



December 2022

DG Steve Williams – Welcome!

DECEMBER TRIVIA QUESTION

Where is the 2023 Rotary International Convention going to be held, and what is the theme?

***Submit your answer!**

***Please include your name & club when sending your response.**

A reminder that the answer to the trivia question is in the newsletter.

Be sure to submit your answer! A random winner will be selected monthly from the correct answers and will receive some Rotary swag. In addition, a Paul Harris Fellow will be presented at the end of the Rotary year to someone who has presented a correct answer to the trivia question during the year.

All correct entries have a chance to be selected for the Paul Harris Fellow, not

Governor Steve's Poem

It is difficult for me to
comprehend
Just how fast this year is flying by.
Already halfway through the
Rotary year,
When we're having fun, time really
does fly.

With six months left to "Imagine
Rotary"
Don't lose sight of club goals you
have set.
There is still plenty of time to get
'em done,
Focus your energies and you'll
achieve them, I bet.

Service projects help show the
community
What a positive impact Rotary can
make.
Clubs have autonomy to choose
any area
To meet local needs through the
actions they take.

just the monthly winners.

November Trivia Question:

Approximately 3% of Rotarians recognized as Paul Harris Society members collectively contribute about 35% of the total contributions to the TRF Annual fund.

How much are PHS Society members expected to donate on an annual basis?

Answer: \$1000

November winner: There were 39 correct answers submitted, and on a random number selection basis TOM MARKOS of the RC of Three Creeks Vancouver was selected as the winner.

- CONGRATULATIONS TOM!!

Rotary has identified Seven Areas of Focus

To help identify important common needs.

They include Water and Sanitation, Peace, as well as Treatment and Prevention of Disease.

Others include Basic Education and Maternal and Child Health, Economic Development and Sustaining the Environment.

I ask you to choose an area that is important to you and let your service be your club's impact statement.



Rotary
International

Monthly Resources
Available

[Click Here](#)

Buzzworthy...

Bee Generous - TRF Giving Report & Membership Update

The Rotary Foundation:

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>%</u>
Annual Fund	\$379,880	\$264,372	69.6%
Revised Goal	\$750,000	\$264,372	35.2%

The Annual Fund goal was the sum of the clubs' goals as entered into Rotary Club Central. This goal amount is considerably less than historical giving levels of District 5100 so the goal has been reset to provide a better target to inspire and motivate giving to The Rotary Foundation.

Historically, December has been a big month for extra contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Please consider supporting The Rotary Foundation with your calendar year end gifts by accessing your My Rotary account at www.Rotary.org.

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Achieved</u>	<u>% of goal</u>
EREY	2962	707	23.8%
Sustaining	1481	475	32.7%
Paul Harris Society	296	39	13.1%
Polio Plus	\$79,400	\$39,231	49.4%

District Membership:

July 1	2901	
November 30	2962	2.1% YTD growth

District 5100 Club statistics: 66 Clubs

Average Club Membership size: 44.87

Median Club Membership size: 33

Range: Smallest: 10 members to Largest: 152 members

Club Growth

Top Performing Clubs YTD with a minimum of +4 members or 10%.

Columbia County	+5	(35.7%)
Gladstone-Oak Lodge	+4	(22.2%)
The Dalles	+5	(21.7%)
Salem Creekside	+3	(21.4%)
West Salem	+4	(16%)
Oregon City	+6	(15%)
Vancouver	+15	(14.3%)
North Clackamas Sunrise	+4	(13.8%)
Milwaukie	+5	(13.2%)
Keizer	+6	(12.5%)
Lewis River	+4	(12.5%)
Tillamook	+3	(10%)
Greater Clark County	+4	(9.8%)
Silverton	+4	(8.3%)
Salem	+6	(4.2%)

What some clubs are doing to grow membership:

Small Club: Columbia County – Sherrie Ford, President

The Rotary Club of Columbia County has the ambitious goal of increasing membership from 20 to 30 members in this Rotary year. We are well on our way, and mostly credit our motivated Club Membership Chair, Erin Salisbury, who is doing phenomenal work. She is actively involved with some non-profit community business, development, and tourism groups. Erin represents Rotary in all she does! One highly effective strategy she has implemented is to add all local program speakers to our "Potential Members" list in DACdb. When the President sends out a weekly meeting reminder, it goes to all Active, Honorary, Prospective

and POTENTIAL members. When the topics of interest, we find they start attending our hybrid noon meetings. Once they come and join our warm group, they seem to come back for more. So, while there are some technical components (hybrid meeting set up, use of DACdb listserv), there is also a major human component – having the right Chair, connecting with the right people, communicating regularly, and warmly welcoming them at each meeting.

Large Club: Rotary Club of Vancouver – Mike Bomar, President

You Belong at the Rotary Club of Vancouver

The season is bright at the Rotary Club of Vancouver, Washington as the club has already welcomed more than fifteen net new members this year. Even more exciting is seeing these new members take on leadership roles, enthusiastically jump into service opportunities, and inspire us with their creative ideas. The myth that service club membership is a thing of the past is simply untrue. In fact, more than ever, young professionals and those at many stages in their life, are looking for connectedness and belonging. All we need is a little intention and the message that “You belong at Rotary.”

Bringing on new members is not a sales pitch. It starts with creating a club atmosphere that existing members can be proud of. This includes making sure that we live out our values of Leadership, Integrity, Service, Fellowship, and Diversity (and FUN). Next, empower your members to bring guests. This includes inviting them to bring people that they would enjoy seeing once a week and challenging them to reach out to people outside their regular circle of contacts. It's important to consistently repeat this request and acknowledge those who take action to introduce others to the club. Finally, follow-through is everything. Know who is coming to your meetings, ask for their information, and follow up with a friendly thank you note (including the person who may become their sponsor) and information about how to be more involved in the club. Your club might not be a good fit for everyone. Share information about other clubs in the area with great potential Rotarians that don't have a schedule that works with your meeting time.

Having a reliable and passionate membership lead is a huge advantage. Karen Read, our club's Membership Committee chair, has a superpower in making everyone feel welcome and getting individuals the information that they need to learn about Rotary.

She notes, “We've focused on helping these guests and potential members to feel comfortable with Rotary. We welcome them warmly and follow up with detailed information about our entire membership process, so they know exactly what to expect if they want to explore membership. If they decide to submit a membership application, they will meet individually with an Ambassador. The Ambassador lays out the meaning of Rotary membership in detail with a PowerPoint presentation that covers everything from the boundaries of District 5100 to the role of the local and RI foundations. Our Board Secretary then personally guides the applicant through the initial steps of membership as they begin to participate. The Secretary keeps in close touch with a checklist, gentle reminders, and comforting encouragement along the way.”

It indeed takes a village. Don't burn out one volunteer in charge of handling all the steps it takes to welcome a new member.

Read notes, “The last ingredient is a secret sauce of joyful fun and energy. Rotarians are a universally friendly bunch, but there is an extra joy about Vancouver Rotary, perhaps even more so this year because we're so grateful to be meeting together in person again. This intangible, but very real, spirit sends the message to new members, guests, and anyone who will listen: “We're happy to be here. We're happy that you're here. And you belong with us at Vancouver Rotary.”

Good luck and get out there to find that next generation of great Rotarians!

It's not too late to make a contribution to The Rotary Foundation during the 2022 tax year. Click [HERE](#) for details on how you can beat the deadline.



Classified Ads

Committee Involvement:

All District Committee meetings are open and Rotarians are encouraged to join the meetings via Zoom to find out what is happening and to get involved. Check the calendar in DACdb, or contact the Committee Chair for Zoom link information.

Vocational Service - Lal Bhatia, Chair

Working to promote the awareness and opportunity to advance our vocations as an opportunity to provide service to our communities.

Public Image - Diane Noriega, Chair

Working to promote Rotary through our club projects and communications with the general public and with Rotarians within District 5100

Membership - Dennis Long and Julie Fugate, co-Chairs

Focusing on finding ways to attract new members, but primary emphasis this year is to engage our existing members to retain them as members by finding their interests and focus.

Grow Rotary - Marcia Wimmer, Chair

Growing membership will be accomplished by identifying opportunities for new clubs and to add Satellite clubs to existing clubs to provide additional opportunities to participate.

AWARDS - We encourage you to nominate a deserving Rotarian!

Applications are now being accepted for the 2022-23 Dick Elixman Award of Innovation. The Denny Purkey Distinguished Service Award is now posted as well.

Visit the District website to learn more about eligibility criteria and to download the applications: www.isrotaryforyou.com.

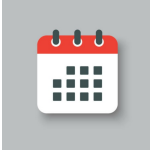
Other available awards and applications can be viewed [here](#).

News from the Hive...

FEATURED REGION - CENTRAL WEST

AG Terry Hatfield

- Click [here](#) to read more about what these four busy clubs are doing to make a positive difference in their communities!



15 December – Last day for early registration discount for the Rotary International Convention. Follow [link](#) for more information.

31 December – New Year's Eve!



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DATA SERVICES

Dear current and incoming Rotary and Rotaract club officers:

This is a friendly reminder to update your club membership and officer information in your local country or district database by 1 January 2023.

We will use this information to generate your January 2023 club invoice. Rotary cannot change the club invoice after it has been generated or accept membership updates with your payment.

Current club officers can ensure that your club invoice will be correct by updating the information in your local database.

- Your club has indicated that it is using a partner system connected to RI to manage membership information in My Rotary, the details of which are linked [here](#). Please make all updates to membership in your local database (**DACdb for District 5100 clubs**).
- Report all new or terminated members and 2022-23 club officers no later than 1 January 2023.
- Members with admission dates of 1 January 2023 or before will be counted for the January 2023 club invoice.
- Members with termination dates of 1 January 2023 or before will not be counted for the January 2023 club invoice.

The Rotary International invoice is generated from the data in Rotary's database and you are able to see your membership changes reflected in Rotary International's database by signing into **[My Rotary](#)**.

If you see any discrepancy between My Rotary and the partner system used by your club please contact **data@rotary.org**.

For help with membership questions, contact: **data@rotary.org** or the Rotary D5100 office at: **office@district5100.org**.



Rotarians gather in Australia to "Imagine What's Next"

The 2023 Rotary International Convention will be held in Melbourne, and it's not too late to register and join the fun! Discounted rate ends on DECEMBER 15th!

[DETAILS & REGISTRATION](#)



D5100 Committee News

(Click links to open articles)

- International Services 1 - Chair PDG Renee Campbell
 - International Service 2
 - The Rotary Foundation - Chair Tom Crozier
 - Peace and Peace Builders - Chair PDG Mike Caruso
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- The Learning & Development Committee - Chair Gary Stewart



Speakers' Bureau - Chair Judy Miller

Check back next month for an update from committee chair, Judy Miller!

We believe having excellent and compelling programs is a key component of being a **vibrant club**, and our Speakers' Bureau service is available to help you find programs that will keep your members (and visitors) coming back for more.

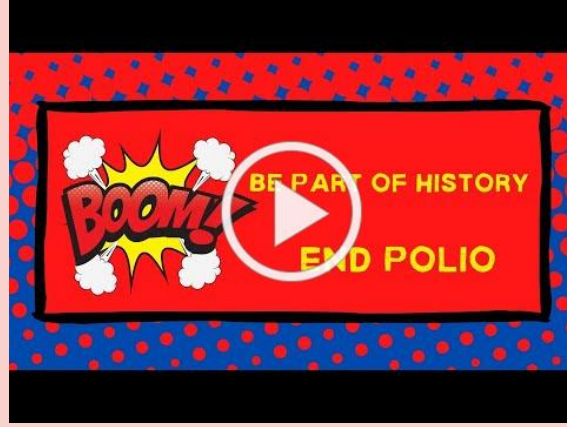
YOU can provide recommendations or sign-up to receive notices by sending an email to our District office at office@district5100.org, or to our Speakers' Bureau chair, Judy Miller.

Click the link to see a list of **Potential Speakers**.

We rely on submissions from **clubs/members** to keep our list current and exciting, so please share suggestions and contact info.!



District PolioPlus - Chair Tom Golden



Club (Worker Bee) News



You can win a trip to Cortona, Italy, a beautiful hilltop town in Tuscany. You will enjoy 7 nights in a private unit with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a full kitchen.

Rattle tickets are \$50. Only 199 are being sold.

Here's what a past winner of our Italy raffle says.

"We'd go back in a heartbeat! It was magical and was one of the best trips we have ever taken."

The trip Includes full concierge service. From being greeted on arrival ... to assisting you in arranging local activities such as cooking classes, wine tours, tours of local artisan olive mills, museum passes and more.

The raffle drawing will be at our **Barn Dance 2023** fundraiser on April 8, 2023, at Oswego Hills Winery in West Linn. You do not need to be present to win.

To purchase raffle tickets, scan the QR Code or click the link below.



The West Linn Rotary Foundation is an IRS 501 (c) 3

We are helping youth and families near and far.

We support teenage suicide prevention, scholarships, coats for the homeless, wheelchairs for children in Guatemala and much more.



www.BarnDance.net

Share your stories in the newsletter!

All clubs are encouraged to share information and pictures about club activities and events in the newsletter so that others around District 5100 can **Catch the Buzz!** We all learn as we share with each other.

Please send your items for publication. Submission of items for next month's newsletter need to be sent to office@district5100.org by Monday, January 9.

DAD JOKE of the Month



Have you heard this one!!?

*What do you call a kid who
doesn't believe in Santa?*



A rebel without a Claus!

BONUS!!

*I told my wife that a husband is
like a fine wine: we just get
better with age.*

*The next day she locked me in
the cellar....*

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