

# Rotary District 6080 Newsletter

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**MAY 2013**

## Finish Strong

It's May. We're nearing the end of a Rotary year and the DGs around the world are getting squirrely. You see, we're within two months of the end of the Rotary year and there are many thousands of dollars yet to come in to The Rotary Foundation. In District 6080, we need nearly \$90,000 to reach our \$300,000 + objective.

- Less than 60 days to go, and many districts are fighting to show positive membership growth for the year. In District 6080 we need we need a net gain of 41 members to break even and a net of 70 members to grow by 10-percent.
- Rotary International has challenged districts to sprout new clubs, Rotaract Clubs and Interact Clubs and we've got just a few weeks to make that happen in the 2012-13 year. (Of course the best time to start a new club is anytime the opportunity arises.)
- And there is much earnest preparation going on, putting the right people in the right positions in order to produce an ever-increasing ability to serve humankind – both at home and around the world.

That's a tall order. Take it from me, District Governors get worried their year will not measure up. It's an ego thing, I suppose, but it's also a pride thing. You see, throughout the year District Governors develop a deep respect for their clubs and their presidents and their district leadership team, and they just want to see everybody succeed. Sometimes that means climbing taller mountains.

I have loved my time as District Governor and I have found a real energy ensconced within each Rotary Club. I hope each club will project that energy for all to see during the last two months of this Rotary year.

Mark Pearce  
Governor 2012-13  
Rotary District 6080



## Ken's Korner: President Elect Goals

The new Rotary year is only weeks away now, and for those of us moving into greater roles of leadership in our clubs and at the District, the stress and pressure is beginning to intensify. Setting goals, making plans, booking tickets, planning special events and delegating to our boards and committee chairs should be well under way. Have you **written down** your goals? Does your **club board** and do your **committee chairs** know your goals? Have you signed onto the **Rotary International website**, gone into **Member Access** and entered your goals so you can track your progress?



By DGE Ken Messer

This is a new process and you may not find anyone in your club who has looked at this process. You first have to create a Member Access account on the RI website before even can begin. It's not hard! Even this "Old Rotarian" was able to do it without help. Let's get those goals and plans documented. No one will be grading you. But there is no way we can help you have a successful Rotary Presidency year and earn the Presidential Citation without having your goals entered into RI.

When you complete each section, I would recommend that you **PRINT** out your plans, **SAVE** an electronic copy, and then **SEND** an email to me-your **2013-'14 District Governor** for my file with a **COPY** going to your **Assistant Governor**. Then the district committee and I can be of greater assistance to you as your Rotary Year progresses. The District Committee and I are here to help you help your community and to find ways to work around the world to improve lives, nurture peace, and increase understanding. Let us know if you need help inputting your goals.

### **FOUNDATION CHALLENGE-BE FIRST CLASS!**

Have you made your contribution to The Rotary Foundation (TRF)? At PETS in March, I challenged each of our incoming 2013-'14 club presidents to make a contribution to TRF by September 30th so we can have a recognition celebration at our District Conference on October 11th. I would like to suggest that a minimum be \$25 and an average of \$100 would be fantastic. This challenge was first issued by In-coming RI President Ron Burton to all of the DGEs prior to International Assembly which was held in January. All of us DGEs accepted the challenge and contributed to become the **FIRST CLASS** of DGEs in Rotary history to accomplish that. We all proudly wear our First Class buttons. Please join those of us who have already put our money where our heart is, and make a contribution today. Do your part to make District 6080 President's Elect **FIRST CLASS**. I know you can do it. Do me a favor when you mail your check to our District Rotary Foundation Chair, Raymond Plue, 2805 Butternut Ct., Columbia, MO 65201-3538, email me so I can know that you are helping us to be **FIRST CLASS**.

I can be reached by cell phone at: 660-864-3376 or by email at: k\_messer.rotary6080@yahoo.com.

**ENGAGE ROTARY, CHANGE LIVES**

## 100% Paul Harris Fellow Rotary Club

Announcing the Rotary Club of Willow Springs has submitted contributions and completed forms making them the 3rd Rotary Club in District 6080 to achieve 100% Paul Harris Fellows. They follow the Rotary Club of Jefferson City Evening, the first club to do so and the Rotary Club of Clinton, the second club to achieve that honor.

Congratulations!

# GSE Team Experiences Central America—Thanks to Rotary

By Brad Bodenhausen, GSE Chair

They have survived sleep-deprived nights in the sweltering heat, language differences, minor travel ailments and ever-changing schedules – and they are loving every minute of it.



As you read this, our District 6080 GSE team of Paul Reinert, Kim Greene, Charles Parker, Jr., Jimmy Stilley and Christi Sudbrock will be concluding their four-week, four-country tour of District 4240. They began their introduction to Central American culture in El Salvador, being generously hosted by Salvadoran Rotarians. They continued to Nicaragua where they saw our organization at work in the form of Rotary-sponsored water wells serving the rural community of Los Cachorros. After the first two grueling weeks they were rejuvenated by the climate and landscape of Costa Rica. And they will finish the month representing us at the District Conference in Panama.

Team members have studied their professions by visiting universities, hospitals, farms and banks. They will return home with a massive collection of new experiences, perspectives, contacts and opportunities.

Most of all, they will want to share those experiences with you so please let us know if your club would like to schedule a presentation by the 2013 District 6080 GSE Team. You may reach District GSE Chairman Brad Bodenhausen by e-mail to [brad@springfieldchamber.com](mailto:brad@springfieldchamber.com) or Team Leader Paul Reinert at [preinert@integrityhc.com](mailto:preinert@integrityhc.com).

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



# Rotary Foundation Updates

By Raymond Plue, Rotary Foundation Chair

## Announcing: Final Club Qualification and Grants Management Seminar

The final opportunity for your Rotary Club to qualify to participate in District Simplified Grants and New Rotary Global Grants is Saturday, 18 May 2013, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon at Cannon Smoked Saloon, Sunrise Beach, MO at the intersection of Hwy 5 and Lake Rd. 5-39.

Attendance by at least one member of the Rotary Club is mandatory to participate in the Rotary Grants. Attendance by additional members is encouraged because if the 'one member' leaves the Rotary Club, the Club immediately loses its Club Qualification and must return all grant monies.

And yes, there are Grants Management webinars on the rotary.org web-site. Viewing them will better prepare one to participate in the required Annual District Grants Management Seminar.

Stay around after the Seminar and enjoy some great Barbeque and talk Rotary.

## TOP 10 CLUBS - PER CAPITA GIVING

April 2013

<u>ROTARY CLUB</u>	<u>\$ PER CAPITA</u>
Willow Springs	172
Rolla Breakfast	155
Springfield North	146
Rolla	143
Springfield Southeast	138
Columbia Sunrise Southwest	134
Jefferson City Evening	134
Springfield Sunrise	131
Clinton	128
Springfield Metro	128

What is your Rotary club's per capita? What is your personal per capita? What contribution is needed for you to become a Paul Harris Fellow or to be awarded the next level of Paul Harris Fellow recognition? Will you give that amount before 30 June?



# Meet My Clubs: By AG Scott Schneider, , Southeast Area

I trust that everyone has had a fantastic Rotary year so far. We only have a couple of months left before your clubs administration will change and with that comes the new excitement and challenges of meeting your club goals through the projects and community service that you do. Below are some of the highlights of the things we do here in the southeast corner of the district.

There are five (5) clubs in the southeast area ranging in size from 13 to 70 members. The towns and surrounding communities of Willow Springs, Mountain View, West Plains, and Thayer (which includes just across the border into Mammoth Spring, AR, hence the club name Thayer-Mammoth Springs) all benefit from the generosity of local donors to these Rotary clubs. Through their generosity, the clubs are able to perform community service projects.



**Scott Schneider**

Don't let our numbers fool you. We are very involved in our communities and everyone has their projects they like to focus on. As everyone knows, fundraising is getting to be a greater challenge for all organizations, not just Rotary. As we try to diversify our tactics, we still use our radio auctions and golf tournaments. We use these funds to do the amazing things below to support the communities in our area. I am sure your club does some of the same things, but hopefully you will find that one new thing that can take your club to the next level.

- Created a backpack program to send food home on the weekend to needy individuals. Currently serving about 67 backpacks every week.
- Provided playground equipment for local parks.
- Provide a community garden space for those that like to garden but may not have the space to do so.
- Provide numerous scholarships to graduating high school seniors.
- Hosting of the GSE team as they travel through the district (if you ever have the opportunity to do this, it is a MUST. Even in the few days you may interact with the team members, you will build new friendships for life.)
- Hosting of Rotary Youth Exchange student. (Also another lifetime friendship).
- Sponsorship of the Ozarks Food Harvest that brings food to help feed what is commonly referred to as the "working poor." Those that have full time jobs, but still just can't make ends meet.
- Provide dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in numerous schools.
- Sponsor local Boy Scout Troop and other area youth groups.
- Honoring students in the top 10 percent of their senior class with a banquet.
- Have a Rotary Student of the Month at the local high school.
- Adopt-a-Street cleanup.
- Sponsor student(s) to go to RYLA
- And the list could go on, and on, and on.

Having active club members and engaged leadership has helped the clubs in the southeast area become more focused on how they want to impact the communities they serve. Through the visioning process, some new directions have been formed and given the clubs new found energy and passion to continue to better the communities in which they live and serve.

If you happen to be in the area on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday and need a makeup for a missed meeting, look us up on DACdb. This will make sure you have the most up-to-date meeting times and access to maps to find our meeting locations. Everyone would welcome a visit from you and the opportunity to share ideas!

## Laurie-Sunrise Beach launches an Interclub Visitation program

Lake area Rotarian Charles Niemann spent twenty-five years of his life in the state of California, and while there he was active in Kiwanis. Niemann discovered that his Kiwanian club mates developed a great deal of knowledge and satisfaction from their membership due to the regular practice of making visits to nearby clubs. Taking advantage of a good idea, Charles encouraged a number of his Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary club mates to join with him in visiting clubs around the Lake region.

The group made its first visit to the Camdenton Rotary Club on February 20<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup> they visited the Lake Ozark Rotary Club. Eight more interclub visits are planned.

Charles says there is a lot that can be learned from visiting neighboring clubs, and he suggests planning the visit on a day when the club is conducting regular business so you can get an idea of what the club is all about.

If you have someone in your club who would like to organize an interclub visitation initiative contact Charles Niemann at [cniemann1936@gmail.com](mailto:cniemann1936@gmail.com) for some pointers.

Mark Pearce  
Governor 2012-13  
Rotary District 6080

## New Interclub Program

On February 20, the Rotary Club of the Laurie/Sunrise Beach made their first interclub visit to the Camdenton Rotary Club.

Then, on March 5, they visited the Lake Ozark Rotary Club. This new program was implemented by Charles Niemann of the Laurie/Sunrise Beach Club. Charles has had much experience with interclubs during his time with Kiwanis for 25 years in the state of California. It is important that each club visit other Rotary Clubs to see their physical location, meet their members, and learn about their activities and programs. Visits should be made, if possible, to their business meetings, as this will give you more insight into their activities. Two to four members of your club should visit a neighboring club each month that takes one hour driving time. This year our club will visit ten clubs around the Camdenton area. We, of course, inform those clubs that we are visiting them. Someone in your club should be a coordinator in scheduling these visits. You will have a great time learning from other clubs.

## Research into Water Equality

Dr. Curt Elmore and Matt Simon from Missouri University of Science and Technology spoke about their research to lead to safer drinking water in Brazil during a March meeting of the Rotary Club of Pulaski County (Club #58661 of District 6080).

Elmore is a professor in the geological engineering department at S&T, and Simon is a graduate student there. The department has been studying drinking water issues in Guatemala and Brazil since 2002. In Brazil, they focused on sampling water and testing for cyanobacteria, which contain cyanotoxins that cause illness and even death in humans and animals.



Rotary Club President David Lowe presents a Rotary mug to Dr. Curt Elmore and thanks him and Matt Simon for speaking to the club about their research

BY DG MARK PEARCE

You can be especially proud of your personal efforts to help poor and destitute populations in Panama over the past two years through the contribution of well-baby kits, water filtration systems, slightly used clothing and hand-driven mobility carts. During DG Rita Esterly's administration, a committee was formed to launch a humanitarian project for that country. James Wieberg from the Jefferson City Breakfast club was named chair, and the project has continued with several waves of collection and commitment since. And while we still have twenty pallets of water filtration units still to ship, Jim and his contacts are working hard to get the final details ironed out so that the units will go to those in Central America who need them.

To me, one of the most impressive things throughout the project is that the Panama Project committee ALWAYS sought direction from Panamanian Rotarians as to what specific items and services we could provide that would best address the needs in that country. This one fundamental step has assured that District 6080 Rotarians have been working on a project that IS resulting in positive impacts. Thank you, Jim, for stratifying this project by incorporating that very important element.

A much welcomed by-product of the Panama initiative is the partnership it has helped to foster with both the U. S. Navy and the Missouri National Guard; and we now see evidence that both services honor the partnership as much as we do.

Attached is a news release from the Missouri National Guard about your Panama initiative. Thank you Rita Esterly, thank you Jim Wieberg and thank you Rotarians for doing something outstanding and positive in this world. You are an example.

## **Local collaboration with Missouri Guard brings clean water to Panama**

By Nathan A. Dampf

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Recently, the Missouri National Guard, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, via their Civil Affairs Team, and Panamanian Rotarians, installed three donated water purification units in the Republic of Panama as part of Missouri Guard's State Partnership Program.

The State Partnership program collaborated with the Missouri Rotary District 6080, who offered the three purification units and other goods to Panama's Rotary District 4240 as part of an international service project.

"This type of relationship is corollary to the State Partnership Program and is a testament of its success," said Lt. Col. Rebecca Segovia, the Missouri Guard's State Partnership director. "The Missouri National Guard provided the link that brought together two organizations and created a unique synergy that will continue to develop and grow well outside the Missouri National Guard."

Coordination for the effort began in 2009, but was formalized when the Missouri and Panama Rotary Districts signed a memorandum of understanding in the fall of 2011 with the Missouri National Guard mentioned as a key facilitator and coordination partner. The agreement has provided opportunities for the Rotary clubs of District 6080 to support international service projects that benefit the needy of the Republic of Panama, in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Panama.

Jim Wieberg is the chairman for the Missouri Rotary District 6080's Panama Project Committee.

"It's a step forward," said Wieberg. "The major hurdle, though, is getting 300 more of those water systems to Panama in a cost-effective manner."

Segovia helped facilitate the transportation of the delivered purification systems, 300 well woman/infant kits and 35 hand-propelled wheelchairs earlier this year through a Navy program called Project Handclasp.

"Project Handclasp told us when and where to have the goods. Then, they shipped them," said Wieberg. "Thirty days later, the goods were being used in Panama at no cost to the Missouri or Panamanian Districts."

Rotary District 6080 is in the process of completing an application to utilize another federal program. Similar to Project Handclasp, the Denton Program is a federal transportation program that allows U.S.-based, non-governmental sources to transport humanitarian aid at little or no cost to the donor, while simultaneously putting the extra space on U.S. military transport assets to good use.

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## Missouri National Guard Press Release Continued:

Hoping to use the Denton Program, the Missouri Rotary districts have continued their efforts to help Panama. In addition to the 300 purification units that are ready to deliver, Wieberg says the organization has five pallets of clothing and 10 more pallets of the wheelchairs that are made for rough terrain.

The installed water purification systems will prove to be beneficial to Panama's citizens. Each of the three systems will provide water for 10,000 citizens in the vicinity.

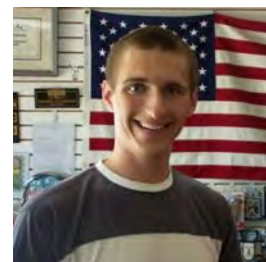
In January, members of the Missouri National Guard provided information on the fundamentals of establishing potable water and provided oversight for Panamanians to repair two water systems and to install additional donated water systems along with the Special Operations Command – South. Then in March, the Special Operations Command – South, Panamanian Rotarians and members of Panama's public forces Border Patrol, SENAFRONT, installed two more donated systems.

In a recent gesture, Brig. Gen. Sean Mulholland, commander for the Special Operations Command – South thanked the Missouri Rotary District 6080 and District Governor Mark Pearce for their dedication and support. The donated goods and support of the Panamanian Rotary Club established an impressive partnership, said Mulholland.

The Missouri National Guard officially became Panama's state partner in 1996 and has since conducted over 26 overseas Deployment for training missions and over 79 State Partnership Program events.

## Rotaract Spotlight

Meet Craig Stevenson, one of our many Rotaract members in district 6080 who exemplify Service Above Self. Originally from Rolla, Craig transitioned to the University of Missouri-Columbia where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science in 2009 and a master's degree in public affairs in 2011. He serves as the director of government relations for the University of Missouri System where he works with the congressional delegation, university associations and federal agencies to advocate for higher education. In addition to being a St. Louis Cardinals fan and an avid runner, Craig and his wife are actively involved in their church. Said Craig of Rotaract, "I value the service and volunteer opportunities that Rotaract provides and, it is great when we can partner with our community Rotary clubs to enhance our reach."




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### Fellow Rotarians,

It is a pleasure to serve as the district's Rotary representative to our Rotaract clubs! As a former member and past president of Rotaract, I know the opportunities that this program provides to young people—opportunities to serve local communities and beyond, to connect and work hand-in-hand with Rotarians, and to make lasting friendships.

Rotaract was established in 1968 as Rotary's service club for young adults ages 18 to 30. Today, it is one of RI's fastest growing programs with over 8,000 clubs worldwide and an estimated membership of 200,000. Clubs are sponsored by one or more Rotary clubs and can be community or college based.

District 6080 is home to four outstanding Rotaract clubs: Columbia, Jefferson City, Springfield and College of the Ozarks. These clubs are involved in service projects ranging from volunteering time at area food banks to leading hands on activities with children at area youth agencies.

We need more of these clubs in our district so that we can expand our service, engage our Rotary members and broaden awareness of Rotary. I encourage each of our district Rotarians to learn more about Rotaract and explore the potential of supporting one or more of Rotary's New Generations programs. Please contact me to learn more about Rotaract and how your club can sponsor a club.

—Justin Roberts



## Two New District Officers Announced

With Rotarian Steve Dulle being selected as District Governor Nominee-Elect earlier this year, (DGN-E, if you're into the acronym thing) the position of Community Service chair was temporarily vacated.

Into the breach comes Columbia Sunrise Southwest Rotarian Kerrie Bloss, who will help to encourage and promote community projects throughout the district. Kerrie has a strong Rotary background at the local and district level, beginning with Rotaract, where she was president of the Columbia chapter in 2005-06. Seeking a full Rotary affiliation, Kerrie was encouraged to help lead the formation of a new club by the District's Associate Governor, the late Tim Donovan (affectionately known as "Mr. Rotary.")

Kerrie has been busy in Rotary since, having served as District Secretary under Governor Raymond Plue in 2010-2011. She was honored with the Service Above Self Award in 2011, and is immediate past president of the Columbia Sunrise Southwest Club.



**Kerrie Bloss**

Professionally, Kerrie has served as Program Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri for over 14 years, where she is responsible for fundraising, event planning and social media management. She has been awarded the ATHENA Young Professional Award by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce Women's Network, which recognizes emerging leaders who demonstrate excellence, creativity, and initiative in their profession, and who provide valuable service by contributing time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community. Her passion for community service goes beyond her career as she is deeply involved in the Columbia community and you can often find her volunteering with various projects around town.

Kerrie also served a brief stint as Communication Officer for the District (DACdb). Columbia South Rotarian Bob Smith has taken over that important responsibility as Bloss moves on to Community Service. In the Communications Officer position, Bob has already been instrumental in designing the training and resources necessary to maximize benefits from the on-line district and club management system. The technical and management skills Bob honed through his Naval career are already providing the district with benefits.

A great team continues to unfold, which will lead to many new objectives and grand achievements in the years ahead. I can assure you, it's wonderful working with such talented and dedicated individuals at the district level.



**Bob Smith**

Mark Pearce

Governor 2012-13

Rotary District 6080

# Rotary Club of Jefferson City Holds 55th Annual Student Government Day

**By Heidi Vollet, President Rotary Club of Jefferson City**

One of the Rotary Club of Jefferson City's signature service projects to area youth is its annual Student Government Day. High school students from Jefferson City and across the 6080 District are nominated by their teachers or local Rotarians to attend a half-day program that provides the students with a unique and more personal view of State government in Jefferson City. This year's participants in the April 16<sup>th</sup> event included about 130 students from Jefferson City, Columbia, Rolla, Fulton, Salem, Pulaski County, Laurie, Fayette, Buffalo, and Bolivar.

Morning sessions included witnessing legislative debates; visiting with local legislators such as Missouri Senator and Rotarian Mike Kehoe; touring the Missouri Supreme Court; and hearing from a panel of executive department personnel representing MoDOT, the Department of Higher Education, and Homeland Security.

The event closed with a luncheon at the Capital Plaza Hotel featuring high ranking officials from each branch of state government and fellowship for the students with other Rotarians with significant governmental service. The head table included Mary Russell, Supreme Court Judge; Joe Dandurand, Deputy Attorney General and former circuit court judge; Roger Stottlemire, Executive Director of the Missouri Gaming Commission and former Superintendent of the Missouri Highway Patrol; and James Klahr, Legislative Liaison for the Missouri Department of Public Safety, all of whom are members of the Rotary Club of Jefferson City.

Other head table guests included keynote speaker Jason Kander, Missouri's 39th Secretary of State, and Monsignor Robert Kurwicki, Chaplain of the Missouri House of Representatives.

Rotarians seated with students for fellowship during the luncheon included Rod Chapel, Presiding Commissioner, Administrative Hearing Commission; Hal Dulle, former Executive Director for the Missouri Veterans Commission; Margaret Conroy, State Librarian; Sam Phillips, Deputy Disciplinary Counsel, Missouri Supreme Court Office of the Chief Disciplinary Council; Pam Henrickson, Curator, University of Missouri; Jack Pletz, former official with Secretary of State John Kilpatrick; Walt Vandelicht, former Assistant Chief Engineer, MoDOT; Alice Bartlett, former Commissioner, Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Arv Petersons, former deputy director of the Missouri Attorney General's office Medicaid Fraud Control Unit; and Joy Sweeney, President of the Jefferson City School Board, all of whom are members of the Rotary Club of Jefferson City.

The luncheon opened with color guard procession by the Color Guard for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1003, followed by the Star Spangled Banner by pianist Jim Bryant and singing of America led by Tom Carr, members of the Rotary Club of Jefferson City. Rotary 6080 District Governor Mark Pearce and New Generations Chair Rita Esterly were honored guests seated at the head table. District Photographer Linda Nichols took photos at the luncheon.

Keynote speaker Secretary Kander encouraged students to have real courage to do the right thing, not the easy thing, and to help make their communities better places.

Students were given the opportunity to submit questions to President Heidi Vollet to direct to the head table guests. Student questions included asking the panel how more young people could be encouraged to go to the polls and what were the hardest cases the judges had decided and why. Missouri Supreme Court Judge Mary Russell also explained how one becomes a judge in Missouri. Deputy Attorney General Joe Dandurand described the duties of the Attorney General's Office. Director Roger Stottlemire outlined training requirements for state troopers, and Monsignor Robert Kurwicki explained the role of the House chaplain.

Students were asked to fill out survey forms, and the vast majority of students were "very satisfied" with the experience and would recommend Student Government Day to their peers. Comments included that the experience was "awesome," "very informative and pointed at youth," and indicated that the students enjoyed all aspects of the experience.

Co-chairs for this year's event were Immediate Past President Arv Petersons and James Klahr. Many thanks to them and to all the many Rotarians and volunteers who made the event such a success!

# Photos of Student Government Day

Below: Head table showing from left to right, James Klahr, Roger Stottlemyre, Joe Dandurand, Mary Russell, Rita Esterly, and Mark Pearce.



Right: Past President Mary Russell, Supreme Court Judge, explaining to students how persons become judges in Missouri



Secretary of State Kander speaking to students about the importance of having courage to do what is right



Arv Petersons introducing Secretary of State Kander.



Students having luncheon fellowship with Rotarians



## Rotary Peace Concert Draws a Crowd

On Sunday, April 21 hundreds of people gathered on the Capitol Lawn in Jefferson City to celebrate Peace with Rotary. Music was performed by the Lincoln University Vocal Ensemble, the JCHS Show Choir, Down Side Up, The Singing Rotarians, and 2 Car Pile Up. The event also recognized worthy organization such as the Council for Drug Free Youth, HALO Foundation, Dreams to Reality, Meds and Food for Kids and the Heart of Missouri Peace Scholarship Fund. Each of these organizations was presented with a \$500 check to assist them in their missions.





# Rotary Peace Concert Draws a Crowd





## Polio

The Rotarian magazine May 2013 cover is of a woman giving two precious drops of polio vaccine to a child. The caption states 'This woman is risking her life'. In fact women and teenage girls are risking their lives giving polio vaccine in endemic countries. Recent news has been of the murder in Pakistan and Nigeria of women and girls going about the business of vaccinating children against polio. While these women and girls give so much (some giving all) will you give more, in addition to what you may have already given? We really are 'This Close' to eradicating polio from the face of the earth. Make your additional contribution to The Rotary Foundation in honor and memory of these women and young girls who gave every last breath of their lives in the fight against polio.

Rotary District 6080 has \$20,000 District Designated Funds (DDF) available for beneficial use in the polioplus program during 2012-2013. Checks for individual and club polioplus contributions should be made payable to 'The Rotary Foundation'. Do not write 'polio' in the memo line or anywhere else on the check.

Contributions received will be deposited in The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Annual Programs Fund (APF) while District 6080 will deposit an equal amount of \$DDF into TRF PolioPlus Fund. The Rotary Foundation will match each \$1 DDF with \$.50. Therefore one and one-half times the amount of polio vaccine will be purchased while yet crediting the contributing individual with donor recognition for 'Every Rotarian, Every Year; Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member; Paul Harris Fellow; Paul Harris Society.

One-half or ~\$10,000 DDF will be returned through the SHARE program to District 6080 in 2015 for funding District Simplified Grants (DSG), Matching Grants (MG), Scholarships, etc. Contribution checks should be submitted together with a completed 'The Rotary Foundation Transmittal' form found on DaCdb, Reports, 2.1. Check the box: Annual Fund – SHARE.

Mail to:  
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District Rotary Foundation Chair  
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Columbia, MO 65201

[Related Story: Click here to listen to NPR's recent story "A \\$5.5 Billion Road Map to Banish Polio".](#)



## Rotary Investments Pay Long-Term Dividends Saving Lives

Dr. Patricia Wolff founded Meds & Food for Kids (MFK) in 2003, after volunteering in Haiti as a medical missionary for 15 years. She was in despair of watching children die but knew it didn't have to be that way. A Rotary International grant was instrumental in the organization's early days. Ten years later, MFK remains proud and grateful for the continuing friendship with Rotary Clubs both close to home and around the world. On Sunday April 20, MFK participated in the Music for Peace concert in Jefferson City, MO at the State Capitol. Dr. Wolff was honored to speak about MFK's work to so many Rotarian friends. MFK remains deeply grateful for the incredible partnership of Rotary.



Meds & Food for Kids is dedicated to saving the lives of Haiti's malnourished children and other nutritionally vulnerable people. Dr. Wolff and her team accomplish their mission by developing, producing, and distributing highly nutritious foods, including the gold standard Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF). They make their food products in Haiti, using Haitian workers and, whenever possible, Haitian raw materials. MFK's RUTF Medika Mamba, is a miracle medicine that makes an extraordinary difference in Haiti everyday. Since 2003, we have saved the lives of over 65,000 children.

During its first year, MFK produced 100kg of Medika Mamba each month, enough to save the lives of 10 children. In October of 2012, the organization celebrated the inauguration of a state-of-the-art production facility. With this new factory, MFK is producing 44,000kg a month, which is enough to treat 4,400 kids each month! With the addition of a new night shift in April 2013, MFK now employs 69 Haitians and continues to expand the number of farmers from whom they source peanuts.

As proud as MFK is to treat severe malnutrition, Dr. Wolff and her team are also working to prevent it. MFK recently completed a very successful study, which proved that with a small dose of peanut butter medicine, they could prevent malnutrition in children aged 6-12 months. In partnership with the USDA, MFK is nearing completion on a pilot project that developed and tested a school snack for Haitian children, many of whom attend school on an empty stomach. MFK looks forward to producing the school snack in Haiti and partnering with educational institutions all over the country.

Meds & Food for Kids remains deeply grateful for the early endorsement of Rotarians and it is with continued partnership that MFK looks forward to saving more lives and growing brighter opportunity for Haiti's families.



New Medika Mamba manufacturing facility



## Rotarian John Horton Receives Community Hero Award

Springfield Southeast Rotarian John Horton has received a prestigious award for his work in keeping youth aware of and away from life-degrading drugs. And not only is it recognition he receives, but a cash award to go toward his important work.

Safeco Insurance Company selected John as a Safeco Community Hero for Spring 2013 from 172 high-quality applications. The Safeco Community Hero Award is designed to recognize local heroes who make a positive difference in their communities and inspire others to do the same.

The Safeco Community Hero Award comes with a \$5,000 donation to the Community Hero's non-profit organization, Don't Meth With MO.

In addition, John and fifteen other award recipients nationally, will be entered into the "Vote for your favorite Safeco Community Hero" event, where the top vote-getter will win an additional \$10,000 donation from Safeco for his or her nonprofit and the runner-up will win \$5,000.

All Rotarians are urged to vote for John when voting begins on May 13th.

The Safeco Insurance Agent Giving Program supports the community involvement of Safeco agents and agencies by providing donations to nonprofit organizations focused on education, health and safety, or civic engagement. John was nominated by Safeco agent and fellow Rotarian Bill White.

Safeco is a Liberty Mutual Insurance company. Liberty Mutual Insurance ranks on the Fortune 100 list of the largest U.S. corporations. The company has financial strength ratings of A (Excellent) from the A.M. Best Company, A2 (Good) from Moody's Investors Service, and A- (Strong) from Standard & Poor's.



**John Horton**

## Branson - Area Rotarians and Rotaractors Work Together

Recently, the College of the Ozarks Rotaract club and the Branson Daybreakers joined together in two community service projects.

First, April 6, 2013, they participated in the Lakeshore clean up at State Park Marina on Table Rock Lake.

Second, April 13, 2013, they participated in the playground mulching project at Branson North Park.

They had weather perfect days to come together for service to our community through Rotary. The fellowship while working was a great bonus!



# Rotary District 6080

## 2013 Calendar of Events and Meetings

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	WHO
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 TBA	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

From District Secretary Dick Mazanec

## May

**4** Zone 31 Success Seminar, Missouri Athletic Club, St. Louis, MO

For Club officers and district committee chairpersons.

**15** **Deadline for Assistant Governors to submit Memo of Club Visits to district governor.**

**17-18** **Peace Begins with You** (Hiroshima, Japan)

**18** Second opportunity for your club to qualify to participate in District Simplified Grants and New Rotary Global Grants. **Saturday May 18, 10 AM - 12 Noon** at **Cannon Smoked Saloon, Sunrise Beach, MO** at the **intersection of Hwy 5 and Lake Road 5-39**. Stay around after the seminar and enjoy great barbecue and talk Rotary.

**This certification is now mandated by the Rotary Foundation prior to Club's receiving Foundation Funds.**

**RI requires ONE person to be certified.**

**However, District 6080 strongly recommends that THREE or MORE be certified.**

**If you only have one certified member and he/she leaves the club - no longer a member of your club - your club will NOT be covered.**

**NO certified member - the money must be returned.**

**NO CLUB CERTIFICATION - NO GRANT MONEY**

## JUNE - Rotary Fellowships Month

**11** District Governors, Rotary Club of Warrensburg and Warrensburg Early Birds Rotary Club Installation Banquet.

**Ken Messer will be installed as Rotary District 6080 Governor for 2013-2014.**

Traditions Clubhouse, Keth Memorial Golf Course, Warrensburg, MO, **District Officers and Club Officers.**

Click on <http://mapq.st/10EhTat> for directions.

**23-26** RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) Go to [www.MORYLA.org](http://www.MORYLA.org) for information.

**23-26** **2013 RI Convention** (Lisbon, Portugal)

**30** **Deadline** for contributions to **The Rotary Foundation** for this Rotary year.

## JULY

**1** Semi Annual Report (**SAR**) and **dues** are due to **RI**.

**District 6080 dues and fees are due.**

**15** **Deadline** for submitting **District Simplified Grants**

Encourage your members to contribute to **The Rotary Foundation**. RI suggests **\$100** per member per year. Every Rotarian Every Year.

To help eradicate polio, please ask **each member** to donate **at least \$20** to **PolioPlus**.

Use **DaCdb** for information about District 6080, its clubs, officers and committee chairpersons.

Go to [www.rotary6080.org](http://www.rotary6080.org) and [www.facebook.com/rotary6080](https://www.facebook.com/rotary6080) to find out what is happening in District 6080.

Go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and use the Search Box to get answers to most Rotary questions.