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Bolivar Rotarians engaged in the District 6080 Food Fight

Rotarians fight hunger through month-long efforts

Columbia, MO – Thirty-three Rotary clubs and three Rotaract Clubs in District 6080 recently battled each other in a month-long effort to fight hunger. Clubs in the northern part of the district competed against those in the south to see which region could do the most to reduce hunger and malnutrition.

District 6080 comprises 49 Rotary Clubs and four Rotaract Clubs between St. Louis and Kansas City and south to the Arkansas state line. Altogether, 68 percent of the clubs participated, collecting 10,644 pounds of food, donating \$18,553 and volunteering 1,463 hours for food pantries

and similar organizations.

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“The northern part of the district won the ‘food fight,’ but the clear winners were the people we helped; the people who won’t have to go to bed hungry due to our efforts,”- *District Governor Steve Dulle*

The highest food total was turned in by the Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club, which collected 2,515 pounds of non-perishable items outside a supermarket during Saturdays in July. The club also donated \$996 and volunteered 56 hours.

The Rotary Club of Columbia (Downtown) contributed the most labor, volunteering 258 hours at the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri. Jefferson City Breakfast collected the most food, 2,515 pounds. Columbia South, Fulton and Jefferson City Evening Rotary Clubs

collected the most money, each giving more than \$2,000 in addition to their food donations and volunteer hours.

“Instead of a traditional, formal installation for the district governor, we encouraged clubs to join in a work day June 28 at the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri,” Joe Weston, chair of the organizing committee, said. “Approximately 150 Rotarians and guests repackaged nearly 5,000 pounds of Rice Krispies for local food pantries.”

All clubs in District 6080 were then challenged to do something to combat hunger during the month of July.

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She added, “Rotary has six areas of focus, including ‘saving mothers and children.’ At least 7 million children under the age of 5 die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care and inadequate sanitation. We want to do our part to prevent this from happening.”



Members of the Jefferson City Evening Rotary Club collect donations for their food drive outside WalMart. Left to right are Suzanne Richter, Annette Driver, Club President Nick Rackers, Cathy Libey, Harry Richter and Carol Robertson.



Bob Sfreddo of the Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club collects food and monetary donations outside HyVee.

Rotary clubs in the Jefferson City area participating in the “food fight” were:

- Fulton—100 pounds of food, \$2,170 and six hours donated to SERVE's food pantry, the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri and the Tower Garden Project
- Jefferson City Breakfast—2,515 pounds, \$996 and 56 hours donated to the Samaritan Center.

- Jefferson City Evening—1,752 pounds, \$2,195 and 66 hours donated to the Samaritan Center.
- Jefferson City Rotaract—48 hours volunteered for the Samaritan Center
- Jefferson City West—1,220 pounds to the Samaritan Center, 450 pounds to the Salvation Army, \$375 and 47 hours



Mountain View Rotarians do Zumba for food donations. (pictured to the left)



Columbia Club Presidents (pictured above)

Springfield Rotaractors helping in the food fight (pictured above)



Members of Columbia Rotaract (left to right) Kate Gruenewald, Jolyn Sattizahn, Steven Stepanovic, Corbin Unstatt, Amadi Swartz and Josh Beck assist at the food bank.

WONDERLAND CAMP

Come join us before the District Conference on October 23rd as we help the campers register and get settled into their cabins. We will meet at Camden on the Lake at 3:30 p.m. and take boats or cars to the Camp. Additionally, we will be requesting that clubs contribute supplies for the camp that we can deliver that day. Questions? Call/Email Jason Hynson, 573-286-5075, Jason@wonderlandcamp.org

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Rotary Youth Exchange Deadline is October 15 for 2016-17 Outbound Preliminary applications to Outbound Coordinator
outbound@rye6080.org

WORLD POLIO DAY

World Polio Day is October 24th. Host an event in your community to spread the good news about Rotary's major role in the eradication of polio. Visit www.endpolio.org for resources.



BRANSON DAYBREAKERS ROTARY CLUB DONATES TO DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Veteran City Chapter 68, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Branson, Missouri, is presented a check for \$1,600 from the Branson Daybreakers Rotary Club. The donations to DAV are used to support the local veterans and their families. Areas of support include housing and food assistance to veterans in need, as well as transportation of veterans to medical services at Veterans Administration facilities in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Little Rock Arkansas, the Branson VA Clinic, and Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Funds were raised by the Branson Daybreakers Rotary Club in cooperation with Doc's Hickory BBQ Roadhouse recent Celebrity Waiter event where local celebrities and entertainers appear at the restaurant and entertain and mingle with the guests. 10% of the gross sales and ALL tips are donated to the Branson Daybreakers Rotary Club for distribution to the DAV and other charities. A special thank you to Jerry Franklin, owner of Doc's, and the entire restaurant staff for their dedication and support, as well as the local celebrities and community for



ROTARY DIRECT

District 6080 Rotarians enrolling in **Rotary Direct for the first time will receive a 1:1 match of their first year's contribution**; match will be with foundation recognition points. This offer is in effect only for the Rotary year 2015-2016. The minimum match available is \$100. Contributions of \$85/month, \$250/quarter or \$1000/annually will make the individual eligible for membership in the Paul Harris Society.

Enroll online, by mail, phone or fax.

To receive matching points please mail or e-mail a copy of the form you submitted to DRFC Raymond E. Plue, 2805 Butternut Ct., Columbia, MO 65201, plue-r@socket.net. Please black out all but the last 4 digits of your credit/debit card and also the CVN, this to guard your identity.

Gift designation is suggested to be: Annual Fund-SHARE; one-half of your contribution is returned to District 6080 3 years hence.

ROTARACT CLUB NAME CMCA COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) has named the Jefferson City Rotaract Club as its Community Partner of the Year. CMCA issues this award annually to a partner agency in its eight-county service area. "Jefferson City Rotaract models the attitude that we are all responsible for the success of our children," said Darin Preis, CMCA executive director. "They have supported our Head Start center in so many ways to make sure that at-risk children in Jefferson City are ready for school. I always say that no organization can be fully successful without robust partners and buy-in from the community. Jefferson City Rotaract makes that happen for CMCA and the families we serve. I can't thank them enough."

LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

It has been a great opportunity for me to travel to many cities in our district visiting clubs in August. I travelled From Columbia in the north to Branson in the south to Harrisonville on the west to Rolla on the east, and one cannot help but get energy from these clubs. All are different and yet all have friendly members with Service Above Self as their guiding principle towards action. It reminds me of when Mother Teresa was asked how people could be happier in life and she told them to go out and serve someone. There are many happy Rotarians as a result of all of this service and let us all remember to stay engaged and help our club, our community and the world through service with Rotary and Rotaract.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the First District 6080 Food Fight as it was a huge success. The statistics for Missouri with regards to hunger in Missouri are staggering—1 in 5 Missourians rely on food pantries or meal service programs. We have many pictures in this newsletter reflecting the fun and excitement of the Rotarians and Rotaractors Being a Gift to the World, and we will have trophies presented at the District Conference.

Special thanks to all Rotarians and Rotaractors who participated in any way, and to the presidents, community

service chairs etc. at the clubs who truly made this happen. Thanks also to the organizing committee led by Joe Weston which determined the parameters of the Food Fight, to Carla McDaniels, the Community Service Director for District 6080 who helped implement the program, and to our Public Image Chair, Mary Ann Beahon, who sent press releases and pictures to every community where Rotarians and Rotaractors were involved with this food project.

On an International Service level, come hear the results of our foundation efforts and contributions when the Vocational Training Team speaks at our District Foundation Banquet . They recently returned from the country of Georgia where they provided training to doctors in that county to reduce their infant mortality rate which is the highest in all of Europe. This banquet follows the District Conference on October 24th and more information is contained in this newsletter.

Thanks for all you are doing through Rotary and Rotaract and let us continue to BE a Gift to the World.

- Steve



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