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**ROTARY CLUB OF FRANKFORT**

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**NEIGHBORING CLUBS**

<b>Monday:</b>	Eminence-Henry County Public Library.....	12:00 noon
	Owenton-Smith House.....	12:10 p.m.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Lexington Sunrise-Shriners Hospital.....	7:00 a.m.
	Georgetown-Galvin's on Main (Downtown) ...	12:00 noon
	Shelbyville-Centenary United Methodist .....	12:00 noon
<b>Thursday:</b>	Lawrenceburg-Anderson Public Library .....	12:00 noon
	Lexington-Fasig Tipton .....	12:00 noon
	Louisville-Galt House.....	12:10 p.m.

**The Rotary Club of Frankfort Meets Every Wednesday at the Capital Plaza Hotel From 11:45 a.m. Until 1:00 p.m.**

**Frankfort Rotary Club website:**  
<http://www.frankfort-rotary.org>  
**District website [www.rotarydistrict6710.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6710.org)**  
**Rotary International [www.rotary.org/](http://www.rotary.org/)**

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## Reminder – Weekly Meetings Suspended

The Rotary Board has voted to suspend weekly meetings tentatively until April 29, as well as the Rotary International Dinner scheduled for April 23. The decision was based on consideration of the rapidly changing situation involving the COVID-19 virus; COVID-19 related Federal, state and local actions, requirements and guidelines; and, most importantly, the Board's desire to consider and respect the safety and health of our members as well as their families.

### Rotary and COVID-19

As the COVID-19 pandemic spreads uncertainty and hardship around the world, Rotary members and participants are innovating, caring for those affected, and showing that even at a distance, there are ways to help.

As people of action, Rotary members are engaged in their communities – gathering for projects and offering help to those in need. But in many areas, life is changing drastically. Health experts are urging people to maintain distance from others or even isolate

themselves in order to slow the spread of the highly contagious virus.

Fighting disease is one of Rotary's main causes, so members already support efforts to promote proper hand washing techniques, teach people other ways to stay healthy, and supply training and vital medical equipment to health care providers. Now they're helping health authorities communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19 and donating protective gear and other supplies to clinics and hospitals that are under strain because of the pandemic.

These are just some of the ways that members are supporting their communities:

- In Italy, one of the countries that has been affected most, clubs in District 2080 are raising funds to purchase ventilators and protective gear for overstretched hospitals. And when the worst of the outbreak was raging in China, the district's clubs raised more than \$21,000 for protective masks to prevent spread of the disease there.

- Clubs in District 2041, also in Italy, raised funds online to buy protective gear for health workers who will care for COVID-19 patients at a 400-bed hospital being built at Milan's fairgrounds.

- In Hong Kong, Rotary clubs have raised funds, packed medical supplies, and visited public housing to distribute masks and sanitizers.

- Rotary clubs in Sri Lanka installed thermometers in airport bathrooms and produced posters to raise awareness about the coronavirus for schools across the country.

- The Rotary Club of Karachi Darakhshan, Sind, Pakistan, distributed thousands of masks to people in Karachi.

- Clubs in District 3700 (Korea) have donated \$155,000 to the Red Cross.

- Rotary clubs in Nigeria's Akwa Ibom state conducted a campaign to raise awareness about the threat of the virus. Members shared information about the illness and how to keep

safe at two schools and distributed materials about using good hygiene to stay healthy.

- The Rotary club of Metro Bethesda, Maryland is contacting neighbors who live alone and are quarantined. Volunteers are asked to contact at least five of those people each week to ask how they are and if they need anything. Members are also leaving flowers on their doorsteps.

#### Using technology to address the crisis

- Although clubs and districts are canceling or postponing their in-person meetings and events, they are still finding ways to keep up their fellowship, reimagine their service efforts and respond to the pandemic:

- The Rotary E-Club of Fenice del Tronto invited the public to its 11 March online meeting to raise awareness about the coronavirus. A virologist spoke about the virus, how it spreads, and how to keep safe.

- The Rotary Club of Singapore hosted a webinar in which an epidemiologist and an infectious disease expert addressed questions and concerns about the coronavirus and the pandemic.

- The Rotary Club of East Jefferson County, Washington used crowdsourcing to create an online listing of area grocery stores, pharmacies, and restaurants that offer home delivery.

- Rotary members in Hereford, England, created a Facebook group for Rotary members and others to use to link people who need support with people or organizations that can help. More than 6,900 people have joined the group since it was started 14 March.

- Two days before its annual fundraiser, the Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates, Illinois moved the event to Facebook. It auctioned more than 100 items and raised more than \$100,000, about the same amount as in previous years. Food set to feed 350 people at the event was delivered to those in need.

- The Rotary E-Club of Silicon Valley, California held an online meeting for members of other clubs to share advice on using digital tools to remain connected. The club recorded the meeting so members could watch it later and share it with others.

- Rotary clubs in Zone 34 (Georgia, Florida, and the Caribbean) created a guide to help members stay connected online. The Rotary E-Club of the Caribbean 7020 is helping clubs in the zone arrange online meetings.

## Rotary Foundation

**History** – At the 1917 Rotary convention, outgoing Rotary president Arch Klumph proposed setting up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50, set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the globe.

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

**Our mission** – The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

#### What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.

- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.

- \$500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.