



**2015-2016
Report to the
Nashville Rotary Membership**

Theresa Carl, President

CLUB OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

President	Theresa Carl
VP/President Elect	Janet Miller
Secretary/Treasurer	Harry Allen
Sergeant-At-Arms	Bob Stokes
Immediate Past President	Laquita Stribling
NRST Community Investment Chair	Joanne Pulles

Directors

Mark McNeely	Richard Exton	Tammy Boehms
Ronald Roberts	Todd Henry	Christine Bradley
Clay Stauffer	Betty Price	Tony Heard
Evette White	Deborah Varallo	Kem Hinton

MEMBERSHIP – Kem Hinton, Liaison

Membership, Meredith Libbey / Veronica Marable Johnson, Chairs

--Identified, vetted and recruited 66 new members. The club lost 5 members by death and 50 members by resignation; for a net gain of 11 members.

--Current membership is 566 including 539 active and 27 honorary members with an average age of 56.

New Member Orientation, Beth Jones / William Liles, Chairs

--Hosted four orientation sessions for new members at the homes of Past Presidents Margaret Dolan, Greg Bailey, Lady Bird, and Susan Huggins.

Rotarians 45 & Under, Mary Beth Ikard / Whitney Weeks, Chairs

--Identified and recruited new members in the "45 & Under" focus group. **24 Rotarians** were added in this category.

FELLOWSHIP – Tony Heard, Liaison

Programs, Phil Corwin / Tari Hughes, Chairs

--Secured interesting, informative, and diverse speakers for 44 Rotary meetings, including Governor Bill Haslam, Panel with Mayoral Candidates Megan Barry & David Fox, Joe Calloway, MG Volesky, and Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak. **16 Rotarians** served on the program committee.

Reserved for Rotary, Charles Sueing, Chair

--An event was held in May 2015 at Frist Center for Visual Arts. **65 Rotarians and guests** attended.

Rotary after Hours, Shane Douglas / Lauren Lane, Chairs

--Five events were held at local venues, Amari, The Standard, The Pub, Double Dogs and Corsair, giving Rotarians an opportunity to visit in an informal setting. Average of **40 Rotarians and guests** attended these events.

7th Annual St. Patrick's Day after Rotary

--**Past President Chuck Dunn** one again hosted members for a "wee pint of Guinness" after Rotary for a toast. **36 members attended.**

DISTRICT

District 6760 Conference



--**5 members** attended the annual conference held in June 2016. Past President Laquita Stribling was elected District Governor Nominee Designate." The Club received the Outstanding Achievement in Community Service award, the Gold level President's Citation, and the Rotaract Club at Fisk University received the President's Citation.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION – Christine Bradley, Liaison

Every Rotarian Every Year – Bob Stokes, Chair



--**144 members** supported the Every Rotarian Every Year program. Total Club contributions exceeded \$38,000. **4 Rotarians** became Paul Harris Fellows, 3 became Paul Harris Fellows +1, 1 became a Paul Harris Fellows +6, and 2 members became Paul Harris Society members.

COMMUNICATION – Ronald Roberts, Liaison

Public Relations, Joyce Vise, Chair

--Provided articles to various publications on behalf of the Rotary Club and made follow-up phone calls to encourage publication.

Photography, Terry Clements, Chair / Deb Varallo, Chairs

--Thanks to their tireless efforts the Club maintains a photo journal documenting club activities and projects throughout the year.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Nominating Committee, Laquita Stribling, Chair

--Worked with committee to identify 10 Rotarians qualified for nomination to the Board of Directors.

Treasurer, Harry Allen / Budget Committee, Chuck Lassing, Chair

--Prepared a budget and monitored the financial activities for both the Rotary Club and the Nashville Rotary Service Trust.

--Annual financial review of the Rotary Club and the Nashville Rotary Service Trust completed by the accounting firm of Frasier, Dean and Howard, PLLC.

Past Presidents Luncheon

--26 Rotarians who have served as President of our Club enjoyed the annual Past Presidents luncheon at Hillwood Country Club.

Rotary International Convention

--President Theresa Carl attended the RI Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil in spring 2015 and President Elect Janet Miller attended the RI Convention in Seoul, Korea in spring, 2016.

Rotary Large Club Conference

--President Elect Janet Miller attended the Rotary Large Club Conference in Milwaukee, WI in fall, 2015.

--The Rotary Club of Nashville was chosen to host the Rotary Large Club Conference in January, 2017. Past Presidents Greg Bailey and Susan Huggins are chairing that committee.

NASHVILLE ROTARY SERVICE TRUST

NRST Annual Footprint Fund – Rotarians once again supported the community efforts of our Rotary Club with their support of the NRST Footprint Fund. 87% of members participated we total commitments of \$212,500.

NRST Investment Committee - Mark Lincoln, Chair

--**5 Rotarians** met twice to monitor investment policies and guidelines with Regions Bank to manage the investment fund of over \$1,600,000 for maximum return.

NRST Community Investment Committee – Joanne Pulles, Chair

--A new committee structure was put in place with a Rotarian serving as Coordinator for each of the three focus areas. Laura Creekmore – hunger/nutrition; Rich Rhoda – literacy/education; and Phil Ryan – housing/community enhancement.

--The committee received and evaluated 39 grant applications with a goal of selecting one signature grant of up to \$100,000 and three to five smaller grants to optimize our local impact and embrace the diversity of our community through larger and more strategic community investments with a goal of investing up to \$250k annually.

--The committee recommended and the Board approved \$200,000 in grants to support five organizations in our three focus areas: Nutrition/Hunger, Literacy/Education, and Housing/Community Building; \$13,500 for support of three international projects; and \$2,500 be held in reserve to allow responsiveness to additional opportunities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Evette White, Liaison

2015-16 Community Service Initiatives – Joanne Pulles, Chair

This Rotary year, the Club continued to focus community service efforts in the areas of hunger/nutrition, education/literacy, and housing/community building.

HUNGER / NUTRITION GRANTS

\$12,500 - NUTRITION FOR KIDS - SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Funds provide nutritious, easy-to-eat meals for students identified as being nutritionally deprived during weekends and holidays when food resources may not be available. 20-25 Rotarians meet monthly during the academic year to back the food bags which are delivered to an elementary school.



\$42,500 - FEED THE NEED - SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Funds provide enough food for meals for one week to 1,500 families/individuals in the Watkins park community. More than 300 Rotary volunteers participated in this service initiative. Now in our 15th year, this is our Club's Signature project. Once again **Rotarian Steve Richards, Richards & Richards** donated the boxes for our delivery. During the first day event, we sorted 19,376 pounds of donated food, packed 3,296 tray meals, made 1,843 sandwiches for Kid's Café program, and bagged 2,833 - 5lb. bags of potatoes; all of which is used in the emergency food box program for distribution to needy families.



\$20,000 NASHVILLE FOOD PROJECT

Funds provide for emergency response meal delivery to several communities in Nashville. Rotarians volunteered at the Center to prepare the garden for planting and prepping vegetables for meals.



LITERACY / EDUCATION GRANTS

\$10,000 - IMAGINATION LIBRARY - GOVERNOR'S BOOKS FROM BIRTH FOUNDATION

This grant provided funding to provide free books to children from birth to age 5. Additionally, program registration information was included in the 1,200 holiday food boxes distributed to families in the Watkins Park community.

\$10,000 - READING IS FUNDAMENTAL- BOOK'EM

58 Rotarians volunteered as classroom readers spending a minimum of 5, 1-hour sessions reading to classrooms. At the end of each reading session, every child in the classroom receives a book.



\$20,000 – PUPPET TRUCK - NASHVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

This grant provides funds for the preschool literacy initiative that emphasizes the importance of developing literacy skills by educating teachers, preschoolers, and parents utilizing the Puppet Truck program. The sponsorship for the Puppet Truck will be displayed on the outside of the truck that goes to schools and civic centers throughout the community.

\$5,000 - STUDENT LED CONFERENCE VISITS - LEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Funds provides students at LEAD Public Schools, an opportunity to meet informally with Rotarians to discuss academic achievements and options for continuing their education. In 2016, for the 2nd year, LEAD Public Schools celebrated 100% college placement among the graduating class.



\$10,000 - FAMILY LITERACY CENTER - YWCA

Located at Grace M. Eaton Center, the Center includes childhood education, adult literacy, parenting education, and interactive parent-child learning time. More than 45% of female-headed households live in poverty in Davidson County, low family income and a mother's lack of education are the greatest risk factors to a child's early learning and development.

\$1,000 - ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ROTARY DISTRICT 6760

The Club endorsed applications of two students from LEAD Public School for Rotary's leadership training program for young people between 14-18 years of age. The students participate in a 5-day program of outdoor activities, leadership training events, seminars, etc.



HOUSING/COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANT

\$7,500 - HABITAT HOUSE - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

In co-sponsorships with other groups, the funds helped to purchase construction materials to build a one-story, three bedroom home for a qualifying family in The Woods subdivision in Northern Davidson County. 25 Rotarians participated in the build day designated for Rotary members. Additionally, the Club contributed \$400 for the purchase of a washer and dryer as a house-warming gift for the family.



INTERNATIONAL PROJECT GRANTS

\$3,500 - THE HOPE OF HEARING - UNITED METHODIST MEN

Funds help to fund audio logical diagnostics, hearing aids, batteries, ear molds and educational assistance to children in Haiti. Rotarian Gil Hanke, a speech-language pathologist, has made 24 visits to the island nation since 1989.



\$3,500 - MALI MEDICAL SUPPLY SHIPMENT - PROJECT C.U.R.E

Provided shipping of 2-40ft containers of medical equipment to hospitals in Mali, in partnership with other Rotary Clubs and churches. Rotarian Raymond White, since 2008, has made 19 trips to 11 countries and sent 48 shipments of supplies worth about \$18 million.



\$3,500 - H.E.A.R.T - HAITI EDUCATION AND RESOURCE TEAM

This was a collaboration with the Rotary Club of Mid-Town Atlanta; a club that has an established, on-going project in L'Ecole Mixtec des Sibert (Co-Ed School of the Eagles), Croix des Bouquest, Haiti. The grant provided funding for desks, chairs, and tables in student classrooms and for trees. Rotarian Phil Corwin has been involved in this initiative since inception and last fall traveled to Haiti to assist in the furniture installation.



\$7,500 – PERU WATER PROJECT - LIVING WATERS OF THE WORLD

This project included installing a clean water system in the Asociacion Iglesia Evangelica Presbiteriana de Moyobamba, our partner church in Moyobamba, Peru, in November. In addition to the congregation of about 400, clean water is being supplied for daily use to the 275 students at Annie Sopper School.

