

July 1<sup>st</sup> was the beginning of the new Rotary year and the beginning of the District 6400 Service Connection. Thanks to DG Aruna, the Service Connection will be ***Illuminating Hope*** with a focus on Rotary Service . The Service Connection has 14 Rotary Service Committee Chairs. In addition, there is Committee Chair focused solely on Dacdb assistance for promotion of projects and Dacdb navigation. The Committee Chairs are as follows:

Community Service & Dacdb: Jim Karolyi  
Dacdb Assistance: Matt Hatty  
Disease Treatment & Prevention: Rajenda Chetty  
Drug & Opioid Addiction: Arun Gupta & Geno Salomone  
Emergency Response: Derek Locke  
Environmental Sustainability: Robert Burns  
Food and Hunger Services: James Perri  
International Humanitarian Projects: Rick Caron  
Literacy: Margaret Williamson  
Maternal & Child Health: Penny Joy  
Micro Finance: Mike McCullough  
Peace & Conflict Resolution: Erin Dobbins  
Veteran Services: Rose Ann Rudisill  
Water & Sanitation: Kim Spirou  
Youth Services: Stacy Jones, Charles Parsons & Latricia Wright

The Service Connection would like to give a Super Shout Out to **Kim Spirou** Chair of the **Water and Sanitation Committee!** Kim will receive the **Donald MacRae Peace Award** in September at the Zone 28-32 Meeting. This award is presented annually to recognize and honor an individual or organization for outstanding achievement consistent with the ideals of Rotary as expressed in the Fourth Object of Rotary. What a well-deserved honor! Congratulations Kim!!

July District 6400 Service Connection Activity:

\*Chuck Parsons Co-Chair of the **Youth Services Committee** announced the Youth Exchange is back on for High School Students for a “gap year” in June of 2022 and 2022-2023 school year. He and his Co-Chair for Youth Exchange, Stephanie Winger encourage you to contact them for information [youthexchange6400@gmail.com](mailto:youthexchange6400@gmail.com)

\*On July 10<sup>th</sup> Ann Rudisill the Chair of the **Veterans Services Committee** was part of the amazing Rotary Team that included Clubs from across the District who hosted the Wounded America Ride fundraiser. Approx. 180 motorcycles participated and enjoyed Rotary hospitality at the finish with a spread from area restaurants. The proceeds of approx. \$30,000 will be donated to two amazing organizations **Foundation 14** and **Downriver For Veterans**.

\*On July 21<sup>st</sup>, Arun Gupta and Geno Salomone Chairs of the **Opioid and Addiction Committee** met by Zoom with Larry Kenemore from the US Rotary Action Group for Addiction & Prevention Task Force. Larry shared with them the development and implementation of the **SMART**

**program** (School, Medicine, Awareness, Recovery, Treatment) for addiction treatment and prevention.

\*On July 29<sup>th</sup>, Erin Dobbins Chair of the **Peace and Conflict Resolution Committee** hosted the Implicit Bias Workshop with Dr. Melissa Grey.

Upcoming August District 6400 Service Connection Activity:

On August 18<sup>th</sup> the **Peace and Conflict Resolution Committee** will host Barbara Jones for a Zoom workshop on Restorative Justice. For information check out the District Website or Dacdb. The workshop is open to all. To register go to [peaceparty6400@gmail.com](mailto:peaceparty6400@gmail.com)

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, Derek Locke Chair of the **Emergency Response Committee** will be attending the Livonia AM Rotary, Touch-A-Truck event. He is working with The Livonia AM Interact Club on fundraising ideas for the ShelterBox Disaster Relief Program.

If you are interested in any of these Service Connection Committees please reach out to the Chairs or myself at [tpmaggioncalda@aol.com](mailto:tpmaggioncalda@aol.com)

Illuminating Hope Thru Service

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