



2016-17 Report to the Membership

Janet Miller, President
"ENGAGE IN ROTARY"

CLUB OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

President	Janet Miller
VP/President Elect	Evette White
Secretary/Treasurer	Chuck Lassing
Sergeant-At-Arms	Tari Hughes
Immediate Past President	Theresa Carl
NRST Community Investment Chair	Joanne Pulles

DIRECTORS

Richard Exton	Tammy Boehms	Harry Allen
Todd Henry	Christine Bradley	Lauren Lane
Betty Price	Tony Heard	William Liles
Deborah Varallo	Kem Hinton	Ronald Roberts



MEMBERSHIP – Betty Price, Liaison

Membership Recruitment, Tari Hughes / Kevin Roddey / Byron Fort / Caroline Mullin, Chairs

--The committee recruited **69 new members** with 24 of them being in the 45 and under category. The Club lost 4 members by death and 42 members resigned; for a net gain of 23 members.

--Current membership is 584 including 558 active and 26 honorary members. Our average member age is 54.

Member Engagement, Meredith Libbey / Debra Grimes, Chairs

--**12 members** served on the committee and implemented a process for engaging new members. An exit survey was initiated to determine level of club satisfaction when members leave.

New Member Orientation, Shane Douglas/ Ruthie Huggins, Chairs

--Hosted five sessions at the homes of President Janet Miller, Past Presidents Greg Bailey, Lady Bird, and Susan Huggins, and Board member Richard Exton. **8 Rotarians** served on the committee. **58 new Rotarians** attended orientation.



FELLOWSHIP – Kem Hinton, Liaison

Programs, Kate Ezell / Nicole Maynard, Chairs

--Secured speakers for 41 meetings, including Governor Bill Haslam, Mayor Megan Barry and Author/Humorist Julia Reed. **32 Rotarians** served on the program committee.

Rotary after Hours, Mitch Ballard / Todd Henry, Chairs



--Four events were held at local venues giving Rotarians an opportunity to network in an informal setting. Average of **35 Rotarians and guests** attended these events.

7th Annual St. Patrick's Day after Rotary

--**Past President Chuck Dunn** once again hosted members for a "wee pint of Guinness" after Rotary. **34 members attended.**

Past Presidents Annual Luncheon

--**24 Past Presidents** attended the annual luncheon at Hillwood Country Club. President Janet Miller gave a recap of her year, President Elect Evette White shared her vision for the upcoming year, and Past President and District Governor Elect Laquita Stribling shared her goals for District 6760.



DISTRICT 6760 / ROTARY INTERNATIONAL – Tony Heard, Liaison

6760 Conference - 4 members attended conference in Chattanooga, TN. The Club received two awards, including **Best Membership Net Increase** and **Literacy Award** for our **Book'em, Reading is Fundamental** project.

ROTARY INT'L FOUNDATION GRANTS, Reggie Mudd, Chair

Managed the application propose at the District level for one study abroad applicant and two global matching grants.

Every Rotarian Every Year

343 members are EREY/Sustaining Members of the Rotary International Foundation. In 2016-17, total Club contributions exceeded \$43,440. **4 Rotarians** became Paul Harris Fellows as their total contribution reached \$1,000 or more.

COMMUNICATION – Lauren Lane Payne, Liaison

Public Relations, Joyce Vise, Chair

--Submitted media releases and follow-up phone calls to promote club events. Several speakers and events were covered by print and news media, including Feed the Need and Governor Haslam's State of the State address.

Social Media, Veronica Marable-Johnson, Chair

--Worked with the communications committee to initiate a plan for internal and external communication. She also began posting meeting and event highlights on social media and the Club website.

Photography, Terry Clements, Chair / Deb Varallo, Chairs

--Thanks to their tireless efforts, the Club's activities and meetings were captured throughout the year by camera.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Nominating Committee, Theresa Carl, Chair

--The committee identified 10 Rotarians for nomination to the Board of Directors. Richard Exton, Todd Henry, Meredith Libbey and Joanne Pulles were elected to 3-year terms on the Board.

Treasurer, Chuck Lassing / Budget Comm., Bob Stokes, Chair

--The treasurer and finance committee 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 was completed by the accounting firm of Frasier, Dean and Howard, PLLC.

NRST Investment Committee - Mark Lincoln, Chair

--**6 Rotarians** participated in meetings with Investment Fund Managers at Regions Bank to monitor investment policies and guidelines. The Fund has a current corpus of over \$1,600,000.

Membership Survey – Berje Yacoubian, Chair

--Developed and completed a survey of the membership with results showing nearly 100% member satisfaction.

GIVING AND SERVICE NASHVILLE ROTARY SERVICE TRUST

NRST Community Investment Committee – Joanne Pulles, Chair

3 Rotarians continued as coordinators for each of our focus areas. Additional **6 Rotarians** served on the committee to evaluate grant applications and recommend to the Board, funding and volunteer support for our community service initiatives.

Local investment totaling \$200,000 for the 2016-17:

- **Conexion** - \$100,000: Capital grant to fund a splash pad at Casa Azafrán Park that will include our Rotary logo in the design.
- **Second Harvest Food Bank** - \$ 55,000: Funding for Feed the Need and Backpack programs. The Backpacks volunteer room will receive signage recognizing our Club.
- **LEAD Academy** - \$ 25,000: Support for two mentor lunches, college day trips and an online career discovery program.
- **YWCA** - \$ 15,000: Support for Family Literacy Program located at Grace M. Eaton Childcare Center.
- **Book'em** - \$ 5,000: Support for purchase of books for the Reading is Fundamental program in Metro Nashville Public Schools.

International investment totaling \$13,500 for the 2016-17:

- **Haiti Education and Resource Team** - \$ 5,000: Support for literacy/education program in Haiti
- **Hope of Hearing** – \$ 3,500: Support for audiology testing in Haiti
- **Project C.U.R.E.** – \$ 5,000: Support for shipment of medical supplies to Mali.

COMMUNITY SERVICE – Richard Exton, Liaison

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



Paul Kleine-Kracht / John Halsell, Chairs
Funds to provide two boxes of food for each of our 1,700 recipients in the Watkins park community. In our 15th year of this service project, more than **300 Rotarians and their families** participated in this 3-day service project.

From the start

of this project, every year, **Rotarian Steve Richards**, Richards & Richards Office Records Management, has donated the boxes for Feed the Need. In 2016-17, 3,400 boxes were given.



\$12,500 - SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK, “Backpacks”, David Komar / Lydia Lenker, Chairs



Funds to provide easy-to-eat meals for nutritionally at risk elementary children. **20-25 Rotarians** met each month and packed the foods in bags for delivery to a Metro Nashville Public School.

\$5,000 - BOOK'EM, Jessica Averbuch, Chair

58 Rotarians read to elementary classrooms and at each visit, gave new books to each student. Rotarians visited their classroom 5 times during the school year, and each visit lasted nearly an hour.

\$800 - ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, Cory Brooks, Chair

The Club sponsored two students from LEAD Academy to RYLA, Rotary's leadership program for young adults. Students took part in a 5-day curriculum of outdoor activities and training events.

\$25,000 - LEAD ACADEMY – Mentor Luncheons, Pam Koban, Chair



30-35 Rotarian “mentors” participated in each of two lunches and provided insight for student's education and career goals.

ROTARACT CLUB AT FISK UNIVERSITY, Laura Ward / Dodd St. Louis, Chairs

The Fisk Rotaract Club continued to grow with 20-25 students attending monthly meetings. Among their community service initiatives, members volunteered for the SHFB Backpack project; held a raffle with funds supporting the End Polio Now effort, and a Cut for a Cause project supporting Thistle Farms.



\$5,000 - PROJECT C.U.R.E



9 Rotarians volunteered at the Project C.U.R.E. warehouse in Nashville sorting medical supplies and packing a container for shipment.

NASHVILLE ROTARY SERVICE TRUST ANNUAL FOOTPRINT FUND - Margaret Behm / David Fox, Chairs

Rotarians supported our community efforts with their contributions to the NRST Annual Footprint Fund. Just over \$155,000 was donated to fund service projects for the 2017-18 Rotary year.



2017 Rotary International Convention, Atlanta, GA



12 Club members and their guests attended. The highlight of the conference was an update on the End Polio Now

effort with keynote speaker, Bill Gates of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Rotary Large Club Conference,

Past Presidents Greg Bailey and Susan Huggins, Chairs



The Club hosted the annual Rotary Large Club Conference for Executive Directors in January, 2017.

Meeting logistics and contracts were coordinated by Elaine Wells. Liz Allen-Fey, Debra Fish, and Linda Schacht developed and facilitated

break-out session programs.

Over **40 Rotarians** volunteered their time to coordinate and management this event. Special appreciation is given to the **18 Rotarians** who financially sponsored the Conference. 140 Rotary Executive Directors, President Elects and President Elect Nominees from across the country attended.

