

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR STEVE

As you will see in this newsletter, the members in our district are truly being a gift to the world with all of the service work we are performing and will continue to perform. In the book *The Good Ones*, ten qualities are identified as most important determinants of character. One of those qualities is care which is defined as a deep concern for people's well-being. A caring person has a passion for making a difference in people's lives and in the world. Certainly this is one of the common qualities we find in engaged Rotarians. Let's look at just a few projects we have going on in the district, demonstrating our care for others.

It is fitting that with March being Water and Sanitation Month, we have a global water grant in progress for the country of Panama where clean water in the primitive villages is scarce. Your club can participate by joining up with the Jefferson City Breakfast club.

April is National Donate Life month. Organ donation is an easy way to help others and we are encouraging Rotarians to have a program so people will sign up to donate their organs. At any given time over 100,000 patients are on the waiting list, and just one donor can save or enhance the lives of more than 50 people. Each day an average of 21 people die before they can receive a required organ. Make the Gift of Life

Also cited in this newsletter is the blood drive that Columbia clubs will be involved with. This is an excellent way for your club to help your community immediately. Why doesn't your club do the same in your area?

Finally, the service project this quarter is Literacy so make sure you have followed up with such projects as reading to children or adults, distributing books, etc.

As we can all see based on the above, we are blessed for our members to be so caring. You can donate money, organs, blood or your service through these programs and make a difference in the lives of others. Thanks for Being A Gift to the World!!

Sincerely yours in Rotary,

Steve Dulle

GIFT TO ROTARY FOUNDATION CREATES DUANE R. STERLING SCHOLARSHIP-ROTARY PROGRAM

WARRENSBURG, MO (March 7, 2016) – A gift to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International by Warrensburg businessman Lynn Harmon will provide funding for a partnership between the University of Central Missouri and The Rotary Foundation to establish the Duane R. Sterling Scholarship-Rotary Program.

The agreement recently was formalized in a signing ceremony at UCM's Smiser Alumni Center attending by representatives of UCM, Rotary District 6080, The Rotary Foundation, and members of the Harmon and Sterling families.

The new scholarship will provide funding for one full year of study for an undergraduate or graduate international student at UCM. The scholarship will cover tuition, fees, room and board, books and reasonable expenses. Recipients will be known as Sterling Scholars, with the first recipient to begin studies at UCM in fall 2016. Sterling Scholars will be involved in extracurricular activities and hosted by Rotary District 6080 at a variety of events and opportunities throughout Warrensburg and Johnson County.

The scholarship honors longtime Warrensburg resident Duane R. Sterling, UCM university director emeritus for planning and policy and longtime Rotarian. Sterling served the university in a variety of roles during his 32-year career. He is a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Warrensburg, serving in a variety of leadership roles, including club president and district governor. Follow his retirement from UCM, he served as general manager of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, Evanston, III.



Attending signing ceremony for the establishment of the Duane R. Sterling Scholarship-Rotary Program were, left to right, Duane R. Sterling; Lynn Harmon; UCM President Chuck Ambrose; John Osterlund, general manager and chief development officer for the Rotary Foundation; Jason Drummond, Jason Drummond, UCM vice president for alumni and development and executive director of the UCM Foundation; and Harry Imbeau, director of the UCM International Center.

During his career at UCM, Sterling served as legislative lobbyist, working to secure operating and capital appropriations for the university, as well as seeking and supporting legislation favorable to higher education in Missouri.

In addition to his work at the university, Sterling served at the state level on several groups dealing with education and technology concerns. He was a member of the Governor's Commission on Informational Technology, Missouri Goals 2000 Education Panel, and the Board of Examiners for the Missouri Quality Foundation.

Expressing his appreciation for the efforts of all parties concerned who worked together to bring about the agreement, Harmon explained the significance of the scholarship named in honor of his longtime friend and fellow Rotarian. "Duane Sterling exemplifies the mission of Rotary International, which is to bring the people of the world together for the benefit of all," he said. "His commitment to UCM and the principles of Rotary has created many opportunities for young people in the past, and this scholarship will make it possible for that to continue in a significant manner."

"UCM is defined by the community of Warrensburg, and Rotary has found a purpose in this community through the commitments of the Sterling and Harmon families," said UCM President Chuck Ambrose. "UCM and Rotary have a common commitment to service and the student experience, which makes this scholarship a significant to us here at UCM."

MARCH IS WATER AND SANITATION MONTH—HELP FUND PANAMA WATER PROJECT

Few people die of thirst but millions die from contaminated drinking water. To that end six Rotary clubs of District 6080 are addressing the need for providing water purification systems to 3,000 children and their families in the Darien Province of the country of Panama. These school children and families do not have access to potable water and suffer the consequences. Under the leadership of the Breakfast Rotary Club of Jefferson City these clubs have raised \$14,000 to apply toward matching grants from the District and RI. The goal is to provide purification units to 50 schools that house these 3,000 students and to provide them with training in sanitation and prevention of

water borne diseases. This effort is in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Panama City in District 4240 and a Nutrition program call Pro Nino De Darien. We invite all clubs or individuals to participate by calling Jim Wieberg (573-690-7691) for details. This is a tremendous opportunity for your club to be involved in an international water project and help people less fortunate than ourselves.

ROTARY DAY

The Columbia Metro Club continued their celebration of Rotary Day in 2016 with an all-club social at Shakespeare's Pizza and all Columbia clubs were represented. In 2015 they celebrated with a picture of Rotarians in front of the Columbia City offices.



Columbia Metro and other Rotarians celebrate Rotary Day 2016



Columbia Metro and other Rotarians celebrate Rotary Day 2015

ORGAN DONATION—HELP SAVE LIVES

Rotary For Life is an important new Rotary initiative to educate people on the need for, and benefits of, organ donation. It is a potentially life-saving extension of Rotary's motto of Service Above Self!

Organ donation is a miraculous achievement of modern medicine that spans all races and ages...but many patients die waiting for a suitable organ. That was the case for the great Mickey Mantle. While 90% of people say they support the concept, only 30% know how to register to become a donor.

The Rotary Club of Columbia South's chapter president was the recipient of a donated heart five years ago, which makes organ donation a very personal cause for the club. Many club members have registered on the Missouri Organ Donation website. And, our late DG, Mike Beahon of Fulton, passed away while awaiting a kidney transplant. Mike was a strong supporter of **Rotary For Life**, as is the Fulton Rotary Club.

HOW CAN MY CLUB HELP?

April is National Donate Life month and each club in District 6080 is encouraged to have an educational program to help stimulate registration on the Missouri Organ Donation website by members of the club and community. Go to: MissouriOrganDonor.com to register. For additional program information for your clubs please contact Tom Thomas at 573-449-8671.

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Kit Fruedenberg (Jefferson City Breakfast) was presented the "Spark Plug" Award at the recent South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE) Conference in Tulsa. She received this award due to her Service Above Self in the the District 6080 Rotary Youth Exchange program. Kit has developed relationships with exchange partners overseas and with the clubs in our district and made countless presentation to high schools, rotary clubs and parent groups in promoting Rotary Youth Exchange. Kit has travelled the district to make presentations, and has been a host parent for numerous exchange students. She has held several district positions for Youth Exchange as in 2009 through 2011 she was the Inbound Chair, in 2011 through 2015 Kit was the District Youth Exchange Chair, and she is currently the District Inbound Chair. Kit will retire from Youth Exchange this June and Brenda Woods (Columbia) will take over. Tell Kit thanks for her hard work on youth exchange when you see her and give Brenda a warm welcome!



The Jefferson City Breakfast Club's Rotary Youth Exchange Committee: Dan Sauer, Julia Prullage, Tom Quinn, Taku Shitara, Kit Freudenberg, Stan Hutson, Stephen Stark

ROLLA ROTARY CLUBS TO CELEBRATE

You are invited to Celebrate Rotary with the Rolla Rotary Club and Rolla Breakfast Rotary ClubTuesday, March 15, in St. Pat's Ballroom, Havener Center, Missouri University of Science & Technology, Rolla, MO. Starts at 6 p.m. and cost is \$25.

The guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. Richard C. Harding (Columbia South). He is a Retired Air Force Lieutenant General with 34 years of active duty service. His last active duty position was as the Air Force Judge Advocate General. In this role, he served as the legal adviser for the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force Chief of Staff. He Supervised 4400 attorneys, paralegals and legal support staff and was with President Bush on September 11, 2001.

For reservations call Sue Arnold (573)364-6234

IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES

- March 15 Deadline for submitting RYLA applications and fees
 - April Maternal and Child Health Month
 - April 1 Deadline for Rotary clubs to submit the *Presidential Citation* (Interact clubs deadline is April 15). It must be submitted ONLINE at CLUB CENTRAL. Congratulations to the Rotaract clubs of Columbia, Jefferson City and Springfield for all achieving their Presidential Citation.
- April 1-2 Show-Me Rotary PETS/SETS Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO mandatory for Presidents-Elect to attend PETS. Secretaries should attend SETS. Both registration fees have been paid by your club. Register at www.showmerotary.org and also make your reservations at Capitol Plaza

Hotel 1-800-338-8088. Be sure to ask for the "Show-Me Rotary Leadership" conference.

April 15 Final report due for 2015-2016 District Simplified Grant.

COLUMBIA BLOOD DRIVE

Want to provide immediate service to your community? The Columbia clubs are working with the American Red Cross to help with their normal need around this time of year to increase their supply of blood. The clubs are helping in the mission of the Red Cross "to prevent and alleviate human suffering".

Every day in America the Red Cross must collect over 14,000 units of blood to keep up with the need. In America alone, some patient is in need of blood every two seconds. The need for blood is constant, although the donations of blood tend to fluctuate. Many reasons cause the fluctuations that are out of anyone's control: weather, flu, natural disasters etc. In many situations, donations are down simply because we get too busy to give. In the US, only about 38% of American's are eligible to give and of those only 10% actually donate (3% on a regular basis).

It only takes an hour to donate (even less with RapidPass) and each donation can be separated by the teams into three lifesaving blood products: red cells, plasma and platelets. Each donation is able to save up to three lives. There are not many things we can do in one hour to save three lives. The need for blood is real. It is constant. Will you help by donating. The All Rotary Blood Drive will be held on April 29th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Mill Creek Village, Assisted Living by Americare, 1990 Southampton Drive, Columbia. Call Kelley Upham with any questions at 573-356-6807 Please let us know if your club participates in this activity.

INTERACT

The Butler Rotary club conducted their Butler High School Interact charter Initiation on March 3rd and present were Steve Dulle, District Governor, Jay Leipzig, Assistant Governor, Kay Caskey, President of the club, Jana Rosier, Butler club liaison to Interact, many Butler Rotarians, approximately 20 Interact students, Robin Colburn, faculty adviser, and Marci Beckley, Butler High School Assistant Principal.



President Kay Caskey, Butler HIgh School adviser Robin Colburn, Assistant Principal Marcie Beckley, Butler assistant to President Roberta Sage and Interact club liaison Jana Rosier.



Butler Interact Club Officers with Rotarians



Mar 2, 2016; J.C. Breakfast Club President Bob Asahl poses with recipients of money raised at the Club's Annual Midwinter BBQ. Checks for \$1600 each were presented to four charities. Pictured here are (I to r) Lee Knerscheid, Big Brothers & Big Sisters; Stephanie Johnson and Tim Sigmund, Boys and Girls Club; President Bob; Alden Henrickson, RACS (Rape and Abuse Crisis Service); and Marilyn DeFeo, Samaritan Center.

MAJOR DONOR PRESENTATION

Raymond Plue, District Foundation chair, and Steve Dulle, District Governor, presented John Hawthorne of the Springfield Sunrise club with the crystal and diamond pin in appreciation of John's contributions to the Rotary Foundation that qualify him as a Major Donor Level 1. In so doing, John has made a significant contribution toward the goal of international understanding and peace and has made a difference in the lives of others. Through points earned, John was able to present two of his business associates with Paul Harris Fellows at the same event.



Major Donor recipient John Hawthorne, Steve Dulle (District Governor), Will Cologna (President Springfield Breakfast) and Raymond Plue (District Foundation chair).

KIDNEY TRANSPLANT PROGRAM

The Heart 2 Heart partners in Mexico and the US announced the kidney transplant project will be called the "Holtz-Beahon Kidney Transplant Program" for young adults and teens. The new name recognizes the connections between our two countries that has come together by the inspiring spirit and Rotary service of Ignacio Holtz and Mike Beahon, deceased Past District 6080 Governor.

The annual goal is contemplated to be "to save a life each week", so that the annual target grant would be approximately \$156,000 (52 transplants x \$3,000 average "list" cost to Rotary).

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RYLA 2015-16

Missouri Rotary Youth Leadership Academy



For more information, please contact: Co-Administrative Directors Cathy Libey (573-338-8901) or Suzanne Richter (573-230-7865), at <u>missouriryla@gmail.com</u>

What is **RYLA**?

- A 3-1/2 day summer leadership academy to develop "servant leadership"
- Incoming high school juniors or sophomores with a heart for service
- \$450 per participant--sponsored by local clubs or jointly sponsored by multiple clubs
- Participants learn their personality characteristics in "True Colors" exercise
- Learn team-building and leadership skills on a low-challenge ropes course
- Learn how to develop and lead Service Projects in schools and communities
- Professional educational counselors and presenters
- Mentorship with Rotarian leaders
- A joint program of Missouri Rotary Districts 6040, 6060 and 6080
- Learn to lead and also make lasting friendships!

RYLA is expanding in 2015-16!!

Because of the great popularity of RYLA in Missouri, the RYLA Academy will be accepting more students in 2015-16, with an eventual goal of offering this great leadership experience to as many as 200 students. For the last several years, RYLA has been held at William Woods University in Fulton and has been limited to 100 students. In 2015-16, there will be no limit on the number of students a club or district can sponsor.

The primary goal of the RYLA Academy is to teach students how to develop and administer a quality service project, following Rotary's guiding core values. We want to work with students who have hearts and minds focused on service. We have found that the caliber of students selected by the local clubs sets the overall tone of the Academy. **Selecting the best students is <u>KEY</u> to the success of the program each year.**

We like students who want to be there, who will participate fully, and who will return home ready to serve. While we leave the participant selection process up to each sponsoring club, we have some suggestions for student selection. Many clubs choose to only have one student apply, someone chosen from a Rotarian family or someone familiar from their local community. Others have several students apply, perhaps those nominated by the local high school faculty. Many students go through an interview process with the local club as well.

You are welcome to nominate as many participants as your club is financially able to sponsor. If your club has more students than you can sponsor, you may contact other clubs to see if they will sponsor a student or students. **There are no grade point requirements and no restrictions on children or grandchildren of Rotarians.**

For more information, pictures and videos, visit the RYLA Website: **www.missouriryla.com**.

2016 RYLA Academy Dates: June 26-29