



## Rotary District - News & Updates

April 2021

### Utah Rotary News

#### A Message from the District Governor



As this “annus horribilis” – and RY2020-21 - wind down, Rotary clubs throughout the district are celebrating the many ways they have found to move forward, adding members and finding new and interesting ways to connect, contribute and serve. It puts a smile on my face to hear of all the good happening in Utah Rotary District 5420.

For instance, there has been a significant uptick in the number of members who have taken part in Rotary Leadership Institute. More than a few Rotarians have pledged \$100-a-year until polio is eradicated FINALLY and FOREVER by joining the Polio Plus Society; and, our district now has two new members of the Arch Klumph Society by contributing \$250,000 each!!!

Regarding membership, as district leaders we have collectively “held our breath” as we watched clubs struggle to hold on to their members. In early January the district was down by 44 from our July 1 start date for RY2020-21. Since then, we have had a net gain of 6 so we’re only down 38 (out of 30 districts in the Big West Zone, there are only 10 with fewer losses than District 5420). Several clubs are down 5-10 members each, but a third have had net growth since July 1, some as high as eight.

And there’s still more good news. On April 4, Dixie Sunrise RC will bring online a new veterans’ cause-based satellite club – one of only 3 veterans Rotary clubs in the US - with a prospective 10 new members. Millcreek Rotary Club is also close to bringing a new cause-based satellite club online, centered around a group of young professionals assisting with next year’s district conference. St. George Rotary Club is pulling out all the stops to organize the Rotary Club of Washington City, which will be southwest Utah’s 7th Rotary Club; and, other clubs are in the talking stage of developing satellites in Price, Sanpete and Northern Utah County.

Eight membership leads have joined Utah clubs so far this year, with at least another 6-8 leads looking at joining. There are other exciting trends, too. Let’s keep moving in this direction as we come to the end of our Rotary year ... and please join us at District Conference on Saturday, April 24 to hear more good news. Register today at <http://5420dc.org>.

Linda Sappington  
District Governor 2020-21

## Remembering 2020! Video Challenge

While we won't be having an in-person District Conference this year, we sure can have a video competition between clubs with a theme of "Remembering 2020!" Here are the rules:



- No longer than 30 seconds (it will be edited)
- Must incorporate your club name in the most creative way such as icing on top of a cake, scrabble tiles, stadium cards, a sign in your community or in some other way
- Include photos or video from service projects you completed last year
- And, be sure to include whatever else demonstrates how your club remembered 2020!

**There will be prizes!**

### Register Here for the Virtual District Conference Saturday, April 24 - 10 am to 3 pm

1. **Online only** on **Saturday, April 24 beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m.** with an hour break for lunch and video viewing.
2. Only \$10 to **register** -- all funds donated to Polio Plus then matched 2x1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
3. **Dynamic** guest speakers
4. Presentation of **awards** (Clubs of the Year will be awarded on July 17 during DGE Judy Zone's induction event)
5. For those who will be in the area, some great service projects, a barbeque dinner, entertainment and line dance instruction will bookend our day together.

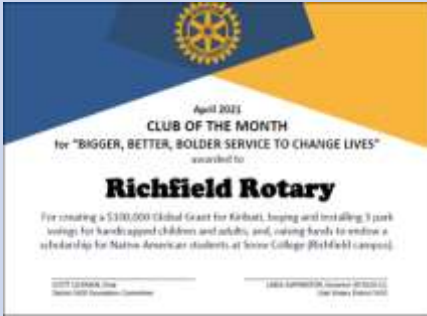


### Final Reminder: Earth Day Club Cleanup Challenge

Four prizes will be awarded - first and second place prizes of \$500 and \$250 will be awarded to small clubs (35 members or less) and large clubs (over 35 members) with the **highest reported weights of trash collected** (must be in keeping with the first item of the Four Way Test!). The only requirement: the winning clubs must use their awards to hold a **membership promotion event within 6 months of receiving the award.**

**Clubs should report their results to District Membership Chair Scott Florence at [srf2624@yahoo.com](mailto:srf2624@yahoo.com) no later than April 17. Winning clubs will be announced at our District Conference on April 24.**

**Richfield Rotary - Club of the Month - Bigger Better Bolder Service  
That Changes Lives**



D5420's April 2021 Club of the Month for "Bigger, Better, Bolder Service to Change Lives" is **Richfield Rotary Club**.

It's true, Richfield Rotary Club has not been meeting in-person for much of this year, but that hasn't stopped them from creating "bigger, better, bolder" impact in the world, both locally and internationally.

This club's efforts to kick start a Rotary Club in Sanpete County has not resulted in much interest YET, but they remain determined to "grow Rotary" in this community. In the meantime, Richfield Rotarians have raised \$11,000 toward a \$35,000

endowed scholarship for Native American youth studying on the Snow College campus in Richfield. They have also recently placed three swings – each valued at between \$6,000-7,000 for handicapped children and adults. A wheelchair swing and a double-bench swing were installed earlier in the year at Richfield's Rotary Park; and a third – another wheelchair swing – is now outside their local Family Support Center.

And, if this doesn't adequately illustrate this club's "service above self" mindset, they have just been awarded a Global Grant which will top out at about \$100,000 for the installation of bathrooms and showers in three small communities in the independent island nation of Kiribati, located in the central Pacific Ocean (population of 119,000).

Congratulations to President Kelly Crane and members of the Richfield Rotary Club named April 2021 Club of the Month for "Bigger, Better, Bolder Service to Change Lives."

**Linda Sappington**  
District Governor 2020-21

## Cedar City Rotary Club is April Club of the Month for "Staying the Course"

Despite the pandemic, **Cedar City Rotary Club** has continued meeting every week (masked and socially distanced, of course) followed by a posting of their meetings on YouTube for those who did not feel comfortable attending in-person. This southern Utah club has also accomplished multiple projects during the year, including a fundraiser. Then when they canceled another fundraiser, they applied for and were awarded a grant for \$50,000 to cover lost revenue.



They have continued to add new members, though they are down this year because people have moved from the area or left the club for other reasons. Cedar City Rotary Club continues to support the Rotary Foundation which, as always, will show up in the Rotary International data base as a big payment in May/June.

New members are immediately engaged on committees and all have attended Rotary Leadership Institute. Club projects have been done on reservations in support of the Native American Initiative, including helping with the distribution of \$72,000 worth of new school clothes donated by a Southern California club to those in need on the Navajo Nation. Cedar City Rotarians completed a COVID mask project, planted trees, cleaned up areas in the community, supported the local shelter/food pantry and the Happy Factory ... and, delivered dictionaries. This vibrant club has also awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships and grants to students and organizations in the community. It's not that the club doesn't have problems or weaknesses, but they have risen above their challenges to continue serving their community. In short, Cedar City Rotary hasn't missed a beat.

Congratulations to President Paul Monroe and all members of the Cedar City Rotary Club named April 2021 Club of the Month for "Staying the Course" during our challenging year.

Linda Sappington  
District Governor 2020-21



## Inspiring Message from First Woman President-Elect

Many Utah Rotary Presidents-Elect & Presidents-Nominees wanted to share this inspiring message from Rotary International's FIRST woman President 2022-2023, shown at High Country PETS March 19. [Here is the video](#) for you to share with your clubs.

Last October, Jennifer made history when she was nominated to become Rotary International's President for 2022-2023 - the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history.

Jennifer is the Founder and President of Media Street Productions, a 25 year old, award-winning media company in Windsor, Ontario. She is a proud member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland. Her talents have strengthened Rotary reach and impact, through many roles including Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, RI Vice President, and co-chair of the End Polio Now: Make History Today campaign, raising funds alongside Bill and Melinda Gates and their Foundation.

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## Celeste Edmunds on Foster Care System - Tuesday, April 13

Utah Rotary's [Interaction – The Virtual Interact Speaker Series](#) – ends its successful run on Tuesday, April 13 from 6 to 7:15 pm when Celeste Edmunds, Executive Director of The Christmas Box Foundation, describes her childhood growing up in foster care.

The Christmas Box Foundation was founded by New York Times best-selling author Richard Paul Evans to transition children out of a crisis situation into a safe foster home.

The Interact Speaker Series has been developed as a result of the tough stuff dished out during 2020. Giving teens and adults the opportunity to learn how ordinary people overcame adversity is intended to help them meet the challenges in their own lives.

Parents are invited to attend as well so they can coach young people who are dear to them and promote the series in their Interact Clubs. The series is open to non-members as well. Upon registration adults and teens will be sent the Zoom link to the virtual event.

[Register for the free April event here.](#)



## Video Creation Opportunity: Rotary Youth Exchange



Utah's Youth Exchange Program is looking for a professional, amateur, or student video editor to help create a two-minute video explaining what Rotary Youth Exchange is and how it benefits all involved. This video will be shown to Rotary Clubs across the state. All footage is provided by Rotary. Please contact Kahrin Sharp, Youth Exchange Chair, if you are interested at [kahrin@rjsinc.com](mailto:kahrin@rjsinc.com)



## RI President Shekhar Mehta Spoke at High Country PETS

At High Country PETS on March 20, incoming RI President Shekar Mehta delivered an eloquent message that all Utah Rotarians should hear. **Please share this brief video with your clubs!**

Shekhar Mehta is only the 4th Indian in 115 years to be nominated as the President of Rotary International for the year 2021-22. He heads the Skyline Group and is engaged in Real Estate Development in different parts of India, including the largest group housing collaborative in the state of Rajasthan.

Shekhar joined Rotary in 1985. He is a member of Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar. He has spoken at hundreds of events nationally and internationally. His motivation skills are par excellence which has helped raise millions of dollars for The Rotary Foundation. Shekhar is the recipient of the highest awards of Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation: "Service Above Self Award" ; "The Meritorious Service Award" ; and "The Distinguished Service Award". His guiding mantra in life is "Service is the rent that we pay for the space we occupy on this earth."



## High Country PETS a SUCCESS

High Country PETS was such a success this year! Thank you to all the Presidents Elect, President Nominees, and other club and district officers who attended. Videos from RI President Elect Shekar Mehta, RI President Nominee Jennifer Jones (useful for club meetings) and many other learning resources are still available at [highcountrypets.org](http://highcountrypets.org)

Our own District Governor Elect Judy Zone was part of a very well received fundraising panel. The power point slides for this presentation are available for download **in this google drive folder**.

## May 1 Deadline: Governor's Collaborative Grant Applications

It will take time to make partnerships, assess a significant community need, develop a strategy for measuring impact. So start now!

- At least 2 Rotary clubs collaborating with at least one community organization.
- A community needs assessment of some kind to determine need and a way to measure impact.
- Awards will be \$1,000 or more, depending on the depth and focus of the service project, the number of collaborators, and the measurability of impact. Seeking additional or matching funding, whether from the clubs or community, is encouraged but not required.
- An excel budget for the project with the use of funds and in-kind donations.
- Clubs will be notified of their awards by or before June 1, 2021.
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[Click here for Guidelines](#) and links to the Application and the required excel projected budget. Questions, contact District Governor Elect Judy Zone [dgjudy@utahrotary.org](mailto:dgjudy@utahrotary.org)



Whether you've been a club leader, or are about to be one, you've probably been asked over and over to add and edit your goals and achievements in Rotary Club Central.

But... what is the point of it all? In this month's episode, find out why entering goals on Rotary Club Central is more than just an administrative task for your club.

**This All Things Rotary podcast** is hosted by Nick Taylor, our Club and District Support Associate Officer, and Native Utahn!



Utah Rotary ... did you know you can support RYLA, Youth Exchange, Interact ... even Rotaract, by purchasing a **Rotary license plate** when you buy a new car or renew your plates? The cost – over and above the new plate or renewal fee – is an affordable \$25/year.

Apply online. Go to this [address](#)  
Then click on E-Service  
Click on Order License Plates

If you are looking for a brief presentation for a club meeting to discuss how this program works, contact Sydney King at [sydhking@msn.com](mailto:sydhking@msn.com) who is available to your club with forms and fun.

## Smart Giving to the Rotary Foundation

You are invited to a special webinar on Smart Giving! Learn how to maximize your gifts to The Rotary Foundation in the most intelligent way possible. Several Rotarians will be on the call and share their experiences and how they were able to create a win/win donor situation. To participate, email PDG Scott Leckman at [leckman@xmission.com](mailto:leckman@xmission.com).

## Positive Peace Training, Presentations at Your Club & More



District 5420's Peace Committee is busy with Utah peace-building efforts and we welcome your participation. Peace begins here at home, so host activities:

1. **Club Positive Peace Training:** Positive Peace workshops are a key component of how Rotary "does peace." District 5420 is blessed to have individuals trained to educate and empower Rotarians to improve peace as we view our work through a peace-building lens.
2. **Club Presentations** to introduce Rotary's advances in Peace, Rotary's partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) and to learn how we may be more peaceful in our everyday lives.
3. **One Day Club Positive Peace Workshops** to give clubs a more in-depth training and assist in creating club peace projects to create more peaceful communities.
4. **Peace Fellows.** It's time for interested Peace Fellow candidates to apply for a Fellowship at one of Rotary's 6 Peace University's around the world. The Peace Committee is ready to assist with the application and endorsement process, so please let anyone interested to get ahold of us today! The deadline is fast approaching and there is a lot to do.

**Get involved!** The Peace Committee meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm via Zoom and subcommittees meet on other nights. Contact Peace Committee Chair Kris Swanson at [kris@creativecommconcepts.com](mailto:kris@creativecommconcepts.com) or 970-309-3353 to get involved or receive 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 **Cedar City Rotary Club** engaged in a day of service for one of our monthly meetings, with Rotarians volunteering at the Iron County Care and Share, the Happy Factory, and delivering cookies to members who we haven't seen in a while. At the Care and Share, we sorted food donations from the statewide food drive, sorted and hung clothing donations, and assembled health kits for their homeless clients. At the Happy Factory, we helped build the wooden toys they distribute to children worldwide. Finally, the cookie deliveries allowed us to see some of the dear friends we've missed this year!



The **Moab Rotary Club** donated two heavy carts (1200 lb.-capacity each) to the La Sal food bank. Monthly food deliveries from the Utah Food Bank are received and then assembled into household boxes and distributed to 70 families. The large carts greatly aid moving food boxes uphill in gravel and snow (7000 foot elevation). The elderly volunteers had been carrying boxes by hand in unsteady footing. The two 30 by 52 inch carts have balloon tires and a 1200 pound capacity. Asked about the value of the carts, the usually staid senior volunteers were effusive in their praise: "Made a night and day difference!"



On March 29, **St. George Rotary Club's** 5th Monday service project found us at the St. George Children's Museum where 14 club members – and 2 prospective members - provided "service above self" to help museum staff prepare for the St. George Art Festival, their busiest weekend of the year. Supporting the museum and their Lending Library is one of SGR's newest projects, including an annual book drive, a media campaign promoting literacy, ongoing service at the museum along with annual support in the form of a \$1500 donation.



On February 24th, the **Layton Rotary Club** visited the Davis County Animal Shelter. It was a very enjoyable and productive meeting! Some of the club members brought animal treats and snacks to donate. Others helped make blankets for the Dogs and Cats to use. But the best part was walking the dogs! Many of the club members went for a walk on the facility grounds and gave the dogs some needed exercise! It was a meeting that many of the members want to do again!!



The **Rotary Club of Park City Twilight** helped with a Mobile Food Pantry organized by the Park City Christian Center. Volunteers helped distribute needed food to folks at the Royal Coachman Mobile Home neighborhood in Heber, UT.

The location of this food distribution was outdoors for COVID safety and highly accessible to people living in mobile homes and trailers.



For the past few years **Richfield Rotary Club** have focused on helping children and adults with Special Needs. We purchased and installed wheelchair swings at the Richfield Rotary Park and at Snow College's Ephraim campus. Two double bench WhisperGLIDE Therapeutic Swings were also purchased and installed at the Richfield Family Support Center and our Rotary Park. It is fun to see the smiles on the faces of many individuals who are experiencing the joy of swinging for the first time.





Back in June of 2018 an International Service project of the **Midvalley Rotaract** took four different Rotaract clubs to make a trip to Puerto Peñasco Mexico, on a road trip and a weeklong adventure of learning and accomplishments. Among the several service projects, one of them was to meet with Polio Survivors and build concrete access ramps in different areas of a sport park in the city. Providing opportunities to those with disabilities to participate and make use of sport areas like any other citizen of Puerto Peñasco. This month we celebrated the 116th anniversary of Rotary International and our friends of the Rotary club of Mar del Sol de Puerto Peñasco, Mexico spent a couple of days painting blue throughout the town doing a follow-up and painting the access ramps for people with disabilities as well as stamping each of them with the Rotary Logo.



Thirty Rotarians and guests from the **Ogden Rotary Club** gathered to put together 500 pantry (food) packs for Catholic Community Services. These pantry packs will be used for school children who are lacking for food in this time of pandemic. Our service and project chair, Emily Oyler, and her committee purchased all the food stuff for the pantry packs, organized the food, and supervised the club members and guests as they filled the pantry pack bags, and delivered the finished bags to the Ogden Catholic Community Service.



The **Park City Sunrise Rotary** supported Summit County's Vaccination Program by donating lunches for hundreds of volunteers. Since vaccinations began, the Summit County Health Department has inoculated thousands of residents and non-residents at a sophisticated drive through vaccination facility located at the Utah Film Studios. In an overwhelming response, more than 2000 Summit County residents have volunteered to assist; 200 have been selected to work including Sunrise, Park City, and Twilight Rotarians.



**Dixie Sunrise Rotary Club** assisted again in the rerouting of the Aspiration Trail. We have volunteered on five different Saturdays reconstructing a half a mile of trail. Very difficult work. A lot of rocks and boulders had to be moved. Twenty-five people on average have volunteered on these Saturdays putting in at least 3 hour each time. That comes to 400 volunteer hours. Service above Self that is why we are Rotarians. Nice job everyone.



## UVU Rotaract and Orem Rotary Present at 65th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women; Rotaract Raises \$5,600 in Funds

Utah Valley University Rotaract club members, under the umbrella of Utah International Mountain Forum, a coalition of student clubs at UVU contributed to the agenda of the 65th session of the United Nations'

Commission on the Status of Women. They hosted a virtual parallel event titled, "Mountain Women Empowerment Through the Inclusive Student-Engaged Learning Model" on Monday March 22nd, 2021.

The event was co-sponsored by the **Orem Rotary Club** in addition to the UVU office for Global Engagement and Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, a non-governmental organization in general consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council. The Statement of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences E/CN.6/2021/NGO/125 was distributed as an official document of the United Nations on 13 December 2020 and highlighted the contribution of Rotaractors and Orem Rotary to the advocacy campaign of the Utah International Mountain Forum during this highest gender-related event of the United Nations.

UIMF advocates for mountain women, girls, and families, who are among the poorest and most neglected. UIMF does so through a Student Engaged Learning (SEL) approach that propels students to gain professional skills through addressing real-world issues as a group with faculty serving them as mentors.

At the event, **Yana Andersen, UVU Rotaract President** reported about Rotaractors efforts to observe annually World Polio Days and participate at service projects and also their advocacy work, like the implementation of Rotary International's model in Utah to support neglected female populations. Yana mentioned in her statement as one of the examples to empower women a female leadership of Utah District Rotary, such as Governor Linda Sappington. Jeff Hibbard, Dallas Karren, Cody Conklin, Liam Dowling, and Sarah Michaelis, UVU Rotaractors, spoke about the importance of mountain women and families to be in the focus of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. For the first time, the delegation was joined by **Past President of the Orem Rotary Clark Merkley**, as a sign of the strengthening partnership between Orem Rotary and UVU Rotaractors. As preparations to the visit, Orem Rotary and UVU Rotaractors jointly raised funds by selling oranges for \$5,600 in total. [Click for more information.](#)

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## Save the Dates

ROLLING CALENDAR (watch for more information about these **TENTATIVE** events):

- Sat., Apr. 10 Zoom Post-PETS Nuts & Bolts panel with successful past Club Presidents 9-10:30am:  
Sat., April 10 Zoom Club Treasurer Training, 11am-Noon:  
Tues. Apr. 13 Interact Speaker Series – 6-7:15 on Zoom  
Sat., Apr. 17 Zoom Post-PETS Goal Setting for Presidents-Elect, 9-10:30 am  
Thurs. Apr. 22 District Clean-up Competition for supporting the environment on Earth Day  
Fri. Apr. 23 **Virtual** District Business Meeting (4 pm)  
Sat. Apr. 24 **NEW PLANS VIRTUAL** Utah Rotary District Conference in St. George  
Sat., May 1 Membership & Foundation training for PEs & Club Chairs, 9-10:30am  
Sat., May 15 Public Image, Rotaract, Youth Program training for PEs and Club Chairs, 9-10:45am  
Sat., May 15 Club Secretary Training, 11am-Noon  
Sat., June 5 Youth Protection Training for PEs and Youth Chairs, 9-10am  
Mon. May 31 Peace Fellow Scholar application deadline  
Sat. June 5 Year-end District Assembly  
June 12-16 2021 RI Convention in Taipei, Taiwan  
Tues., June 15 District grant final report deadline. Must include receipts.  
Thurs., July 1 District Service and Impact Reports due for RY2020-21  
Thurs., July 1 District grant applications due for RY2021-22  
Sat. July 17 DG Judy Zone's Installation BBQ, Cottonwood Country Club, Holladay, UT  
Sat., Aug. 21 Club Cluster Assembly (Logan, [host] Cache Valley Morning, Brigham City)  
Sat., Aug. 28 CCA (Layton [host], Ogden, Mt. Ogden, Kaysville)  
Sat., Sept. 11 CCA (Bountiful [host], Centerville-Farmington, Salt Lake)  
Sat., Sept. 18 CCA (Sugar House [host], Tooele, Holladay, Midvalley, Valley West, Millcreek, Murray)  
Sept. 22-25 RYLA in Aspen Grove  
Sat., Sept. 25 CCA (Orem [host], So. Valley, West Jordan, South Jordan, Sandy, Lehi, Mt. Timpanogos, Provo, Spanish Fork, Springville)  
Sat., Oct. 2 CCA (Park City [host], Park City Sunrise, Park City Twilight, Heber City, Roosevelt, Vernal)  
Sat., Oct. 9 CCA (Moab [host], Monticello, Blanding)  
Sat., Oct. 23 CCA (Red Rock [host], St. George, Dixie Sunrise, Hurricane Valley, Zion Canyon, Cedar City)  
Sat., Oct. 23 VIRTUAL World Polio Day program  
Sun., Oct. 24 World Polio Day  
Nov. 4-6 **TENTATIVE** Bigger, Better, Bolder Service on a Reservation Weekend  
Feb. 4-11, 2022 Friendship Exchange to Mexico  
Sept. 23 - Oct. 2, 2022 Friendship Exchange to Colombia



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