

Rotary District 6080 Newsletter

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The Presidential Citation

Rotary clubs the world over are annually invited to participate in a recognition program that provides initiative, identity and direction for the global organization; this is the Presidential Citation process.

For Rotary year 2012-13, RI President Sakuji Tanaka challenges clubs to brand the theme – Peace Through Service – by conducting a peace event or discussion, launching a peace project or erecting a peace memorial within the community. Many clubs in District 6080 have answered the call in creative and impactful ways.

It is now time for clubs to compile their activities, events and achievements and submit their Presidential Citation achievement reports to their AGs and to me (DG Mark Pearce at markpearcerotary@gmail.com). The Presidential Citation submissions will be reviewed for adequately addressing President Tanaka's stated objectives. Those clubs passing the review will be recognized at the International level.

The Presidential Citation forms for Rotary Clubs, Rotaract Clubs and Interact Clubs can be found [here](#). The Presidential Citation filing deadline is Sunday, March 31st.

EVERY club has the opportunity to qualify for the Presidential Citation this year. Any member or group of members of a Rotary club can be the spark plugs that make it happen. Successful completion of the Presidential Citation is a badge, projecting throughout the organization that yours is a club that exhibits service above self in profound ways, and is working cooperatively with over 34,000 clubs in over 230 countries to make the world a better place.

District 6080 is comprised of fifty clubs. Should forty-nine of our fifty clubs qualify for the Presidential Citation, I will feel we have not risen to our full potential. Check with your club President to see that your Presidential Citation report is being compiled for submission, and ask your president if there is any way that you can help with the process.

That's the volunteer spirit that makes Rotary the exceptional organization that it is today.

Mark Pearce
Governor 2012-13
Rotary District 6080



District Simplified Grants

By Janet Mudd, DSG Chair

Many exciting things are taking place involving Rotary District Simplified Grants in our communities. A few of the many projects that are partially funded by DSG this year are described below.

Computer Lab at a Transitional Housing area to assist those living there with preparing for their GED, Generating Resumes, applying for jobs and kids' homework.

Shopping for and providing gifts for identified under-privileged youth during the holiday season.

Providing special occasion dresses for young ladies in need (which they borrow for an event); equip dressing rooms.

Provide weekend food in "Buddy Packs" for young persons to assist in providing healthy meals.

Construction of a playground at a local health care clinic.

Provide "play therapy" equipment in a homeless shelter combined with "clean up" day at the shelter

Hopefully this will spark some ideas on what your Club can do for your community with the assistance of Grant funds. Think and plan Now as applications will be due very shortly after the new Rotary year begins (deadlines to be announced at PETS/SETS). District Simplified Grants are grants of \$1,000 each to be matched by at least \$1,000 from the Club participation. The Grants require direct involvement by Rotarians through involvement in the project as well as overseeing grant funds. There is paperwork involved; but easily done. Please – get excited and get your Rotary wheels turning thinking about what your club can accomplish with an extra \$1,000!

Rotary Scholarship Application Review Moved to Fall 2013

By Melvin Platt

Future Vision is bringing many changes in the way we address Rotary business at the District level. The Rotary Scholarship Program is not immune to these changes. The deadline for submitting scholarship applications to local clubs, formerly March 15, has been moved to the fall. For those who are applying for a Rotary scholarship for the 2014-15 academic year, the deadline for submitting applications to local clubs for review will be early October 2013—not March 15, 2013. No applications will be accepted this spring. Scholar applicants should check the "Scholarship Description" of Rotary Scholarships on Rotary6080.org, the District 6080 website, for the new deadline for submitting applications to local clubs and other subsequent deadlines pertaining to scholarship applications.

Please spread the word that scholarship applicants who want to study abroad during the 2014-15 academic year should plan to submit their applications in early October 2013. The exact application deadline will be announced in the *District Newsletter* and on the Rotary.6080.org website under Educational Programs, in April or early May.

Scholarships are available for study abroad in all academic fields, but preference will be given to those whose field of study is related to one of the following areas of humanitarian need:

- Peace and conflict prevention and/or resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

GSE Team Prepares to Represent District 6080 in South America

By Brad Bodenhausen, GSE Chair

The District 6080 Group Study Exchange (GSE) team is in the final stages of preparation for what promises to be the international adventure of a lifetime – four weeks in Central America, learning about life there through the lens of their Rotary hosts.

Our team was selected in November and they've spent the past three months studying Spanish, brushing up on Rotary, planning for the logistics of international travel, learning about the cultures of Central America and preparing to be gracious guests on the receiving end of warm Rotary hospitality.

The team will depart April 1, beginning the day in Springfield and ending it in San Salvador, El Salvador. During the month of April they will spend one week in each of the four countries of District 4240 – El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama – returning home April 29 after the host district's annual conference in Panama City.

Led by Rotarian Paul Reinert of the Rotary Club of Springfield, the team consists of:

Kim Greene, coordinator for dual credit at Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield.

Charles Parker, Jr., coordinator of diversity programs at the University of Missouri – Columbia.

Jimmy Stilley, vice president of commercial loans at OakStar Bank in Springfield.

Christi Sudbrock, agricultural business instructor and outreach coordinator for the Darr School of Agriculture at Missouri State University.

The Rotary Foundation's GSE program is a vocational and cultural exchange for non-Rotarian professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. Team members will observe how their professions are practiced in Central America, exchange ideas and develop professional relationships. The team also will introduce their hosts to life in Missouri by making presentations at Rotary Clubs throughout District 4240.

You can follow along with the team's experience by reading their blog at <http://maytheroadriseblog.blogspot.com/>.



Left: Members of the outbound GSE team are listening to Larry White of Project H.O.P.E. talk about his group's humanitarian work in Nicaragua.



Right: Team Leader Paul Reinert, Team Member Christi Sudbrock and District GSE Chair Brad Bodenhausen discuss Panamanian culture with Panama native Alvaro Acosta.

Rotary Foundation Updates

By Raymond Plue, Rotary Foundation Chair

Rotary Wins Miles in Airline Contest

As of February 2013, 43 Rotarians in District 6080 have contributed \$22,078.08 to The Rotary Foundation using Rotary Direct. Join them in using the simple, regular, easy way to contribute. Go to rotary.org/contribute, click on 'Rotary Direct Brochure', complete the enrollment information at the bottom and e-mail or mail to the address provided. Thank you for enrolling and thank you for your contributions as an Every Rotarian Every Year.

Literacy Month – March

Encourage Rotary literacy in yourself and your Rotary club members by reading *the Rotarian* and presenting a review of the latest issue during a few minutes of a Rotary meeting each month. Also please go to rotary.org, click 'Media & News', click 'Newsletters' and then click to sign up or subscribe to any or all of the 17 free newsletters listed.

Why Join Rotary Membership ?

2012 Rotary International research findings as to why Rotarians and Rotaractors had joined Rotary – top 2 reasons: 1. Local community service; 2. Friendship and fellowship. These top 2 reasons were cited by every age group. How does your Rotary club look to an outsider regarding these 2 reasons?

The Top Five

| <u>Rotary Club</u> | <u>Charter Year</u> | <u>Lifetime TRF Giving</u> | <u>Current per capita giving</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Warrensburg | 1937 | \$845,246 | \$50 |
| Springfield Southeast | 1967 | \$754,274 | \$138 |
| Jefferson City | 1918 | \$520,633 | \$51 |
| Columbia | 1922 | \$412,838 | \$23 |
| Columbia South | 1989 | \$358,886 | \$112 |

This is the record of where these Top 5 Rotary clubs have been and where they are going. Please review your Rotary club's contribution record, note where you have been (accomplishments) and the current direction of where you are going. As General Secretary John Hewko so aptly puts it, this record is not a print to be forever framed but instead is just one frame in a long video of the life of your Rotary club. Make it admirable.

The Top Five – Percent Sustaining Members

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|---------------------|-----|
| Nixa | 82% |
| Springfield North | 59% |
| Centralia | 57% |
| Springfield Sunrise | 57% |
| Lebanon | 49% |

Congratulations Top Five, especially Nixa for setting the bar high. To date there are 611 Sustaining Members in District 6080. A Sustaining Member is one who has given at least \$100 during the current Rotary year. Your club can achieve 100%; there are District 6080 Rotary clubs which do reach this accomplishment.

There are several parameters with which to measure the health of a Rotary club. What parameters are your club strongest in and how do you measure up to your peers?

Total giving to the Annual Programs Fund is currently \$185,085. Our minimum goal is \$300,000. There remain 7 non-giving Rotary clubs. Please forward your contributions to the Rotary Collection Center as soon as possible.

Meet My Clubs: By AG John Horton, Springfield Area

The **Rotaract Club of Springfield** is always on the lookout for ways to reach out to those in need. Whether helping the Boys & Girls Town of Missouri get ready to go back to school, planning the kid's annual Halloween party or fundraising through special events such as the annual Casino Night, members are constantly finding ways to live their mission of Rotary. The Club supports local youth by donating time and money each year to Boys & Girls Town and other area charities. They perform one community service project every month.



Rotaract Club of Springfield

The **Rotary Club of Springfield North** continues to be one of the most active clubs in the district as they delivered 492 dictionaries to schools, provided milk for snack time for kindergarteners, delivered Thanksgiving Baskets to needy families, providing \$1000 for 3 beautification projects, donations to multiple organizations, as well as a DSG to create a "Play Therapy" counseling center project for a local non-profit. The Springfield North club has continued to dominate the annual Rotary Community Blood Drive competition between all of the Springfield clubs over the Christmas Holiday when blood donations are at their lowest.

The **Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise** presented a check for \$4,500 for the new Ronald McDonald House at Mercy Children's Hospital. Proceeds will be used to purchase appliances and other equipment. They also are having a school supply drive for the Regional Girls Shelter and are also scheduled to have a Spring Cleanup at the facility in March. The Child Advocacy Center is also the beneficiary of "High Stakes Chili" fundraiser, which Sunrise provides many volunteers.

At the **Rotary Club of Springfield Southeast**, they have implemented an innovative education program to continue the education started with the Don't Meth With Us for 5th graders. They have partnered with the club sponsored Interact Club at Glendale High School, to expand the program to all Springfield 7th graders. Interact students and Rotarians go in together, with the students providing a fun and interactive "Drug Jeopardy" game. Prizes are given to both winners and losers of the game. The Southeast Annual World Community Service auction was held in February and although final numbers are not in, they project over \$10,000 to go to international projects.

All the Springfield clubs are going together this year to sponsor the Springfield Chamber of Commerce's Good Morning Springfield Event to promote Rotary to the business community. The meeting will highlight to Springfield Business Leaders the work Rotary does both locally and internationally.

Waynesville Interact Speaks at Pulaski County Club

Members of the Interact Club at Waynesville Middle School served as the keynote speakers during the Feb. 12 Pulaski County Rotary Club meeting. The students showcased their work to help others and make a positive difference in the world. Their activities this academic year have included raising funds for Snack in a Pack, participating in the Homecoming parade and Christmas on the Square, raising funds for UNICEF and filling the Snack in a Pack bags for more than 200 students each week. They also highlighted their upcoming Race for the Ribbons annual walk/run in April.



The Bequest Society

"Doing Good in the World" is the motto of The Rotary Foundation, which was conceived by Rotarian Arch Klumph. The Bequest Society was established to recognize our support for the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation through bequests - gifts at death. The Bequest Society's growing membership includes Rotarians, family members, and friends who have each committed to give \$10,000 or more in their estate plans to The Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

Since its inception in 1928, The Rotary Foundation has stayed true to its original purpose of "doing good in the world." From its modest beginnings, The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund has grown to an endowment of over \$200 million, which produces \$4.5 million in interest each year to support The Rotary Foundation's annual programs.

Today, The Rotary Foundation has an even bigger dream: To increase the Permanent Fund endowment to \$1 billion by the year 2025. The reasons for growing the Permanent Fund are obvious: With a properly invested endowment, Rotary programs can be sure of stable funding that isn't tied to the ups and downs of the economy.

Bequest Society Members provide substantial support for The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund, which generates interest in perpetuity for humanitarian and educational programs such as:

- Polio Eradication.
- District Simplified Grants to fund projects in our own region.
- Matching Grants to support humanitarian projects around the globe.
- Group Study Exchange (GSE) program.
- Ambassadorial Scholarships to further international understanding.
- Rotary World Peace Fellowships.

As a Bequest Society Member, you will enjoy the benefits of:

- A Bequest Society Crystal recognizing your commitment to The Rotary Foundation. Recognition is normally awarded at a Rotary event of suitable importance, or as you may request.
- A cloisonné Bequest Society circle pin with diamonds representing your Bequest Society Level, from One Diamond (\$10,000) to Six Diamonds (\$1,000,000 and up).
- The ability to honor your family, a friend, or a relative by establishing a named fund within the Permanent Fund (bequest of \$25,000 or more).
- Fellowship with other Society members who share your degree of support for such an important cause, including:

An invitation for you and your guests to Rotary Foundation annual dinner
A private reception hosted by the District Governor at the Annual District Conference.

How to become a Member of the Bequest Society:

Simply submit your **Bequest Society Membership Card** located at URL: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/098en.pdf to the District 6080 Permanent Fund Chair by **Mail to: Jacqueline S. Howard, D-6080 Permanent Fund Chair, P.O. Box 4385, Waynesville, MO 65583**

Then, send a copy of your will, trust, or life insurance policy to the Rotary Foundation in the current Rotary year (by June 30) to fulfill your commitment.



Columbia Clubs Support Plastic Surgeries in India

BY MELVIN PLATT

The five Rotary clubs of Columbia have joined in supporting a Free Plastic Surgery Camp in Jalna, India. The Rotary Club of Columbia, Columbia Northwest Rotary Club, Columbia South Rotary Club, Columbia Metro Rotary Club, Columbia Sunrise Southwest Rotary Club and an anonymous Rotarian contributed funds that have been matched by a District 6080 Grant as well as funding from the World Fund at the Rotary Foundation to provide major funding (\$16,525) for the purchase of medical supplies and services needed for plastic surgeries of 90 patients to correct cleft lips and palates, deformities of hands and feet, and disfiguring skin disorders and severe burns. The Columbia clubs are partnering with the Rotary Club of Jalna, India, the host sponsor club, in this humanitarian effort. Other supporting partner clubs include the Rotary Club of Hattingen, Germany and the Rotary Club of Bombay Midtown.

The free plastic surgery camp is made possible by a team of German plastic surgeons, anesthesiologists, and nurses who travel to India during their vacation time to provide gratis service to the poor who desperately need medical attention. The German medical team is joined by surgeons from India to perform surgeries at the Jalna Mission Hospital between February 23 and March 6, 2013.

Normally the free plastic surgery camp is held for three weeks, but this year's surgical period was cut short by the illness of the lead German surgeon who was diagnosed with malignant melanoma two days after Christmas. Initial discussions suggested that the camp might be cancelled this year, but other German physicians who had traveled to Jalna in past years insisted that the camp continue as planned but with a smaller medical team from Germany and a reduced number of patients.



District 6080 2013-2014 Leadership Training

Around 25 members of the 2013-2014 District 6080 Leadership team met on Saturday, February 23 with Governor-Elect Ken Messer in Jefferson City to discuss a variety of topics including, membership, the Rotary Foundation, and the 2013-2014 theme “Engage Rotary - Change Lives”.



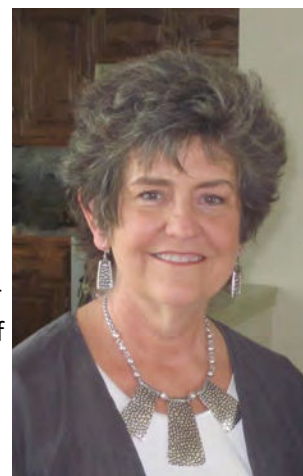
Council on Legislation to Meet in Late April

As the District Delegate I want to remind you that the Council will be meeting in Chicago April 21 – 26, 2013. The Council on Legislation, sometimes referred to as Rotary's Parliament, meets every three years. Each of Rotary's 532 Districts is represented by a single delegate. As a Past District Governor I was selected to serve and PDG Jim McCleod is my alternate should I not be able to attend.

We will be considering over 180 proposals submitted by clubs, Districts and the Rotary International Board. You can be assured I will be making decisions based on my understanding of the opinions of our District. Among the legislative proposals, which were submitted before the December 31, 2011 deadline, are these:

- Increase RI dues by \$1 per year per member for three consecutive years, starting 2014-15. The increase would raise \$1.2 million a year
- Provide for flexibility on when the International Assembly should be held (Proposed by our District 6080 at the request of Past International President Ray Klingensmith)
- Several proposals to revise attendance requirements. One would allow clubs to establish their own requirements, including allowing participation in service projects and similar events to count toward the attendance requirement. Another allows for attendance by live audio-video connection, etc.
- Authorize the Board of Directors to change the district boundaries of districts with more than 100 clubs and to adjust the boundaries of adjacent districts.
- Youth Exchange proposals to limit the age to 17 and limit participation to Rotary family members only. (Opposed by our District YE committee)
- To provide for Satellite meetings of a club.
- Establish a Council of Past Governors in each district to consider matters referred by the District Governor and to give advice to the DG.

All of the Legislative proposals can be found on the RI Website, www.rotary.org. If you have comments or suggestions concerning any proposal, please send them to me at jssnielsen@sbcglobal.net. I am honored and pleased to represent



By District 6080 Delegate
Sherry Nielson

Branson-Area Clubs Work Together to Raise Funds for Tornado Clean-Up

The Table Rock Lake, Branson-Hollister, Branson Daybreakers and Hollister Rotary Clubs recently worked together to raise \$8,000 to aid the Salvation Army in their Leap Day Tornado clean-up efforts.

The 2012 Leap Day tornado was part of a tornado outbreak on February 28 and February 29, 2012. It caused severe damage in several regions, including the Branson area.



Rotary District 6080

2013 Calendar of Events and Meetings

| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE | WHO |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---|
| March 22-23, 2013 | Show Me Rotary PETS ETS | Capital Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO | President Elects and Secretary Elects |
| Saturday, April 20, 2013 | District 6080 Club Leadership Retreat | Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks | District 6080 All Club Officers and Committee Chairpersons |
| Saturday, May 04, 2013 | Zone 31 Success Seminar | Missouri Athletic Club, St Louis, MO | District 6080 Club Officers & District Committee Chairpersons |
| Tuesday, June 11, 2013 | District Governors', Rotary Club of Warrensburg and Warrensburg Early Birds Rotary Club Installation Banquet | Traditions Clubhouse, Keth Memorial Golf Course, Warrensburg, MO | District Officers and Club Officers |
| Saturday, June 22, 2013 | Heart Of America Dinner Cruise At RI Convention | Lisbon, Portugal | Any District 6080 Rotarians at RI Convention |
| June 23-26, 2013 | Rotary International Convention | Lisbon, Portugal | All Rotarians |
| Monday, July 01, 2013 | New Rotary Year Begins | Rotary - Worldwide | |
| Monday, July 01, 2013 | 2013-2014 District Governor Club Visits Begin, exact dates | District 6080 | |
| Sept 18-19, 2013 | Zone 30-31: GETS & GNTS | Louisville, KY | DGEs & DGNs |
| Sept 19-22, 2013 | Zone 30-31 Institute | Louisville, KY | DG, DGEs, DGNs, & PDGs |
| Sept/Oct date TBA | Membership and Foundation Seminar | TBA | District Leadership Committee, Club Officers, Club Membership and Foundation Chairs |
| October 10-12, 2013 | District 6080 Conference | Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks | District 6080-All Rotarians |
| Saturday, November 23, 2013 | 4th Annual District 6080 Foundation Dinner | Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks | District 6080-All Rotarians |

District 6080 Calendar

March — Literacy Month

Ambassadorial Scholarships for 2014-2015 deadline is **March 15, 2013**. [Click here for more information and the application.](#)

More information is available from District 6080 scholarships chair, **Melvin Platt** at MelvinPlatt24@gmail.com.

- **22-23 Show Me Rotary PETS/SETS**, Jefferson City. Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO.

There will be a reception Thursday evening, March 21 for early arrivals. Go to www.showmerotary.org for more information.

It is **mandatory for presidents-elect to attend PETS**. It is **strongly recommended that Secretaries-elect also attend SETS**.

This is the year of CHANGE for Rotary. Learn about the NOW and FUTURE so that your club is not left behind.

Both registration fees have been paid by your club. Your club has made an investment in you to be the best you can be.

President-Nominees are invited also.

AG's should attend. There will be **4 hours of training** Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Also, this will be a good time for you to meet your incoming club officers and start working with them.

Registration deadline is **March 7**. After that there will be a **\$15 late fee**.

Go to **calendar** on **DaCdb** for registration information/form and hotel information.

IF you cannot register on DaCdb you can contact Joe Brand, Registrar, office 573-729-3831, cell phone 573-247-1651 or showmerotary@gmail.com

You will have to make your own hotel reservations. **Capitol Plaza Hotel 1-800-338-8088** Be sure to mention **ROTARY**.

Hotel reservation cut off was **February 21, 2013**. Remember, this is for THREE districts, not just District 6080. Make reservations **NOW**.

Club Foundation certification will take place from **2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 23rd**. **This certification is now mandated by the Rotary Foundation prior to Club's receiving Foundation Funds.**

At least two members from each club (president-elect and secretary-elect) **are required, preferably three or more**, for certification.

Other members may attend this certification session from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. without registering for Show Me Rotary **PETS/SETS**.

- **31 - Deadline** for Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs **to submit forms** for the **Presidential Citation** to their **district governor**.

Click on [Presidential Citation](#) for information then click on Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs or Interact clubs for **your form**.

April — Magazine Month

- **16 Student Government Day**, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jefferson City has been rescheduled. This is a great opportunity for your club to take six young people to see our state government in action. For further information contact **Arv Petersons** arv.petersons@gmail.com cell **573-680-5670**

- **20 District 6080 Club Leadership Retreat**, Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks.

For **ALL 2013-2014 District 6080 Club Officers, Committee Chairpersons and AG's**.

- **21-26 Council on Legislation** (Chicago, Illinois, USA)

May

- **4 Zone 31 Success Seminar**, Missouri Athletic Club, St. Louis, MO 9AM - 3PM
- **15 Deadline** for **Assistant Governors to submit Memo of Club Visits** to district governor.
- 17-18 [Peace Begins with You](#) (Hiroshima, Japan)