honor of presenting the Ashley Regional Medical Center with a \$7,800 check for their GE BiliSoft LED Phototherapy Blanket Project! This system is an easy-to-use therapy device for the treatment of

About 20-30 young adults and teens had dinner and second helpings that night. The VOA supports at-risk and homeless youth between the ages of 15-22.

They serve three meals a day, and offer many other important resources to Utah youth who, for many different reasons, have lost their homes.

jaundice in infants. These light blankets allow you to cradle your baby while administering phototherapy in the comfort of your own home without having to return or extend a stay in the hospital. When the club was approached with this project in 2021 we immediately knew that it fit in with the values of Rotary by supporting infants and mothers. Major partnerships with the Roosevelt Rotary Club, Friends Against Family Violence, Rock The Ride with Shane Cook, and in-kind contributions made this project possible.



The **Layton Rotary Club** provided 195 pounds of Personal Hygiene Supplies to a local food pantry and also helped sort and prepare food for distribution. This was a great project that will help many at this time of need.

## Save the Dates

### May 2022

May 4, 6pm Utah time: RI Action Plan workshop: Increase our ability to adapt through innovation. [Register by clicking event.](#)

May 12-14 District Conference at Utah Cultural Celebration Center in Salt Lake City. [Register here.](#)

### June 2022

**June 4-8:** Rotary International Convention Houston. Click for [more info & registration.](#)

**June 15:** 2021-2022 District Grant Final Report Deadline, including receipts. See contact at [utahrotary.org](http://utahrotary.org)

### July 2022

July 1: RY 2022-2023 District Grant application deadline



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