



Clubs practice 'Service Above Self' in projects

Four Rotary Clubs at the Lake of the Ozarks (Laurie-Sunrise Beach, Lake Ozark Daybreak, Camdenton and Lake Ozark Noon) put their District Simplified Grant funds toward the Healing Box Project, which seeks to help veterans with PTSD through the gifting of guitars and teaching them how to play. Dave and CJ Dunklee are the founders of this organization and they help veterans from Columbia down to Springfield. They are always looking for more veterans to help and if any Rotarians in the district know anyone who would benefit from this, please feel free to have them reach out to the Dunklees at (573) 372-1234.

Send your news items and photos to District Secretary Mary Ann Beahon at beahon.rotary@gmail.com.



The Rotary Club of Warrensburg presented checks totaling \$10,000 to four local organizations in November as part of their annual Giving Back commitment. Funds donated were the result of club fundraisers such as the annual pork roast sales and the spring fish fry. A portion of the funds resulted from a District Simplified Grant. Organizations receiving funds were Johnson County Adult Literacy,

American Legion/Boys State and Girls State, Manna Harvest and the Warrensburg Senior Center.



Around the District



Since 2015, members of the **Sunrise Southwest Rotary Club of Columbia** have gathered at Father Tolton Catholic High School to make cookies and snacks to be included as part of the Meals on Wheels deliveries. This year, shortbread cookies, seasoned crackers and peanut clusters were provided to 135 clients.



Members of the **Sunrise Southwest Rotary Club of Columbia** enjoy including their exchange students in their activities. Recently Dr. JD Rich and Caleb Colbert shared their love of duck hunting with two exchange students, Arturo and Vincent. It was a successful hunt with all four having a grand time, despite the cold temperatures.



The Rotary Club of Belton-Raymore provided a grant to the Raymore Parks and Recreation Department for a portion of the TB Hanna Station Project. Rotarians helped lay the decking on a beautiful evening right before Christmas. "It's so great when we are able to get our hands a little dirty while serving the community."



The Rotary Club of Salem held a Christmas dinner and charity auction Dec. 2 at Main Street Cafe. Lots of fun, good company and great food



Harrisonville Rotary provided supplies for their Classroom Partner's students to make gingerbread houses. The children had fun using their budget to purchase supplies and build the houses.



The Willow Springs Rotary and Interact Clubs spent a morning bagging up groceries for the Christmas food distribution.



Columbia Northwest Rotary members helped Santa buy and deliver gifts to West Boulevard Elementary students. The club is paired with the school through Partners in Education.

Bells Were Ringing All Over Missouri



Sedalia Rotary



Waynesville High School Interact



West Plains Noon Rotary



Columbia South



Columbia Metro



The Rolla Rotary Holiday Celebration Dec. 8, sponsored by the two Rolla clubs, attracted hundreds from the community.

District 6080 Conference April 17-19

The District Conference Planning Committee has been hard at work. Our District Conference will be held April 17-19 at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield.

On Friday afternoon, April 17, District Governor-Elect Jacque Howard is offering Club Leadership Training that will be of great help for our incoming club officers, board members and committee chairs who may be new to Rotary leadership.



Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center



On Friday evening, “Jazz in the Atrium” kicks off at 5:30 featuring Carol Reinert and the band *Montage*. Food and drink service will be provided by Houlihan’s for this regular monthly Springfield happening. Although it is open to the public, the hotel is prepared for the extra energy from our Rotarians. Don’t miss it!

The conference will kick off on Saturday morning. We are honored that we will have a welcome and

keynote address on Leadership by Missouri Governor Mike Parson.



Gov. Mike Parson



At the banquet on Saturday evening, our speaker will be Peter Herschend, co-founder of Silver Dollar City and co-owner of Herschend Family Entertainment.

Peter has received countless awards and recognition for his lifelong service to his community and our state. When Peter tells us about the importance of “Giving Back,” you can be sure it is based on a rich lifelong experience.

Peter Herschend

Make it a fun and rewarding visit to Springfield in the spring! See the new History Museum on the Square, which was just named by USA Today as the nation’s Best New Attraction. The same publication last year named the Wonders of Wildlife as the nation’s Best Aquarium. There is much to see and do in the Ozarks!

Expect much more to come on this conference – register now on DAC.db and reserve your room at a special rate.

Upcoming Rotary Fundraisers



Jefferson City Evening Rotary UNO Tournament, Friday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 217 Adams St, Jefferson City. Uno Tournament - Fun for the whole family. There will be only ONE winner! Tickets are \$15 per person Includes Chili/ Chili Dog dinner, entry into tournament, and one “Really Wild” Card. Proceeds benefit JC Evening Rotary youth projects. Space is limited, Message us to reserve your table of four. Additional special “Really Wild” UNO cards available for purchase.

Columbia Metro’s 13th Annual Trivia Night, Friday, Feb. 7 at 5:30 p.m., Knights of Columbia Hall, 2525 N. Stadium Blvd. Proceeds benefit Kate’s Heart and other Metro charities. A \$40 single ticket or \$300 table for eight include dinner buffet, beer, tea, soft drinks and set ups. Contact Katie Essing for tickets.

Jefferson City West Rotary Trivia Night, Friday, Feb. 7 at 6 –10 p.m., Capital Bluffs Event Center, 1616 Oil Well Road, Jefferson City. 10 Categories of Questions | Silent Auction | Complimentary Beer, Wine and Soda. Proceeds benefit Jefferson City West Rotary Scholarship Program, The Salvation Army Jefferson City and Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association. Table Sponsor (includes 8 tickets with perks!) - \$500, table of 8 - \$300, individual Ticket - \$40. Tickets available online or from any Rotary West members. You can also call (573) 291-2206 or email elkhaven@aol.com.

Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Mid-Winter BBQ, Friday, Feb. 21, 4:30–7:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus - Fr. Helias Council #1054, 1822 Tanner Bridge Rd, Jefferson City. Join us for a delicious BBQ dinner (pork steak and chicken) with all the trimmings! Carry-outs available. Adults \$10 Donation, Children (6-12) \$5 Donation. Raffle tickets with great prizes available for 6/\$5 or \$1 each. Dinner Tickets and raffle tickets available from any Jefferson City Rotary Breakfast Club member or at the door. Or message us! Proceeds benefit Boys & Girls Club of Jefferson City, Rape and Abuse Crisis Service and Missouri Valley Big Brothers Big Sisters.

The Rotary Club of Fulton will hold its sixth annual Callaway Cup Mouse Races at 6 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Fulton Event Center, 1915 N. Bluff St. Proceeds will benefit the Super Sam Foundation: Fighting Childhood Cancer and other local charities. Mardi Gras is the theme and a Cajun-style meal and drinks will be served. Single admission tickets for the family-friendly event are \$40; children 12 and under are \$10. Sponsorships also are available. Mouse betting, a silent auction, photo booth, kids’ crafts and raffles are planned. For more information, go to www.fultonrotary-mo.org.



The Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP) needs Rotarians for upcoming service trips to Guatemala. Their educational programs currently serve more than 50,000 impoverished children, and the hope is to grow that number even more! Trips to deliver textbooks, inaugurate computer centers and much more are planned for Feb. 1-9 and Feb. 18-23. See what that would look like and hear from other Rotarians by watching the YouTube video, Guatemala Literacy Project. Visit www.guatemalaliteracy.org/ for more details or submit an application. Email Joe Berninger with questions at joe@guatemalaliteracy.org.



Rotary International Convention

The 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA is where people of action from all over the world will gather to connect, celebrate, and collaborate to make a better world. The convention takes place June 6-10, 2020.

At the general and breakout sessions taking place during the convention, you can:

- Hear from world leaders, philanthropists, and other remarkable people during general sessions.
- Take part in breakout sessions to learn more about thought-provoking topics at in-depth seminars, workshops, and discussions.

House of Friendship

The House of Friendship is a special place where the Rotary world comes together to share ideas, tips, and project successes. You can:

- Visit booths that feature club and district projects, Rotary Fellowships, and Rotarian Action Groups.
- Shop for Rotary-licensed merchandise, including pins, shirts, and banners.
- Meet with Rotary staff to learn about programs and services.
- Enjoy food and entertainment unique to Hawaii.

Host-Ticketed Events

Experience the culture of Honolulu, a place unlike any other, at events planned by the Host Organization Committee in Hawaii:

- Hawaiian Music Concert at the Waikiki Shell
- Hawaiiana Cruise Ship Luncheons
- Island (Host) Hospitality
- Sunrise Walk for Peace
- Ancient Hawaiian Fishpond Service Project
- Money Lei Project

Frequently Asked Questions

When and where can I register for the Convention in Honolulu? Please visit the [Rotary International Convention website](#) to register.

When and how can I book my hotel room for Honolulu? Please visit the [Rotary International Convention website](#) for additional information on accommodations.

How do I sign up for events? Host-ticketed events, as well as tours and activities, can be booked via this website. Additional details may be found on the [Convention page](#).

Rotary-ticketed events can be booked via the [Rotary International Convention website](#).

Who can attend the Rotary International Convention? Registration is open to Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary program alumni, Youth Exchange students, club and district employees, and spouses/partners of deceased Rotarians. Guests can also attend at the appropriate fee.

Learn more by exploring the Rotary International Convention website.

District 6080 Rotary



Happy New Year Rotarians from District 6080!

I hope you all had a joyous and peaceful holiday season and that you are off to a good start for the New Year. As I reflect on the whirlwind of activity in my first six months as District Governor, I am even more energized to be a Rotarian. The 2,500 Rotarians in our 51 Rotary clubs are a potent force for good in our communities and across the globe. I am definitely proud to be among this group.

This newsletter contains a lot of good information on what is happening in our district along with details on upcoming events. Let me restate a few here to remind you that we are an active group and need to continue to "Connect the World."

I am leading a group of 17 Rotarians on an adventure to Colombia later this month. We will be attending the Fifth Annual Rotary Project Fair presented jointly by District 4271 and District 4281 in that country. We are excited about the opportunity and will share our experience when we return with anyone who is willing to listen.

Mark your calendar for April 17-19 for our District Conference, which will be held at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center in Springfield. We will have wonderful speakers, good entertainment and as always, great Rotary fellowship.

This may be a good year for you to consider attending the Rotary International Convention. It will be held June 6–10 in Honolulu and is always a spectacle of Rotary that creates lasting memories. This will be my eighth convention and I am hoping we can set a new record for attendance from our District in Missouri!

I am looking forward to continuing my travels around the district in the remainder of my term as Governor and hope to connect with as many of you as I can.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Paul Reinert
District Governor 2019 - 2020