

Midland Rotary News

Founded in 1920 by 26 charter members on a mission to make lasting change September 2022



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



By Jon Lauderbach

Happy September, Rotarians! I hope you are all settling back into the routine that comes with the end of summer and Labor Day weekend.

For many of us, the school year is back in full swing. Perhaps not coincidentally, September is also Rotary International's Basic Education and Literacy Month. Among the many goals of Rotary International is to "strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy." Rotary members around the world are making amazing things happen. Stay tuned for exciting things happening in education and literacy right here in our own backyard, too.

For our club, September will be packed with interesting and educational programs. We will: learn about the City of Midland's Footing Drain Disconnect Program; learn about wellbeing program from our County Administrator-Controller; learn more about Kate Hessling; learn about investment research from an expert in the field; and learn about the Gateway Healthcare Clinic serving the uninsured or underinsured population here in Midland. And by the time you get this, the college football season – and hence our weekly football pool – will be in full swing.

As always, thank you to each and every one of you for all you do for our club and our community. Make it a great month!

Jon



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Official logos/Rotary Global Rewards:

<http://midlandrotaryclub.org>

Club Website

<https://www.midlandrotaryclub.org>

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sept. 1

Midland Footing
Drain Disconnect
Program

Sept. 8

Wellbeing through
Communication and
Connection FULL
program

Sept. 15

Kate Hessling

Sept. 22

Greenleaf Trust
Research Group

Update

Sept. 29

TBA

“Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.”

Paul Harris, Rotary Founder

Our membership goal: 200

YOU CAN EASILY VIEW NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS ONLINE BY FOLLOWING THE EASY STEPS BELOW!

Rotary Engagement Via E-Resources

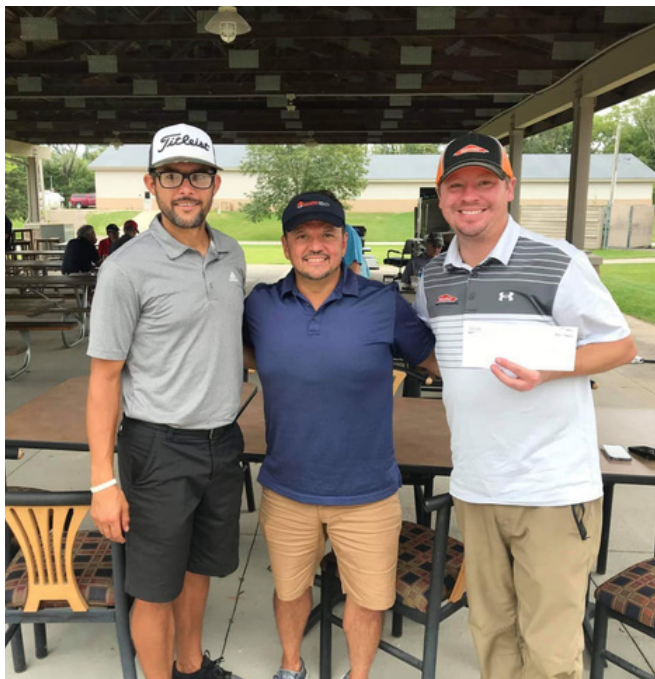
Midland Rotary Club's Website: <http://midlandrotaryclub.org>

From our Club's website, you have two options:

1. My Rotary (RI): Click for access to tools, information, and resources OR to make online donations.
2. DACdb: Click on Member Login, <https://www.dacdb.com>, Login, My CLUB Shortcuts, Club Members icon to see our Club Officers, members' contact information, your profile, and your Club membership.

To view New Member Applications:

- Follow the DACdb steps above and click on Club Files instead of Club Members icon
- Click on Secure Files and scroll down to see apps.
- Click on Nomination Forms



24th Annual Rotary Golf Outing set for Sept. 28

The Morning and Noon Rotary Clubs of Midland are hosting our annual golf outing on Sept. 28 at Currie Golf Course. Proceeds will benefit local community programs supported by our Rotary Clubs. It is a traditional 4 ball scramble. Registration will take place from 8 to 9 a.m., with a shotgun start at 9. A taco bar and awards ceremony will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. To register a team (golf and lunch costs \$100/person), email Stephanie Davis at sdavis@gmcam.org by Sept. 23. For sponsorship opportunities, email Stephanie by Sept. 21. To reach Stephanie by phone, call (989) 225-4674.



We're social!

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Twitter: @NoonRotary



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Meet our newest members!

June & July



Abby Rainey

Sponsored by Matt Laming
Therapist at ShelterHouse



Dave Sovereign

Sponsored by Gerald Lee Wasserman
President, Mercury Telecom



Adam Heinrich

Sponsored by Dave Kepler
Program Director, Four Lakes
Task Force



Jayme LaRose

Sponsored by Sam Mackenzie
Branch Manager, Members First
Credit Union

Rotary statement on recent polio detections in US, Europe

The recent detection of the vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 case in New York, USA, and isolates in several environmental samples collected in London are stark reminders that as long as polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere. It also highlights the importance of vaccination as the only form of protection against polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases and the work that needs to be done in our communities to encourage the uptake of vaccines. Also, as the world gets closer to zero wild poliovirus cases, it is increasingly important to track all forms of the virus wherever they may appear, including in polio-free regions.

The U.S. is still considered low risk for paralytic outbreaks of polio due to the high level of vaccine coverage across the population. If a child has received the entire course of vaccines, the risk of becoming paralyzed by polio is negligible. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 92.6% of children aged 24 months are fully vaccinated against polio, slightly below the 95% World Health Organization target.

The best things countries can do to protect themselves from polio until the disease is eradicated from the world are to: maintain high vaccination coverage and robust disease surveillance and be ready to respond in the event of an outbreak to minimize the risk and consequences of polio re-introduction or re-emergence anywhere.

The world currently has a unique opportunity to stop virus transmission for good. Still, all parties, including donors and country governments, must re-commit to polio eradication by fully supporting the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) 2022-2026 strategy. This focuses on adopting an emergency posture while generating greater accountability and ownership from country governments to eradicate wild polio and end variant poliovirus (cVDPV) outbreaks.

Rotary, a global service organization with over 1.4 million members, has been at the center of the worldwide effort to eradicate polio for over three decades. Every year, through our funding partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary commits \$150 million to the global effort to eradicate polio. We have contributed more than \$2.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to end polio forever. Together with our partners, we engage communities everywhere to encourage high vaccination rates, immunizing over 400 million children annually. More than 20 million people are walking today who otherwise would have been paralyzed because of our efforts and those of our partners in the GPEI.

The time for urgent action is now. A new vaccine has been deployed – novel oral polio vaccine 2 (nOPV2) – which is more genetically stable to stop outbreaks of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus effectively. With sustained political and financial commitments, the GPEI is confident that we can achieve a world in which no child is paralyzed by polio again.

Rotarians at 2022 River Days



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Affirming Inquiry

By Sharon Mortensen



With Rotary International embracing diversity as one of our core values, how can we encourage members to learn about those who may be quite different from them? One skill to that allows us to learn about others in a respectful, intentional manner is that of affirming inquiry.

This skill allows us to lean into Rotary’s commitment of “treating everyone with dignity and respect, allowing everyone’s voice to be heard, and providing equitable opportunities for fellowship, service, and leadership.”

Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to participate in a Community Conversations program. The information on affirming inquiry was shared at that program.

It has caused me to pause and then more thoughtfully engage in conversations.

So let’s get started looking at this skill. The chart below shows three different approaches to inquiry: interrogation, curiosity and affirming inquiry. The skill we want to develop is affirming inquiry. This goes beyond curiosity to be a mutual sharing of experiences with an openness on the part of each individual to share. The attitude in affirming inquiry is openness, humility, and reciprocity. Through this process we are endeavoring to build affirmation, value, and mutual respect. As you read through the chart below, notice the differences in each approach.

	<i>Interrogation</i>	<i>Curiosity</i>	<i>Affirming Inquiry</i>
Goal of the inquiry	Seeking “proof” or facts supporting discordant experiences/narratives to the inquirer	Seeking explanation or insight into the experiences/narratives unfamiliar to the inquirer	Participating in the mutual exploration of experiences/narratives by sharing and invitation to share
Inquirer’s attitude	Doubt, suspicion, skepticism close-mindedness	Naivety, assumed normalcy, unexamined privilege	Openness, humility, reciprocity
Potential reaction/feelings of the subject of inquiry	Defensiveness, anger, mistrustful, rejection, isolated	Tokenized, “othered”, commoditized, exploited or used	Mattering, engaged, affirmed, valued, respected

Inquiry

Source: Excerpts from *Situated Design of AI: Modeling our Understanding of Artful Practices*, Danielle Zandee and Hans Vermaak (2012). Adapted from the Program on Intergroup Relations.

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To engage in affirming inquiry, here are four aspects to consider. (From Situated Design of AI: Modeling our Understanding of Artful Practices , Danielle Zandee and Hans Vermaak (2012). (Adapted from the Program on Intergroup Relations.)

1. Mutual vulnerability — begin the inquiry by sharing ones’ own experience or lack of experience. Demonstrate that there will be similar levels of vulnerability and “feeling exposed.”
2. Mutual contribution — demonstrate commitment to engage and contribute to the dialogue and to the learning environment. This may mean sharing ones’ confusion, uncertainty and/or inexperience and what it means. It is important that all participants are challenged to give as much as they take from the dialogue experience. These contributions go beyond individual narrative sharing to grappling with complex social issues, surfacing, and confronting conflict (in its many forms) and seeking solutions and positive transformation.
3. The inquirer’s need or desire “to know” must be subjugated to the subject of inquiry’s agency to decide to engage or answer. Respect and prioritize the subject of the inquiry’s agency to decide if they will engage or address your inquiry and the extent of their sharing.
4. The affirming process begins with an invitation to share (mutually) and continues through an expression of appreciation, affirmation and/or gratitude.

As Rotarians, we join with others in our community and our world to engage in service and meaningful change. Using the skill of affirming inquiry can help us more effectively engage with our fellow Rotarians and community members as we work to be people of action making an impact in our corner of the world.

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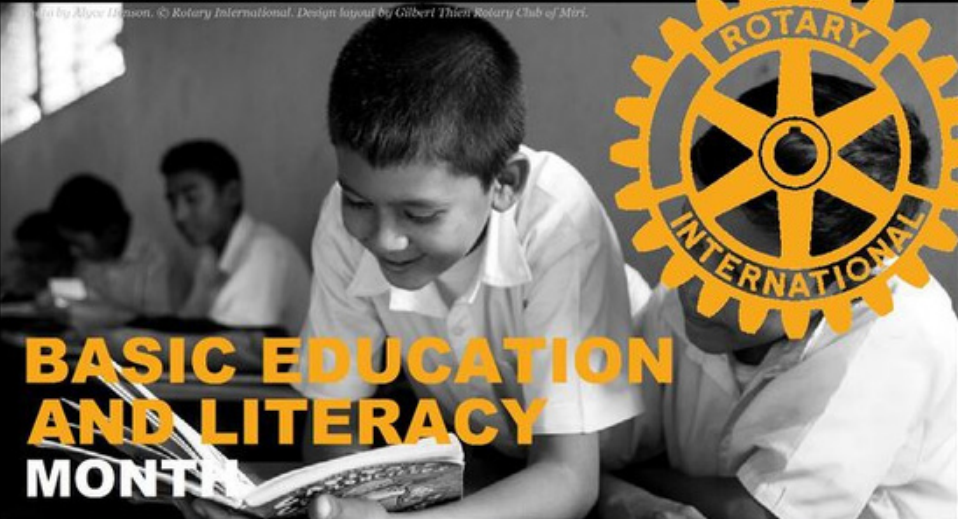



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BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY
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“Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself.”

John Dewey



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