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Rotary Foundation

Fellow Rotarians, I'm hoping you are all well and safely tucked away with your families. There are so many people affected by this virus, and the Rotary Foundation is stepping up to the plate.

As you know from our work with Polio Plus, Rotary is at the forefront of fighting infectious disease, so we have the relationships, the infrastructure and the experience to help people manage this crisis all over the world. The only thing they need is money. If you would consider an additional gift to the Rotary Foundation, you would be helping citizens here in Kentucky and around the world through the pandemic, and your money will help fund future district grants that have supported our beautification projects and scholarships right here in Frankfort. Especially if you received a stimulus check while still working or receiving retirement income, please consider giving a portion that you can afford to the Rotary Foundation.

If you're willing and able, please send a check to my home and I will record and submit your donation for the club. My address is 1853 Old Frankfort Road, Lawrenceburg KY 40342. Or you can go online and make the donation directly to the Rotary Foundation ANNUAL SHARE FUND at www.rotary.org. Please donate by May 15 if possible.

Thanks everyone. Can't wait until we can get together again and enjoy each other's company while celebrating Service Above Self.

Kristin Cantrell,
Foundation Chair
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**The Rotary Club of Frankfort Meets Every
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 From 11:45 a.m. Until 1:00 p.m.**

**Frankfort Rotary Club website:
<http://www.frankfort-rotary.org>
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NEIGHBORING CLUBS

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

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**A message from
President Fred Deaton and
President-elect Donna Hecker**

As announced last week, we will be able to resume in-person meetings soon and look forward to some wonderful Rotary fellowship. In the meantime, we hope to hold a meeting via Zoom soon, including an interesting and informative program!

And don't forget our next board of directors meeting, scheduled via Zoom for noon on June 17; all members will receive a link to attend if interested.

Remember that we will continue to be an actively engaged organization by living up to



**Club president
Fred Deaton**



**President-elect
Donna Hecker**

our motto of Service Above Self and doing everything in our power to help those in need, individually and as Rotarians.

Every May our club has volunteered to collect food for the Franklin County Food Pantry and this year is no different, except that instead of collecting food in person, we have an opportunity to donate on-line. Dustin Cole has graciously offered to organize that campaign in addition to his ongoing fundraising work for our Rotary Youth Foundation. Here is a personal message from Dustin:

"The pandemic has changed everything, and here we are. So where is here? None of us knows. But I do know one thing. I miss us. I miss our Rotary family.

"And I'm afraid that as we all hunker down, our Rotary family will disintegrate. And that when we're able to resume our familiar, comfortable routine, our numbers will have dwindled and many of our friends and friendly faces will be gone. So I've been thinking about what we can do to keep our family together.

"Here are some thoughts: let's check in on one another, say hello, and see how we're getting along. Each of us needs to be proactive. We used to simply be able to come to lunch and see all those "family" members. Now we need to make that table talk happen in a new way and do what Rotarians have always done: connect; care; and, maybe, commiserate.

"My next thought is about our bigger purpose – Service. Support. Caring. Right now, our Rotary Youth Foundation is trying to overcome the loss of our annual golf scramble. We are committed to providing at least \$17,000 in scholarships without having to dip into our reserve funds. Please visit www.frankfortrotaryyouthfund.org and make a donation or call Bill Scott, who will gladly pick up your check.

"And as many of you know, our Franklin County Food Bank is more in need of assis-

tance than ever before due to the increased demand brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. While you're at the Youth Fund web site, make a second donation to the pantry. Now that we can't collect food in person, this is the most effective way to live our motto of Service Above Self.

"Since we haven't been gathering weekly for lunch, perhaps you can donate those dollars saved to the pantry and provide a meal for someone in need.

"It's not as much fun as our meetings but, at the end of the day, it's what Rotary is all about. And most importantly, a way in which you can keep your Rotary membership and involvement relevant.

"Finally, we want your ideas on how our club can remain connected and vital to the health of our community. Please e-mail me at dustin@attorneysmasterclass.com or call (407) 830-9088. – Dustin"

One final note – club directories and dues reminders will arrive in your mailboxes soon. As Dustin suggested, please take a moment to page through the directory and renew friendships with your fellow Rotarians as you renew your commitment to serve our community through membership in Rotary. Together, we are all Service Above Self.

A Bit of Rotary History

Rotary International – initially known as the Rotary Club of Chicago from 1905-12 and as the International Association of Rotary Clubs until 1922, byname Rotary – is a civilian service club founded by American attorney Paul P. Harris. For having created the organization, Harris is credited with initiating the idea of a civilian service club, an organization of men or women from varied business and professional backgrounds that is dedicated to fellowship among its members and to voluntary community service. The name Rotary was originally proposed by Harris because meetings were to be held in rotation in members' offices.

Rotary grew quickly, establishing local clubs across the United States and internationally. With the formation of clubs in Canada, Ireland, and the United Kingdom, the organization changed its name to the International Association of Rotary Clubs (1912). In 1922, having established clubs on six continents, it adopted its present name, Rotary International. In the early 21st century there were more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas, representing a membership in excess of 1.2 million.

Rotary comprises the individual Rotary clubs; Rotary International, an umbrella organization that coordinates Rotary's global programs and initiatives; and the Rotary Foundation, established in 1928 to raise and distribute funds in support of local and international service projects that Rotarians around the world design and carry out. By the early 21st century the Rotary Foundation had issued more than \$4 billion in charitable grants. Rotary develops service projects in six broad areas: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children through accessible health care and other services, supporting basic education and literacy, and growing local economies.

The organization is headed by a president who is elected to a one-year term by the board of directors. The directors in turn are elected to two-year terms by representatives of the worldwide clubs at Rotary's annual international convention. The president-elect nominates members of the board of trustees, who are elected to four-year terms by the board of directors. A trustee chair is elected to a one-year term by the board of trustees and serves as head of the Rotary Foundation.



Paul P. Harris