

# District 7170 Newsletter



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The Rotary Foundation

November 2022

## Governor's Message



It is hard to believe that I'm one-third the way through my Governor year and it seems like I just got started. I have enjoyed every minute in this role. I want to make sure everyone thinks about family and friends in the next couple of months as we take time to celebrate the holidays with them.

Just a short report on the DC Youth Day Celebration: While the weather wasn't perfect, the sun did shine on everyone who could join us. I can only speak for myself, but based on the students I spoke with, I see a very bright future for us. I want to give a special thank you to the Dryden "A Team" for a fantastic job on the chickens and everyone at the Cortland Country Club for making this event so special.

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I would like to share with you that our district finance committee agreed to donate \$5,000 to District 6960 to help with the clean up in the area devastated by Hurricane Ian. This is another example of Rotarians making a difference in their communities, whether directly or indirectly. Here is the link to this effort headed by D6960: [RotaryFL.org](http://RotaryFL.org)

November is the month that Rotary focuses on the importance of the Foundation. We should be proud to be a Rotarian and the difference our Foundation makes in the world and all of this is a direct result of your generosity with your donations. Here are the 2021-22 numbers:

- PolioPlus program awards, including PolioPlus Partners grants, totaled \$152.9 million.
- Approved 2,066 Global Grants and program awards totaled \$130.0 million.
- Approved 467 District Grants and program awards totaled \$31.1 million.
- Approved 55 Disaster Response Grants and program awards totaled \$3.1 million.
- Rotary Peace Centers - 117 fellows from 63 countries began their studies at the Rotary Peace Centers, and program awards for the fellows and centers totaled \$4.4 million.
- Programs of Scale grants - The member-led Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia program was awarded the 2020-21 grant of \$2 million, which was matched by \$4 million in funding from our partners.

Without your support this could not have happened. Thank You.

You still have 3 more days to register for our Foundation Celebration.

[\(District 7170 Foundation Reception | Rotary District 7170\)](#)

November 5, 2022 from 11:30 am - 3:30 pm

NE Classic Car Museum

24 Rexford St, Norwich, NY 13815

Food Provided by Nina's Pizzeria

Let's continue to Rediscover Rotary

Your District Governor

Rocky Martinez

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## Worldwide News

### Rotary Club of Carapachy Benefits from Global Grant



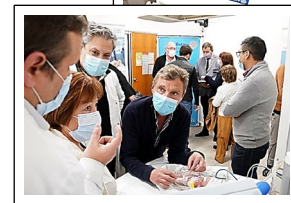
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On June 30, the Rotary Club of Carapachy in Buenos Aires, Argentina, delivered equipment and software for the Perinatal Training Center located in the Hospital and Maternity Santa Rosa in the Municipality of Vicente Lopez. The Center is a fundamental tool to improve pre- and postpartum [health] of pregnant women and newborns through simulation and training.



Through a Rotary Global Grant, our District 7170 is pleased to have supported this project through its donation of District Designated Funds.

The President of The Rotary Club of Carapachy, Alejandra Ferriol, thanked us in a recent e-mail and stated, "... this Global Grant placed Maternity in one of the highest positions in our country, as well as the professionals who manage it and that many doctors and nurses are competing to be able to carry out their training in it."



- Lana Rouff, Global Grant Chair

### Ending Plastic Waste

[Shared on half of PDG Evan Kurtz.]



Hi Evan,

What can Rotary Clubs do to end plastic waste? The United Nations Environment Programme suggests a way forward – a way that Clubs can effectively reduce plastic waste and lead their communities to do the same.

Join the Plastics Solutions Task Force on Nov 14, 2022, at 12:00 PM ET. [Click here to register for the event](#) [and receive a link]. The ESRAG Plastic Solutions Task Force Meeting will include a presentation on the Role of Rotary Clubs in Ending Plastic Waste by Co-Chair Lori Cloutier. Following that, Co-Chair Franz Mueller will present Plastic Solution's goals for 2022-2023.

I look forward to speaking with you all soon!

Best,  
Jennie

Jennie Lewis  
Eastern North America Regional Chapter Chair, Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG)

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## District News

### Disaster Relief

*The following message from Neil Snyder, District Governor for District 6960, was received in early-October. Rotary International District 6960 is in Southwest Florida, USA. It stretches along the Gulf Coast from Parrish to Marco Island, and inland to Arcadia.*

Good afternoon fellow Rotarians. I truly hope today is a better day than yesterday and tomorrow will be better than today. I am proudly forwarding the following message on behalf of the District 6960 Disaster Relief Committee. As you have seen, the communities in our district sustained catastrophic damage in the wake of Hurricane Ian. I am thankful that D6960 has a district Relief Committee who, in conjunction with too many Rotarians to list, hit the ground running with conference calls twice daily, at 7:45 am and 5:00 pm, which started last Monday September 26, 2022. These calls will continue for the foreseeable future. Our obvious challenges have been the lack of electrical service, cell service and internet service. The stages of our efforts are as follows:

*(Please go to the end of this newsletter for the entire message.)*

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### 2022-2023 District Grant

I hope you all are enjoying these last few beautiful days of fall. I realize some clubs may have finished their District Grants for the year this summer. In order to be reimbursed by the District for 2022-2023 District Grants, you need to complete the final report form which is on the District website. To find it go to Foundation, drop down menu to Grants, drop down menu to FINAL REPORT form. It is a PDF file that you can save to your computer and complete. Once completed send it to the email listed, [7170districtgrants@gmail.com](mailto:7170districtgrants@gmail.com). As a side note, *please make sure that your income and expense columns are equal*. Any questions please email me at [7170districtgrants@gmail.com](mailto:7170districtgrants@gmail.com).

Yours in Rotary Service  
Catrina Ruling, District Grants Chair 2022-2023

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### Ukrainian Relief Benefit Concert

Rotary District 7170 is proud to present world-renowned pianist and composer Emmanuel Sikora in a uniquely intimate performance setting. Experience beautiful music and bid on wonderful works of art from Emmanuel's brother Robert Sikora at this one-time fundraising event that is not to be missed!

**Emmanuel Sikora**, an [American music composer](#) and [pianist](#) who grew up in the Cortland, NY area, will be performing a fundraiser concert for Ukraine on November 19, 2022 at Phelps Mansion (191 Court Street) in Binghamton, NY at 4:00pm with doors opening at 3:30pm. Sponsored by Rotary District 7170, tickets for this event will be \$21.00 and offer an exclusive opportunity to hear one of our country's best young pianist / composers in an intimate environment. There will also be an auction of a limited number of original artworks donated by Emmanuel's brother Robert Sikora. Rotary is a worldwide service organization that has dedicated itself to "Service Above Self" for over 100 years, with over 1.4 million members in 200 countries or geographic regions of the world.

Sikora still lives in Cortland and is the son of Peruvian and American parents. He began studying the piano when he was 6 and started composing at 9 years of age. He graduated from Queens College in 2012 and was then invited to attend Samuel Adler's summer semester for young composers at the Free University of Berlin. He graduated from Binghamton University with a Masters in Music in 2014. At 16, Sikora won a national prize for his art song "The Shadow Rose" and was invited to attend a performance of his work at the National Association for Music Education's National Conference in Milwaukee (Wisconsin). While in Milwaukee, he met Maurice Peress, who later became his conducting and composition teacher at Queens College.

During his studies and through his 20's, Sikora's career was largely a private one. In late 2020, he started a YouTube channel, and within a year, his videos had received over 300,000 views. Sikora then began playing the piano in public more regularly, with programs consisting of his own work, as well as pieces by colleagues and improvisations. Sikora made his professional performance debut with the Ukrainian Festival Orchestra at the Lviv Organ Hall. Sikora continues to perform in recitals and with orchestras throughout the United States and Europe.

For tickets, contact Phelps Mansion at [\(607\) 722-4873](tel:6077224873) or by visiting [www.phelpsmansion.org](http://www.phelpsmansion.org).

- Brian Steele

*(See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.)*

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## **Annual Club Assembly?**

### **Does your club have an annual Assembly? Should you?**

Is this a Rotary practice that has dropped? Many clubs used to hold assemblies annually, quarterly, or even monthly (that was a little too much IMO). In Dryden our annual assembly is considered the one meeting that is 'mandatory' as we want ALL members to be engaged!



We take the time to prepare then review, discuss, and where needed, vote on;

- the past year and year- to-date reports from various committee chairs (YEP, Service, treasurer, membership, Foundation, etc.);
- our annual budget. This includes assessing our fundraisers and understanding our club's financial commitments for the next year;
- our annual calendar of events;
- committee chairs and membership goals for the next year. (And yes, while the club officers are supposed to be to RI by 31 December it sometimes drags out until this early 4th quarter meeting!);
- and club goals both long term and near term.

Everyone gets to be heard and, more importantly, gets to hear what is going on. A shared meal and time to really talk about important items helps keep a club strong and vibrant.



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## Endwell Rotary

Endwell Rotary invites you to our annual pre-election pancake breakfast at Atrio in Endwell. The event is held on November 6 from 8 am to noon. The Maine-Endwell High School Key Club helps us to serve the meal. We in turn provide part of the proceeds to the school’s nutritional support program, M-EALS.



This year we are featuring the 1916 Wurlitzer Band Organ that we purchased for the Highland Park Carousel. This organ is similar to the original organ purchased by George F. Johnson. The club is conducting a 50/50 raffle to support purchase of the organ. Longer term, the club will work with other clubs and organizations to improve the Carousel Circuit and to attract related events to the region. All six of the carousel sites in Broome County are National Historical Sites.

- Jeff Smith

*(See the colorful flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information about the pancake breakfast.)*

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## Ithaca Noon Rotary

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Rotary Club members raised \$10,000 for the grants program by making donations at weekly club meetings. An anonymous donor also pledged a matching \$5,000 gift for the program. “These grants help our local agencies meet their missions,” said Kelly Buck, a Rotary member who also cochaired the program. “And we try and spread out Rotary grant money across a range of needs.”

The annual program provides grants of up to \$1,000 to community organizations evaluated by a six-member committee. The agencies that were selected to receive funding were honored at a presentation at the Rotary Club on October 5.

- Sherrie Negrea

*(Please go to the end of this newsletter for the entire press release and a list of the recipients pictured above.)*

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## Ithaca Noon & Sunrise Rotary

### Highway Cleanup Success!

Twenty-two Ithaca Noon and Sunrise Rotarians, Cornell Rotaractors, and friends of Rotary hit the road on October 8th for a semi-annual clean-up. The enthusiastic crew split into teams of 2-4, enjoyed companionship and laughs while searching the roadside for garbage, and filled 36 bags with trash.



This marks the seventeenth year of the clean-up that removes trash from a two-mile section of Rt 13 that extends down the long hill that overlooks Cayuga Lake and serves as one of the main gateways into the city of Ithaca. Recently, the clean-up was dedicated to Noel Desch, a 48-year member of the Ithaca Rotary who initiated this activity in 2005 and who passed away in 2021. In honor of Noel's dedicated service, the NY Department of Transportation erected signs to mark the highway section in his memory.

- Mary-Lynn Cummings

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## Ithaca Sunrise Rotary

### Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack

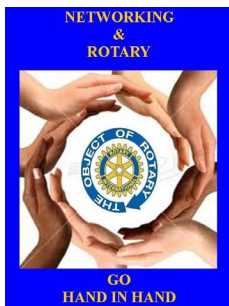
Six members of Ithaca Sunrise (along with 6 members of the Noon club) participated in the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack <<https://www.fmsc.org>> on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the NYS National Guard Armory. Love those hair nets!



The entire 2-hour session (one of several that day alone) yielded 48 volunteers working together to fill 82 boxes containing a total of 17,712 meals, which will feed 48 kids for a year.

### Remembering the Object of Rotary

*Club member Rob Horowitz put in a happy dollar and read aloud the Object of Rotary after saying that we often hear about the 4-Way Test and the 7 areas of focus but not very often about this.*



The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

**FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

- Chris Haase

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## Johnson City Rotary

The JC Rotary Club is selling poinsettias and wreaths to fund scholarships for JC high school seniors.

Colors: red, pink, white, red glitter (red with yellow spots).

Price: \$15/plant, \$25/18" wreath (24" wreath not available).

Orders are due by November 11th and delivery is early December. To order, contact any JC Rotary member, send us a message on our Facebook page, or email: [jcrotary4884@gmail.com](mailto:jcrotary4884@gmail.com).

- Sue Paredez

*(Please go to the end of this newsletter to see the colorful flyer.)*

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## Oneonta Rotary

### New Members and a Beautiful Highway

On October 15th, Oneonta Rotary members, family, and friends “geared up” to clean up a 1.5 mile stretch of County Route 48. As part of the Adopt a Highway project, the club picks up trash and debris on that section of road twice a year in the spring and the fall. This year, surrounded by spectacular fall foliage, the crew filled ten large bags with trash. Thank you to Scott Davis for coordinating the project and to Kathy Davis for providing the vitally important post pick-up snacks! (Crisp fall air and apple cider donuts—perfect.)



Oneonta Rotary was also pleased to induct four new members: Casey Pajerski, Mary Breuninger, Jean Kohler, and George Ost (not pictured). District Governor Rocky Martinez was in attendance to welcome several of the new members and to deliver Oneonta Rotary’s 2021-22 Rotary Citation.



- Lynne Sessions

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## Trumansburg Rotary

### Her 7th Paul Harris Fellow award!

Trumansburg Rotary’s own Cindy Kain was [recognized](#) by club President Tom Overbaugh at an October meeting. Doesn’t she look pleased! [*Indeed, she does!* Congratulations, Cindy! 🎉]



- Frank Zgola



# The Last Page . . . for reference

## Chat with the DG Track



Chat with the DG Track on the 5th of every —**this month, Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**—at 7:00 PM. This is an opportunity for any Rotarian in District 7170 to ask questions and talk with members of our District leadership.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81125472267?pwd=SzdRY2dMWnh6U0lqdjEzczBjN1hrZz09>

Meeting ID: 811 2547 2267

Passcode: 291360

## Getting club events on our District Calendar is easy!



**If your club uses ClubRunner:** While creating the event post for your club’s calendar, look toward the bottom of the page and you will see a radio button labeled ‘Show Event in District Calendar?’. Select ‘Yes’ to make your event visible on the District calendar! **If your club does not use ClubRunner:** Send an email with all the pertinent information to [7170Calendar@gmail.com](mailto:7170Calendar@gmail.com). Include title, date, times, location, costs, event description, and a point of contact. If a point of contact is not provided, the default will be the club president. It may be several days before this gets seen and posted, so please allow time.

## And remember Social Media!

Do you have a large collection of photos to share? Send an email to **Brian Steele** ([bzps@icloud.com](mailto:bzps@icloud.com)) to get them posted to the [D7170 website](#) and the [D7170 Facebook page](#) along with your story! Copy [7170newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:7170newsletter@gmail.com) on the message to have it cross-referenced in the newsletter.

## Submission and publication schedule – Mark your calendars!

Soft Deadline – Send content to <a href="mailto:7170newsletter@gmail.com">7170newsletter@gmail.com</a> by the 15 <sup>th</sup> of the month if possible.	Hard deadline – <u>By noon</u> on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> to last day of the month to allow time for final editing.	Publication!
Tuesday, November 15	Monday, November 28	Thursday, December 1, 2022
Thursday, December 15	Thursday, December 29	Sunday, January 1, 2023
Sunday, January 15	Sunday, January 29	Wednesday, February 1, 2023



Published newsletters can be found on the D7170 website on this path after being posted online:  
<https://rotarydistrict7170.org/> → District 7170 ▼ → District Newsletters ▼

## Are you a writer?

Do you like expressing yourself with the written word? *Did you attend or participate in a club or district event, face-to-face or virtually?* **TELL US ALL ABOUT IT!** Write up a report about it and send it to: [7170newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:7170newsletter@gmail.com)!

**Here’s what to include for a good story:** Who is involved/invited? What is the event/activity? When did/will it happen? Where did/will the event/activity take place? Why did/will it happen? How did it happen? Other details? Other people to contact?

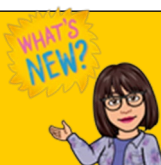
Remember to include **your name** and **your club** in the subject line! And attach **photos** if you got ‘em! 😊

MONTH	NEW ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME
July	Transition Month
August	Membership & Extension
September	Basic Education and Literacy
October	Economic and Community Development
<b>November</b>	<b>The Rotary Foundation</b>
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment
January	Vocational Service
February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth Service
June	Rotary Fellowships

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## Supplement: Flyers, Registration Forms, Reports, etc.

All Poinsettias come in a 6 ½" pot with decorative foil sleeve. Each plant will have a minimum of 5 Blooms. Available in 4 colors.



Poinsettia Red

### Handmade Fraser Fir Decorated Wreaths

Available in:  
12" ring size; actual size 18"  
16" ring size; actual size 24"



Poinsettia Pink



Poinsettia Red Glitter



Poinsettia White



# ***ENDWELL ROTARY AND M-EALS Pre-Election Day PANCAKE BREAKFAST***

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**Sunday, November 6, 2022 – 8 am to Noon**

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**ATRIO**

**409 HOOPER ROAD, Endwell New York  
ENDWELL FAMILY PHYSICIANS' PLAZA**

**COST \$10.00, Children under 5 - free  
50/50 RAFFLE to Support Band Organ**

**Coverage by Bill Flynn On News Radio WNBF**

**Maine-Endwell Key Club will help serve the breakfast  
The 1916 Wurlitzer Organ Purchased for Highland Park Carousel  
will be on display at Atrio**

# THE ROTARY FAMILY'S ROLE

IN ENDING PLASTIC  
WASTE

A recommendation from the  
Plastic Solutions Task Force

**NOV 14, 2022**

11 AM CST (5PM UTC) &  
08 PM CST (02 AM UTC ON THE 15TH)



[Click here](#) to see upcoming events and add them to your calendar.

# Ukrainian Relief Benefit Concert

**Rotary**  
District 7170



**Saturday November 19**  
**4:00pm • Phelps Mansion**  
**191 Court Street Binghamton, NY**

Rotary District 7170 is proud to present world-renowned pianist and composer Emmanuel Sikora in a uniquely intimate performance setting. Experience beautiful music and bid on wonderful works of art from Emmanuel's brother Robert Sikora at this one-time fundraising event that is not to be missed!

**Tickets are just \$20.00 (service charges apply).**  
**All proceeds benefit Ukrainian Relief.**  
**For tickets call Phelps Mansion at (607) 722-4873 or**  
**visit [www.phelpsmansion.org](http://www.phelpsmansion.org)**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

October 12, 2022

NEWS CONTACT: Sherrie Negrea  
[sherrie@versatilewriting.com](mailto:sherrie@versatilewriting.com)



**ROTARY CLUB OF ITHACA ANNOUNCES 2022 GRANT AWARDEES**

***Community grants program funds 15 worthy local causes***

Ithaca, New York – The Rotary Club of Ithaca has awarded nearly \$15,000 in grants to 15 community nonprofits, more than tripling the amount of funding the club donated in the program ten years ago.

Projects that received grants include recreating a mural of the Underground Railroad beneath the Green Street bridge, teaching homeschooled youth the art of magic and training disabled residents to work with animals at local farms and veterinarians.

“It is clear that there is a great need in our area and through these Rotary grants, organizations can improve the quality of life for the people in the community they serve,” said Robert Gravani, a Rotary member who cochaired the project.

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The annual program provides grants of up to \$1,000 to community organizations evaluated by a six-member committee. The agencies that were selected to receive funding were honored at a presentation at the Rotary Club on October 5.

**The 2022 grant recipients are:**

**Alcohol and Drug Council of Tompkins County - \$995**

Purchase 1,000 fentanyl test strips

**Catholic Charities - \$1,000**

Purchase new shoes for 30 school children

**Civic Ensemble - \$1,000**

Partner with the Sciencenter to host a theatre residency

**Communitas ALC - \$1,000**

Supplies for the youth Tompkins Magical Arts Collective

**Downtown Ithaca Children’s Center - \$793**

Building improvements for a safe, welcoming space

**Family Reading Partnership - \$1,000**

Purchase children’s books for the new family space and the Bright Red Bookshelves

**Finger Lakes Independence Center - \$1,000**

Modular aluminum ramp for the home of an individual with a disability

**Habitat for Humanity - \$1,000**

Purchase ladders, saw and work platforms to safely equip job sites

**Hospicare & Palliative Care Services of TC - \$1,000**

Create a Food Wishes Fund

**Ithaca Murals and Southside Community Center - \$1,000**

Support black artists to reawaken the Underground Railroad mural on Green St.

**Mental Health Association of Tompkins County - \$1,000**

Purchase a Meeting Owl (virtual meeting technology)

**Southworth Library Association - \$725**

Lunch and Learn workshop series at the Library

**Stablework Corporation - \$1,000**

Purchase materials to train residents in animal care and to create products to sell at the Ithaca Farmers Market.

**Sustainable Finger Lakes, Inc. - \$995**

Purchase a video camera, tripod and editing software

**Varna Community Association, Inc. - \$1,000**

Create and install signage for a new trail system

Ithaca Rotary's community grants are intended to promote the quality of life in Tompkins County and the greater Ithaca area. These grants support organizations in the community that have special projects or needs which are not funded by general funding sources.

Contributions to Rotary's Community Grants program are gratefully accepted at any time. Donation checks may be made payable to Ithaca Rotary Club and mailed to P.O. Box 306, Ithaca, NY 14851. Please note "Community grants" on the memo line.

Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self." Membership to the Ithaca Rotary Club is open to all community members who share in this belief; new members are accepted year-round.

Ithaca Rotary gathers every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. for luncheon meetings at the Community Center at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Community Corners off Hanshaw Road.

The public is welcome to learn more about Rotary at its upcoming visitors day meeting on Nov. 9. For more information, please visit the club's website at <https://ithacarotary.com/>

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For more information about the community grants program, please contact Kelly Buck at [kdbuck@unityhouse.com](mailto:kdbuck@unityhouse.com).

## **Note from Neil Snyder, DG for District 6960**

Good afternoon fellow Rotarians. I truly hope today is a better day than yesterday and tomorrow will be better than today. I am proudly forwarding the following message on behalf of the District 6960 Disaster Relief Committee. As you have seen, the communities in our district sustained catastrophic damage in the wake of Hurricane Ian. I am thankful that D6960 has a district Relief Committee who, in conjunction with too many Rotarians to list, hit the ground running with conference calls twice daily, at 7:45 am and 5:00 pm, which started last Monday September 26, 2022. These calls will continue for the foreseeable future. Our obvious challenges have been the lack of electrical service, cell service and internet service. The stages of our efforts are as follows:

### **Stage 1: Saturday September 24, 2022:**

- a. Disaster Preparedness Committee Zoom meeting to discuss the changing path of Hurricane Ian
- b. Follow-up meeting with district leadership

### **Stage 2: Monday September 26, 2022- Tuesday September 27, 2022:**

- a. monitored changes in the path of Hurricane Ian that put D6960 at the center of the anticipated Hurricane Ian
- b. moved all of the District's Disaster Relief Trailers out of harm's way
- c. put a plan into place to reach out to members and assess needs
- d. built a web page for needs assessments and donations on [RotaryFL.org](https://RotaryFL.org).

### **Stage 3: Wednesday September 28, 2022-Thursday September 29, 2022:**

- a. went live with a web page for needs assessments and donations on [RotaryFL.org](https://RotaryFL.org).
- b. addressed 400 attendees at the Zone 33/34 Impact Summit in Baltimore comprising all district leaders for the 31 districts in Zones 33/34, zone leaders as well as RI leadership. Made a plea for monetary and supplies assistance for D6960's relief effort with a very positive response
- c. started reaching out to members to assess Rotarians' needs as well as needs in our communities
- d. continued fundraising efforts

### **Stage 4: Friday September 30, 2022 to the Present Day:**

- a. start deployment of disaster relief trailers
- b. continued reaching out to members to assess Rotarians' needs as well as needs in our communities
- c. started creating partnerships and continued partnerships for disaster relief efforts
- d. made available district funds to start funding relief efforts, applied for District Disaster Relief grants in partnership with other districts to maximize our fundraising as well as relief through RI.

**Accomplishments: organized and established eight disaster relief sites throughout the district, two of which are being used by FEMA as relief sites:**

#### **Main Distribution Hub - Estero**

Ocean Church - semi capability  
22100 S Tamiami Trail Estero, FL 33928

#### **Fort Myers**

Heights Foundation  
15570 Hagie Dr, Fort Myers, FL 33908

#### **Next Level Church - semi capability**

12400 Plantation Rd Fort Myers FL 33966

#### **Cape Coral**



Ocean Church  
2016 Kismet Parkway E Cape Coral, FL 33909

### **Naples**

Grow Church  
15300 N Tamiami Trail Naples, FL 34110

### **Englewood**

Lemon Bay Plaza - semi capability  
1851 Englewood Rd Englewood, FL

### **Medical specialty - FEMA triage center**

9600 Gulf Stream Blvd  
Englewood FL 34224

### **Punta Gorda**

3941 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

### **Partnerships established/continued:**

Police and Fire Departments throughout the District  
Coast Guard  
Disaster AID USA  
FEMA  
Home Depot  
Walmart  
Keller Williams  
Crisis Cleanup  
CVS  
Next Level Church  
Heights Foundation  
Grow Church  
Volunteer Florida, which is comprised of 200 volunteer organizations  
North American Lutheran Church  
Cajun Navy  
World Hope International  
Friends of Disabled Adults and Children

### **Aid Provided:**

- established our Englewood and Estero relief sites as FEMA medical triage site
- working on a donation grant from Home Depot for so many urgent supplies
- 6,000 hot meals distributed through Meals of Hope
- 100 air mattresses and sleeping bags distributed to first responders
- 20 ounce water purification bottles
- 7 semi-trucks and 17 trailers of supplies
- one semi-trailer with supplies from D6990
- one semi-trailer with PPE supplies from D6990
- trailers from Districts 6930 and D6950
- 10 pallets of water
- countless cleaning supply buckets

- our disaster relief trailers are providing sanitation facilities, clean water filtration, supply distribution and equipment for disaster cleanup
- desalination trailer
- 500 generators donated by Keller Williams
- two trucks of supplies from North American Lutheran Church
- medical team enroute from Louisiana
- two pallets of collapsible water containers from World Hope International

We will keep you updated as we go. If you need assistance or can offer assistance, please let us know via [RotaryFL.org](http://RotaryFL.org). As Rotarians, we are in this together and will get through this together.

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,

Neil E. Snyder on behalf of the District Disaster Relief Committee

**District Governor, RI District 6960 (2022-2023)**  
**Assistant Governor Area 1, RI District 6960 (2018-2019)**  
**President, Rotary Club of Marco Island Sunrise (2016-2017)**  
**Cell: 239-398-6886**

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*Do you see what I see?* 😊

Screen shot, 13 minutes into the movie *One Royal Holiday* broadcasted on the Hallmark Channel October 1, 2022.

