

Rotary District 6080 Newsletter

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2012 District Conference in Branson

I'm glad that the summer of 2012 is well behind us and we have greenery creeping back into the landscape – just in time for the fall coloration and leaf drop.

In this more comfortable time of year I do hope to see many of you enjoying the sights, sounds and hospitality of the Ozarks, as we gather October 18-20 for the District Conference in Branson.

The 2012 District Conference committee has worked hard to make the event one every member of your family can enjoy. We'll have District 6080 Night at Dixie Stampede Thursday, October 18th – a great dinner and show for the whole family. We'll have a number of informative break-out sessions for new and "vintage" Rotarians and guests, and transportation for spouses and family members to top quality shopping areas and attractions. We'll have child care available during the Friday evening banquet, and we'll have a golf outing on one of the Midwest's premier courses.

But the main attraction is this: You will enjoy meeting fellow Rotarians from the many clubs throughout the District, and find out what motivates them and their clubs to such great accomplishments. And you can share your successes with them too. We're ALL going to be the better for it.

Here's the link to the DACdb calendar where you can register on line for the conference –

<http://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/SecLogin3.cfm>

And a mail-in registration form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

But hurry. We need your registration in as soon as possible so we know how many pies to put in the oven.

Mark Pearce
Governor 2012-13
Rotary District 6080



Breakout Sessions at the District Convention

By Georgia Stuart-Simmons

By now I hope you have registered for the district conference and made your hotel reservations. The conference is being held in Branson on October 18 to 20 at the Radisson hotel. Here's a preview of what you can expect!

After a day of fun on Thursday, we will kick off the conference bright and early on Friday morning with a breakfast session. **Rick Tinucci** will begin by sharing his greetings from the Zone level. Then we will hear from **Pam Hunsaker**, Regional Director for **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**. Rotary has a history of strong support for this project, which inspires a love of reading by providing books to young children.

Lunch on Friday will be all about Panama. We will hear a presentation from the GSE team from Panama. And then we will be joined by **Juan Carlos De Sedas**, the **International Director for the Rotary Club of Panama**. He will bring us up-to-date on our ongoing partnership with Panama and the service projects that we have been conducting.

At the banquet on Friday evening we will receive a message from Rotary International, as we hear from our **RI Representative John T. Capps**. John T. is well known for his humor and enthusiasm for the mission of Rotary. He was the Charter President of the Rotary Club of Morehead City-Noon and has proposed over one hundred potential members since his father proposed him for membership in 1968. He has attended thirty-five International Conventions and served as a volunteer Sergeant At Arms at most of them. John T. is currently writing a book on Rotary Humor and Stories.

At breakfast on Saturday morning you will meet **Roy Rogers Jr.** Roy Rogers Jr. (better known as Dusty), is the eldest natural son of famed western stars Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. Dusty's first professional taste was a small part in his father's TV series, "The Roy Rogers Show" on NBC, while he was a young child. Through the years he has appeared in numerous movies and TV shows, as well as having a successful recording career. Since 2003, Dusty and his band have been performing in Branson. Dusty also serves as the President and Executive Director of the Roy Rogers-Dale Evans Museum.

The conference concludes with lunch on Saturday. We will enjoy meeting our youth exchange delegates, and PDG Rita Esterly will present district awards.

And if that's not enough, in between these general sessions we have scheduled over twenty break-out workshops. Topics include:

- Recruiting and retaining members
- Special event fundraising
- Foundation giving
- Rotary grants
- Service project round-table discussions
- Rotary 101 – for new members and spouses
- Friendship exchange opportunities
- What is DaCdb?
- Polio – past, present and future
- Hosting a youth exchange
- Membership roundtable
- And many more!

If you haven't registered yet it's not too late. You can still join us by registering for the conference at <http://www.IsMyRotaryClub.org/Register/GuestMemberExternal.cfm?EventID=77194688>

See you soon in Branson!

District 6080 Welcomes GSE Team from Panama

The 2012 – 2013 Rotary Group Study Exchange between Districts 6080 and 4240 of Central America has begun. After arriving in Springfield on September 24, the inbound GSE team traveled to Warrensburg for the first stop of their month-long tour of the Heart of Missouri.

Representing the home country of current District Governor Rodrigo Terán, the four-member team from Panama will experience Missouri culture, history and business during their visits to Warrensburg, Jefferson City, Columbia, West Plains, Springfield and Branson.

First and foremost, Rotary GSE is a professional development opportunity and the Panama team members will meet with their professional counterparts in Missouri during individual, customized vocational days throughout the District. The team also will make presentations at several Rotary clubs and attend the District Conference in Branson.

Rotarian **Julio Lavergne** is the leader of the Panama GSE team. Lavergne is a biomedical scientist and retired professor of immunology. He currently works as the scientific director of a technology company in Panama and his major research interest is the development and application of “green” technology for the improvement of human health.

Dorcas Osorio is an attorney who works as a research assistant at a private research and consulting firm in Panama City. She plans to specialize in alternative dispute resolution and will soon be authorized as a Mediator and Conciliator by the Government of Panama.

Debora Hayot is the administrative supervisor of her company’s Logistic and Transportation Department. She has previous experience in human resources and an interest in several areas of administrative operations including personnel training and implementation of effective recycling programs.

Julieta Suárez is an advertising and public relations specialist who works as project executive for a brand marketing company in Panama City. She also co-owns and directs an events organization agency named Incomparable Eventos.

Rotary District 4240 has a total of 53 clubs with more than 1,250 members in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Panama. There are 14 clubs and more than 500 Rotarians in Panama. An outbound team from District 6080 will visit all four countries of District 4240 in April 2013 to conclude the Rotary Group Study Exchange.



Warrensburg Rotarian Ed Davenport presents GSE Team Leader Julio Lavergne with a check from the Rotary Club of Warrensburg to support the District 6080 Panama Project.

The Rotary Foundation

Our Rotary Foundation began 'Doing Good in the World' in 1947 when the first disbursement of funds was granted to Rotary Scholars to study in another country. So our initial direction was education, which remains one of the three important programs of Our Rotary Foundation today. In the intervening years \$532,000,000 has been given to more than 41,000 Rotary/Ambassadorial Scholars. During 2010-2011 \$9,600,000 was granted to 384 Ambassadorial Scholars (\$25,000 each, for one year of University study). Contact Scholar Chair Melvin Platt.

Humanitarian grants are the second important program of Our Rotary Foundation. District 6080 has \$15,000 District Designated Funds (DDF) available for Matching Grants this year. Successful Rotary clubs are expected to contribute funds in an amount equal to the requested DDF (\$5,000 minimum). Contact Matching Grants Chair Susan Hart.

District Simplified Grant awards totaling \$25,000 DDF was recently reported to Rotary clubs (\$1,000 DDF each). Clubs received \$1,000 DDF match for \$1,000 cash contribution to a humanitarian project.

PolioPlus is the third major program of Our Rotary Foundation. As District PolioPlus Chair Dr. Ted Groshong says in a missive within this month's newsletter, 'We really are this close'.

Next month November is Rotary Foundation Month. Plan your programs to highlight The Rotary Foundation and the good it is doing around the world.

INTERIM GIVING REPORT

To date, 26 of 50 Rotary clubs have contributed a total of \$56,982 to the Annual Programs Fund. Our District benchmark for the year is \$300,000, or \$100 per Rotarian each year. Please forward your contributions as early as possible. What we contribute this year (the seed we sow) defines the amount of DDF (what we harvest) returned to the District 3 years hence. DDF is the District's bank account from which Ambassadorial Scholars, Matching Grants, District Simplified Grants and Group Study Exchange are funded for the year. I ask every Rotarian to give what you are able. Be an owner of the magnificent work accomplished by Our Rotary Foundation.

Assistant Governor Lisa Eimers: Meet My Clubs

As Assistant Governors, we've been invited to submit information about each of our Rotary Clubs; however, here in Columbia, their success working together this year tempts me to write exclusively about their all-club initiatives and successes! I will, however, start by introducing each club first and then move on to describing some notable collaborative efforts.

Columbia Rotary South has been busy this year ramping up its community service initiatives. So far the club has completed noteworthy projects: more than 50 club members participated in a work day at The Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri; they have worked hard to install a new sandbox at Field Title I Preschool; and they have undergone an extensive site clean-up and beautification project at Two Mile Prairie Elementary School (over the course of a few weeks). Most impressive is that the club has contributed more than 198 services hours so far this year, with additional projects planned for later this fall. They will again hold a Georgian Wine Tasting and Dinner on Nov. 7, which supports a medical clinic in the Republic of Georgia, a sister city of Columbia's. In addition, they are gearing up for their annual poinsettia fundraiser, so that they can fund local charities.

The Rotary Club of Columbia is celebrating an important milestone in its history: its 90th anniversary this year (2012)! They have "graduated" numerous leaders to the District and national level at various points in history in this long existence. Their most recent hands-on project was sending two dozen volunteers to the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri. Their members have an international focus;



By Raymond Plue
Rotary Foundation Chair



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Assistant Governor Lisa Eimers: Meet My Clubs - Continued

two of them (Past President Darlene Johnson and member Judy Elliott) visited India to participate in a National Immunization Day (NID) for the eradication of polio, a worldwide Rotary goal. In addition, this club has had heavy involvement in planning for the upcoming visit by the GSE Team from Panama. In addition, they received DSG monies to provide support for the publication of copies of the Boone County Senior Directory, which contains a list of services available from the city, county and state offices and agencies to low-income elderly and the disabled.

Columbia Metro Rotary recently held a clean up day at Douglass High School (an alternative high school) and the Park Avenue Preschool, and even had numerous non-Rotarians show up to help with the efforts. The club has long had a partnership with Douglass High School in many supportive ways. In addition, they completed a productive visioning session for the year. As a result, they are working on updating by-laws as well as developing a records retention policy and a political policy that is in line with the directives from Rotary International. They have been actively engaged in their exchange student Dilara's transition as well as the GSE team planning.

Columbia Northwest Rotary has been involved with establishing a new relationship with West Boulevard Elementary School. Following the District's lead in each club establishing a work day for a local school, they decided to become a Partner in Education with this great school. They have met with the school representatives to begin the relationship and already have sixteen volunteers, one per class, and five alternates. In addition, they are embarking on their popular annual rose sale which, annually, garners close to \$15,000 for their club's foundation. In turn, it benefits local nonprofit groups.

Rotaract is off to a great start this year. This club is the best of Columbia's young professionals in action! They are few but a mighty group of people that love to volunteer in the community and network with other Rotarians in Columbia.

Sunrise Southwest Rotary experienced a Rotary Visioning Session at the start of the Rotary year and has been busy moving forward with the action items generated from that process. They put together a large group of volunteers preparing for and serving at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. In addition, they are focused on revising their bylaws to reflect their structure, mission and goals. Sunrise Southwest will again host their traditional all-club Tailgate for Haiti on the weekend of Oct. 6th, prior to the Vanderbilt game; this supports medical supplies for still-ravaged parts of Haiti. New Generations is becoming a solidified focus for this club; they send students each summer to RYLA, sponsor students on outbound Rotary exchanges, and are enjoying their exchange student, Giulia, from Brazil.

The level of cooperation among the 6 clubs is truly blossoming here, and the energy that each of these presidents brings to this year is impressive indeed. The presidents began the new Rotary year by focusing on securing a District Simplified Grant. Their collaborative efforts were rewarded and they received funding to help the Outdoor Sciences and Counseling programs at Douglass High School (an alternative learning school). The project has four distinct although interrelated parts: (i) raising funds to properly equip the Outdoor Sciences program with camping equipment and gardening tools, (ii) joint planning and implementation involving Rotarians, students, and others in the community, of two service projects – installing small and attractive “learning gardens” using native and food plants on the south and west sides of the school, and the design and installation of equipment to create a “fitness trail” along a new walkway on the west and north sides of the school that is being installed this year with funding from the City of Columbia and PedNet; (iii) using Rotary mentors to better connect students to community and careers, and (iv) use of presentations by Rotarians, Rotary magazines and videos, and other RI materials to help the students with work, social efficacy, and other personal management skills.

The clubs have planned an exciting 5-day stay for the GSE Team from Panama, and are looking forward to finally having all of those plans underway and taking place.

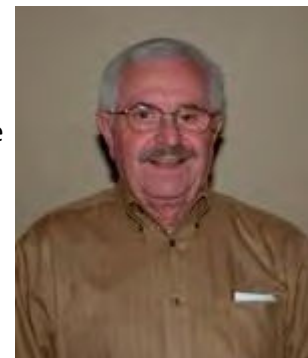
In addition, they are almost finished their collaborative efforts on what has become a wonderful tradition in Columbia: the all-club Thanksgiving Luncheon. There will be a silent auction and a vibrant program, followed by a monetary gift to two philanthropic initiatives.

A current and ongoing collaboration between the clubs is organizing film discussion groups across Columbia based upon 'Battle Within', the story of lifetime educator Elliot Battle and his quiet peaceful battle with segregation and racism in our town in the 50's and 60's. This initiative will hopefully inspire dialogue about conflict resolution by peaceful means and leadership skills in our community amongst youth and adults. We had a showing of the film recently, and many in attendance found that this film and the message of Mr Battle's life exemplified our Four Way Test and principals of Rotary.

They are continuing to look for ways to collaborate, and now have their sights set on a possible international project together. It's an exciting time and anything's possible!

World Polio Day - 24 October

“A tipping point between success and failure,” is the phrase used by the Director-General of the World Health Organization about the current state of our efforts to finally eradicate polio. The new Global Emergency Plan is a joint effort of Rotary, the United Nations, and multiple national and private organizations, for a final push. As he has noted, we have now seen the lowest number of cases in four countries, the absence of a single case of polio in India for more than 20 months, and much less than the final 1%! Still, that final surge will be critical. The budget for this effort is \$2.32 billion, most of which has been pledged or given. However, the projected budget gap is still over \$900 million. The good news is that there are good or excellent prospects for \$344 million, the bad news is that we are still short over \$600 million.



By Ted Groshong
District Polio Plus Chair
groshongt@health.missouri.edu

The motto of our current campaign is: “every last child.” The funding will not only be concentrating on the three remaining endemic countries-Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, but also in stamping out polio in countries previously polio free, countries in which there has been imported cases from those which are endemic. Additionally, countries like India, are not sitting on their successes. They are continuing to immunize every child not protected.

Polio cases diagnosed to date in 2012 are 145 compared to 400 cases same date in 2011. We really are ‘This Close’.

Remember every Rotary member is encouraged to give at least \$20 each year. Let’s give that final push! Your \$20 gift will purchase and deliver 33 doses of bivalent polio vaccine; 33 children who will not get polio and 33 children who will not become infected carriers of polio.

Please let me know if I can present to your club.



Attend the 3rd Annual Foundation Banquet



Where: Country Club Hotel and Spa, Lake of the Ozarks

When: Saturday November 17th, 2012. Social Hour and Silent Auction 6:00 PM. Dinner 7:00 PM

How much: Banquet Tickets \$50 per person. Clubs or individuals can buy tables of 10 for \$450. Why not make this your club's Foundation Month EVENT?

Why: Governor Mark Pearce invites all Rotarians of the District to hear Past RI President and Foundation Trustee Ray Klingensmith inform and update us on the Foundation's work across the World. If you haven't heard our International President from Missouri, you're in for a unique treat! Bring your Rotary Club friends to join in celebrating the World of The Rotary Foundation with fellow Rotarians from throughout our District.

Accommodations:

Country Club Hotel and Spa

\$69/night Saturday the 17th only

\$59/night for Friday and Saturday, special two night rate for our group.

Lake shopping and attractions available pre-banquet.

Make reservations: 800-964-6698 Be sure to identify yourself as a Rotarian for the discounted 2 night rate.

For directions and information on the hotel facilities check out these



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DG Mark Pearce's 2012-2013 Club Visit Schedule

Club	Date	Day	Time
Butler	7-Nov-12	Wednesday	Noon
Columbia-Metro	14-Nov-12	Wednesday	Noon
Marshall	15-Nov-12	Thursday	Noon
Harrisonville	5-Dec-12	Wednesday	Noon
Bolivar	9-Jan-13	Wednesday	Noon
Springfield Southeast	10-Jan-13	Thursday	Noon

District 6080 Calendar

October is Vocational Service Month

- **Rotary District 6080 PANAMA PROJECT**
Flyer at the end of the newsletter
Take the collected clothes, sports equipment, school supplies, walkers and crutches to the **District Conference** or **Columbia**.
- **District Conference**
Radisson Hotel, Branson, MO **October 18-20, 2012**.
There is still time to register but you must act NOW.
- **National Polio Day: October 24, 2012**
Plan a special event/fundraiser for **PolioPlus**.

November — Rotary Foundation Month

- **Rotary Foundation - Every Rotarian Every Year**
\$100 per Rotarian per year
PolioPlus at least \$20 per member.
- **Form 990 for Rotary clubs due to IRS: November 15, 2012**
- **November 17, 2012 3rd Annual District Foundation Banquet**
At the Country Club Hotel at the Lake of the Ozarks. **Ray Klingensmith** will be the speaker and **there will be a silent auction** to raise Foundation support. Clubs need to plan early and reserve full tables for their Foundation Month activity. Also, **auction items should begin to be saved.**
- 30 November - 2 December - [Peace Without Borders](#) (Berlin, Germany)
- **Hold your club officer elections for 2013-2014**

December — Family Month

- Update **DaCdb** for January, 2013 **SAR**
- **Submit** list of newly elected **officers for 2013-2014 to Rotary International by December 31, 2012.**
- Continue to work on the **Presidential Citation**.

Rotary District 6080 Conference Registration Form 2012

Late Charges on events will apply after October 1, 2012

Pre-Conference Events			
Thursday, October 18			
Golf Tournament at Payne Stewart Golf Course : Tee time 11:00am 4 man scramble, box lunch included with fee			
\$75.00 per player	# playing _____	x 75.00 = Total	_____
<i>Registration after Oct 1</i>			
\$90.00 per player	# playing _____	x 90.00 = Total	_____
Dixie Stampede : Arrival time at Dixie Stampede 4:15pm / Dinner & Show 5:30pm Family fun at one of Branson's favorite shows. Dinner is included. No registrations for Dixie Stampede accepted after October 1, 2012			
\$50.00 per ticket	# attending _____	x 50.00 = Total	_____
Conference Registration			
Friday and Saturday Oct. 19 – 20 Registration for Rotarians (all meals & breaks included)			
	Registration before Oct. 1	\$175.00 = Total	_____
	<i>Registration after Oct 1</i>	\$210.00 = Total	_____
Friday Only Registration for Rotarians (all Friday meals & breaks included)			
	Registration before Oct. 1	\$120.00 = Total	_____
	<i>Registration after Oct 1</i>	\$144.00 = Total	_____
Saturday only Registration for Rotarians (all Saturday meals & breaks included)			
	Registration before Oct. 1	\$65.00 = Total	_____
	<i>Registration after Oct 1</i>	\$78.00 = Total	_____
Additional Meals for Non-Rotarian spouses and/or guests			
Friday Breakfast	\$15.00 x _____	# of guests = Total	_____
Speaker: Pam Hunsaker, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library			
Friday Lunch	\$20.00 x _____	# of guests = Total	_____
Speaker : GSE Team and Panama Representative			
Friday Banquet	\$35.00 x _____	# of guests = Total	_____
Speaker : RI Representative John T. Capps			

Saturday Breakfast	\$15.00 x _____ # of guests =	Total _____
Speaker: Roy Rogers Jr.		
Saturday Lunch	\$20.00 x _____ # of guests =	Total _____
Speaker: Youth Exchange		
Friday Night "After Hours" Entertainment: Texas Hold'em and Black Jack		
\$15.00 buy-in payable at door. Prizes for the winners.		
All proceeds to go to the service project		
GRAND TOTAL FOR EVENTS, REGISTRATION AND GUEST MEALS		_____

Make Checks Payable to : Rotary District 6080

Rotarian Information

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Badge Name: (if different than 1st Name): _____

Rotary Office in 2012 (to appear on Badge): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Day Phone (include area code): _____

Cell Phone (include area code): _____

Email Address: _____

Confirm email address: _____

Diet Restriction or other special needs: _____

Non-Rotarian Spouse and/or Guest Information

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Badge Name: (if different than 1st Name): _____

Diet Restriction or other special needs: _____

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Badge Name: (if different than 1st Name): _____

Diet Restriction or other special needs: _____

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Badge Name: (if different than 1st Name): _____

Diet Restriction or other special needs: _____

Mailing Address for registration and payment

Anita Love, Conference Registrar

1422 Northfield Park Blvd.

Warrensburg, MO 64093

E-Mail : alove202@hotmail.com

2012 District 6080 Conference Tentative Agenda
(Subject to change)

Thursday Optional Pre-Conference Events

- 11:00am Golf Tournament at the Payne Stewart Golf Course
- 3:00pm Registration table opens/ Hotel check in
- 4:15pm Doors open for Dixie Stampede; Pre-show begins at 4:40pm
- 5:30pm Dixie Stampede Dinner & Show
- 8:30pm Hospitality/Reception (cash bar)

Friday Conference Day

- 7:00am Registration table opens
- 8:00am Breakfast – General Session
Featured Speaker: Pam Hunsaker, Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library
- 9:30am Workshop #1
- 10:30am *Break*
- 11:00am Workshop #2
- 12:00pm Luncheon – General Session
Featured Speakers: GSE Team / Panama Representative
- 1:45pm Workshop #3
- 2:45pm *Break*
- 3:15pm Workshop #4
- 4:15pm *Break*
- 6:00pm Reception
- 6:30pm Banquet – General Session
Featured Speaker: RI Representative John T. Capps
Immediately following banquet Texas Hold ‘Em and Blackjack tournament

Saturday Conference Day

- 7:00am Registration table opens
- 8:00am Breakfast – General Session
Memorial Service
Featured Speaker: Roy Rogers Jr.
- 10:15am Workshop #5
- 11:15am *Break (check out of hotel)*
- 11:45am Luncheon – Closing Session
Youth Exchange / District Awards / Final remarks from John T. Capps
- 2:00pm Dismiss

ROTARY DISTRICT 6080 PANAMA PROJECT

REVIEW OF 2011 PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Panama Project in 2011. With the support of the Missouri National Guard and our fellow Rotarians in Panama, we were able to accomplish the following:

- We assembled and provided 300 well-baby kits to new mothers in Panama.
- We shipped 35 PET (Personal Energy Transportation) vehicles to those in need in Panama, with our fellow Rotarians in Panama beginning to distribute them.
- Through donations and RI matching grants, we raised over \$18,000 to support the kits and purchase water purification systems. Fresh drinking water is tremendous need throughout Panama, particularly in the jungle region of the Darian Province.

A NEW YEAR, A NEW PROJECT – 2012

The partnership with our fellow Rotarians in Panama is just beginning, along with our collaboration with the Missouri National Guard. Rotarians in Panama have identified other needs in their country, and we hope District 6080 will again answer the call. Here is an overview of the vision for this coming Rotary year.

Clothing Collection: We are asking clubs to collect clothing (men's, women's, and children's)

- We are asking you to collect only lightweight clothing due to the climate in Panama.
- No waist sizes larger than 36".
- Clothing should be sorted and boxed by "Men, Women, or Children."
- If used clothing, they should be lightly worn, nice enough for you or your grandchild to wear.
- NO shoes per the request of the Rotarians in Panama.

Walkers and Crutches: There is a need for both of these items, especially collapsible walkers.

Sports Equipment: There is a need for Frisbees, baseball equipment, soccer equipment, and other sports equipment. This is a great opportunity to check with your local schools for gently used equipment.

Children's Toys: This could be an opportunity to initiate a project with your local schools.

Books and School Supplies: Improving education and literacy is crucial to these areas. Important to make sure books are in Spanish.

WHERE TO SEND ITEMS

If possible, we would prefer items to be transported to the following location in Columbia. Thank you to Rotarian Terry Furstenau for arranging for storage. Please contact Terry at (660) 248-1770 to arrange delivery. The storage facility is located at 1908 Heriford Road, Columbia, Missouri, 65202. Items can also be brought to the Rotary District Convention in Branson from October 18-20. However, the preference is to have items delivered to Columbia.

HOW ITEMS GET TO PANAMA

The Missouri National Guard will again assist with transporting items to Panama, and working with our fellow Rotarians there to make sure all items arrive properly.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have further questions, please contact:

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- Ken Hussey, (573) 761-9178, khussey@jcymca.org

