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Health concerns force cancellation of PETS, District Conference

A letter from District Governor Paul Reinert

Greetings Rotarians of District 6080,
I want to acknowledge Mary Ann Beahon, our District Secretary, who has done a great job on these monthly newsletters. Most of this month's content was ready to go a week ago, but the events of the last week made it impossible for me to finalize my thoughts to share with you.

As you know, we are in the midst of a national emergency situation requiring us to take actions to change some of the planned events we were looking forward to in our Rotary District. The Show-Me Rotary Leadership Institute for incoming club Presidents from the 3 districts in Missouri was scheduled for next week on March 27 -28 in Jefferson City. In response to the COVID-19 crisis, and after countless hours of preparation, the decision has been made to cancel this event. District Governor-Elect Jacque Howard is already finalizing a plan to present much of the content to our clubs using online technology. Grants training will be included as well to assure clubs are fully qualified to take advantage of the district matching grants that are available.

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



Just today, the CDC released its recommendation that all events of 50 or more participants should be canceled for the next eight weeks. As a result, I am saddened to report that our District Conference which was originally planned for April 17–19 will also be canceled. Our Conference planning committee will convene early this week to begin our plans for an alternate approach for us to “Connect the District,” even if not fully in person as planned. While this is a disappointment, it will not slow down the connectedness we have as Rotarians, nor our passion to make a difference in our communities. More information will be forthcoming on the details impacting all who have already registered for the conference.

Beyond the profound impacts of the Corona virus pandemic, we have been busy doing what we do – enjoying Rotarian fellowship, connecting with others, and promoting service project works in our communities. Just in the last two weeks, I had the great pleasure to travel to Antigua, Guatemala and attend the joint district conference there of the two Central America districts. I was invited by my District Governor classmate from District 4240, where in 2013 I had the privilege to lead our Group Study Exchange team to four countries. At this district conference, I was able to renew friendships with many Rotarian friends I had made. It is a great joy to know that relationships we make through Rotary do really stand the test of time!

I wish you all good health in the weeks and months ahead, and I am confident that we will all emerge stronger from these difficult times. I intend to observe “social distancing” to protect myself and others, but at the same time I hope to draw even closer to my friends and family.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Paul

Reinert renews Rotary friendships in Guatemala



(Left) Paul and his daughter Elena at the opening session for the conference. (Lower left) Liliana Peña, a friend from the Rotary Club of Santa Ana El Salvador, with Paul. (Below) Kim Greene, a member of Paul's 2013 GSE team, and Henry Zapata from the Rotary Club of San Miguel El Salvador. (Bottom right) Paul in beautiful Guatemala.



Our new collaboration with Toastmasters



Rotary is proud to be working with Toastmasters International, a leading international educational organization that helps its members become more effective speakers, communicators, and leaders.

This new collaboration is designed to enhance your membership experience, as well as help you expand your network, develop your leadership and communication skills, and make an even bigger impact in your community.

There are many ways your club can get involved with the Toastmasters collaboration. To start, find a Toastmasters club and arrange a visit, or invite a Toastmasters member to one of your club service activities or social events.

We expect that interest in joining Rotary may be sparked by this new alliance and urge district and club leaders to quickly follow up with any prospective members.

What is Toastmasters?

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit, educational organization with more than 16,800 clubs in 143 countries. Since 1924, it has helped its members become more effective speakers, communicators, and leaders through a worldwide network of clubs, much like Rotary.

How can you and your club get involved?

It's easy for Rotarians and Rotaractors to engage:

- [Find a Toastmasters club](#) near you and arrange a visit.
- Welcome Toastmasters members to your club so they can learn more about Rotary and Rotaract.
- Invite a Toastmasters member to be a guest speaker at your meeting or to participate in an upcoming service project.
- Explore ways to work with your local Toastmasters club.
- Raise awareness about this alliance by sharing the news with your club and Toastmaster clubs that may not be aware that we are working together.
- Visit toastmasters.org
- Take the Toastmasters-developed communication and leadership courses in the Learning Center (coming soon!):
 - Speech development
 - Speech delivery
 - Inspirational speech
 - Interpersonal communication
 - Leadership basics
 - Leading a team
 - Leadership: Collaboration
 - Inclusive leadership



EMPOWERING

WOMEN IN Rotary

JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING EVENT!

MAY 9, 2020 10:00am - 3:00pm

Hawthorn Bank Community Room
3600 Amazonas Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65109

\$30 per person includes lunch

REGISTER: tinyurl.com/ewrotary

Empowering Women In Rotary. Join us for this exciting event on May 9, 2020. You can register online at <https://tinyurl.com/ewrotary>.

Speakers and topics include:

Linda Sullivan of Toastmasters, doing a speaking engagement ... the right way

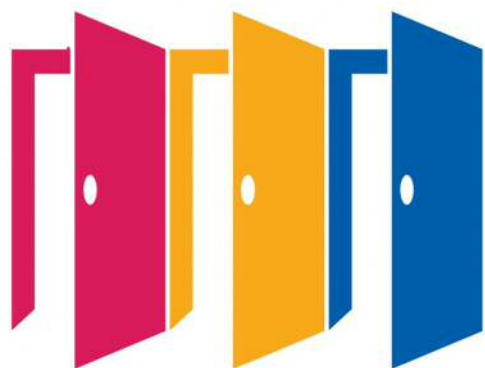
Elizabeth Usovich, incoming RI Director for Zone 30 and 31, on leadership and empowerment

Gayetri Agnew, Rotary president in Arkansas and a former candidate for the Arkansas State House, who was among the working moms who ran for office in 2018;

Carl Cinnery, Polio survivor ... bring your tissues

Kirsten Burman, former Internact president in Springfield, now an active Rotarian

Beth Carter, an author from Memphis on her road to writing the book, "The Nest Keeper"



Rotary Opens Opportunities



The Rotary Theme for 2020-21 is "Rotary Opens Opportunities." It was unveiled by Rotary International President-Elect Holger Knaack at the International Assembly in San Diego, Calif.

President-Elect Knaack, who is from the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, encourages Rotarians to seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich their lives and the communities they serve.

Correction:

Jim and Judy Elliott were identified as members of the wrong club in the February newsletter. They are members of the Rotary Club of Columbia.

District conducts various training sessions



Rotary District 6080 held **District Leadership Training** Feb. 15 in Jefferson City. District Governor Elect Jackie Howard showed the theme for 2020-2021, reflected on Rotary's Vision & Strategic Priorities and shared her District goals. Assistant Governors and District Chairs set their goals, learned about Leading Change, and developed clubs with new models.



Visioning Chair Nick Rackers and DGE Jackie Howard set up a **Vision 2.0 training** for the Rotary District 6080 Visioning Facilitator Team on Feb. 29 with Rotary International Visioning Facilitation Council trainers, Jill Pietrusinski and Rita Esterly.



Happy Birthday

Springfield Metro celebrated nine years as an organization March 10. In honor of our celebration they collected kids' party supplies for the Wish I May organization.

Springfield Rotary provides dental care supplies



Rotary Club of Springfield all-club service project making packages for Jordan Valley Community Health Center.

Months after the Rotary Club of Springfield helped fund a mobile dental unit for Jordan Valley Community Health Center, club members returned to their favorite project with a \$21,000 gift that provided supplies to enhance the dental care Jordan Valley delivers to low-income Ozarkers.

The \$21,000 grant came through matching gifts from Rotary District 6080 and the club. The grant purchased two hand-held X-ray generators, two jazz solo sensors and membership, one Radiolase 3 generator and Dry Shields for dental units.

As part of their gift, members used their club meeting Feb. 11 to prepare over 500 dental hygiene bags of toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss that are sent with families after their dental visit and following dental surgery. The club also donated nearly 100 children's books in February for Jordan Valley Health Center children's library. Another \$500 in books will be donated in June, said club President Tamera Jahnke.



"For some of our families, this is the only opportunity they have to receive new oral health hygiene items," said Betsy Fogle, director of program advancement with Jordan Valley.

"We are so appreciative of the Rotary members for spending their time putting together such an important component of the dental visit, and are thankful for our new supply of children's

books for our lending libraries stationed throughout the clinic. Our families love getting these books," Fogle said.

The Rotary Club donated over \$100,000 toward the purchase of the center's second mobile dental unit in June 2019 as a gift in observance of the club's 100th anniversary.

"Taking care directly to those who need it most – that is what the Jordan Valley mobile dental unit is all about, said 2019-2020 club President Tamera Jahnke.

"A mobile dental unit reduces barriers to dental care in a unique and powerful way. Dental pain is one of the leading causes of hospital emergency room visits and school hours



missed for children. The number of emergency room visits due to dental complaints is excessive because the visits are preventable and do not address the underlying problem effectively.”



The Jordan Valley mobile dental unit provides services in a seven-county catchment area -- Greene , Laclede, Webster, Stone, Taney, Christian and Douglas counties) that includes 28 school districts in southwest Missouri. The mobile unit also visits two children’s homes; one for boys and one for girls.

Since the addition of the new mobile unit, Jordan Valley has provided 1,528 dental visits to children in a school-based setting. The need for dental services in many rural school communities is great. Children who are receiving dental care through the mobile unit have an initial visit, consisting of a comprehensive exam and treatment planning with a dentist. They return for subsequent visits to receive treatment services, including fillings, cleanings, extractions, crowns, etc. For most children, these are the only dental services they will receive over the course of a year.

Because of a Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation in the area of Economic Development, the Indigenous People of Caraga on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines will learn how to grow abaca and coconuts on their land. The **Jefferson City West Rotary Club** partnered with many other districts to make this happen. Past Rotary International President John Germ provided his guidance.

Global Grant for Phillipines



Kids’ hygiene care kits



The Boonville Rotary Club launched a major community service project on March 9 to coordinate the assembly and distribution of hygiene care kits for children within the Boonville Public School District. These care kits, which contain hygiene items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, etc., will be placed in each of the four school buildings in Boonville and made available to children in need of such items. This is one of several services that Boonville Rotary Club proudly provides for the Boonville Public School District.



Claudette saved a portion of her peanuts for her family and as seed for next year. The rest she sold to MFK.



Louis has been a leader for MFK's farmer training program for a few years, but he had not been able to adopt the farming methods taught in the training program. He was accustomed to drying his peanuts on the dirt, which can contribute to Aflatoxin. With his new tarp from MFK, Louis dries his peanuts on the tarp. This year all of his peanuts tested low for aflatoxin, which allowed MFK to purchase his peanuts at a favorable price.

Peanuts provide better life in Haiti

Rotary's District Grants allow each Rotary club to choose a worthwhile project that helps fill important needs that enhance quality of life locally or internationally. In the 2019/2020 fiscal year the Jefferson City Evening Rotary partnered with Meds and Food for Kids (MFK), a non-government organization in Haiti that was started by Dr. Elizabeth Wolf, a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Washington University's School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dr. Wolf founded MFK due to her frustration of seeing malnourished Haitian children.

In August 2019, the Jefferson City Evening Rotary Club awarded MFK \$2,602.84 to distribute 156 tarps and 1,500 mesh bags to farmers. MFK provided each farmer with a tarp and 10 mesh bags to support control of aflatoxin contamination in peanuts. The simple act of drying peanuts on tarps and storing peanuts in breathable bags helped the farmers produce peanuts suitable for sale.



In 2019, Rose grew peanuts in a half acre garden, producing about 600 pounds of peanuts. While this may be considered small in the United States, her yield was more than four times greater than what her neighbors grew on similar land. Rose benefited from both a tarp and breathable sacks to dry and store her peanuts and all of Rose's peanuts tested safe for aflatoxin.

RI monthly themes

Develop meeting agendas, projects, or public image campaigns based on these special occasions.

March 2020

Water and Sanitation Month

March 9-15— World Rotaract Week

April 2020

Maternal and Child Health Month

May 2020

Youth Service Month

Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary

will conduct its Magic Dragon Car Raffle drawing at 5 p.m. May 2 during the Magic Dragon Street meet nationals. This year they are raffling off a 2020 Camaro LT1. Tickets are \$20 each with a maximum of 2,500 to be sold.



An idea to steal: a bike rack in Springdale, Arkansas, sponsored by Rotary. It's a service project that boosts the public image of Rotary.

Fulton Rotary's mouse races raise funds for charity



District 6080 officers, including DG Paul Reinert and his wife Carol, enjoy Fulton Rotary's Mouse Races.



Young spectators react as mice near the finish line.

All bets were on the mice, but various local charities, including the Super Sam Foundation, were the winners at the Rotary Club of Fulton's fundraiser Feb. 22. Approximately 175 people attended the sixth annual Callaway Cup Mouse Races at the Fulton Event Center.

Proceeds of the Mardi Gras-themed affair are still being tabulated, but an early estimate shows the event cleared approximately \$5,800, about \$1,635 more than last year. A Cajun-style meal catered by Fontenot's and New Orleans frozen drinks from the Station were served.

"The Annual Mouse Race is a fun event for the entire family and an opportunity for the Fulton community to come out and enjoy the evening together," said Allen Huggins, Fulton Rotary president.

In addition to Fulton Rotary (both noon and evening members), the Interact Club of Fulton High School assisted with the night's activities—mouse races, mouse roulette, a silent auction, photo booth, kids' crafts and lucky liquor roll.

Proceeds from the Mouse Races always benefit Rotary's charitable work in the community. "This year our club chose to partner with the Super Sam Foundation, whose mission is to continue to fight pediatric cancer by providing comfort, support, awareness and research funding. Maternal and child health is one of Rotary's six areas of focus, which fits well with this cause," Sherry McCarthy, president-elect of Fulton Rotary, said.

Around the District

The Rotary Club of Table Rock Lake will host Reeds Spring Cajun Days on Saturday, May 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the City Hall grounds in downtown Reeds Spring.

Cajun Days is an outdoor festival that features live musical acts, food vendors, and craft booths. Money raised from sponsors and vendor fees is used to fund the Rotary Club of Table Rock Lake's many community enrichment projects.

For more information, contact Ben Fisher at benfisher099@gmail.com.



Jefferson City Evening Rotarians recently gathered to fill birthday bags for children under CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) care. This gathering marks the beginning of their second year of their birthday bag bash.

The Rotary Club of Pakuranga invites you to join the Ultimate 18-Day Rotary Tour of New Zealand

September 11-28, 2020



The Tour Key points and Highlights are:

- The Tour includes two meals in Rotarians homes, and two Rotary Club Meeting visits.
- The Tour size is limited to 26 persons. (Within a 30/33 seater coach.)
- Hotels will be 5 star and fee includes all breakfasts. (*4 star if 5 star is not available.*)
- Two-night stays in all big city stopovers, and 'not too early' start times.
- A professional 'Top Tour Guide' will travel with you throughout the Tour.
- The 18-day Tour includes both the North and South Islands of New Zealand.

The following details some of the 62 items that are included within the Tour price:

An official Rotarian Welcome at the 'Grand Millennium' Hotel, Gift packs, Guided Tour of Auckland, Entry to the Auckland Museum, Visit to the 'Auckland Sky Tower', Tea Tour and Tastings at Zealong Estate, Guided Tour of 'Hobbiton', Guided Tour of 'Rainbow Springs' and 'Kiwi Encounter', Guided tour of Te Puia including a Maori Cultural Performance and Hangi dinner, visit the Huka Falls, Wine tasting in Napier, Guided Walking Tour of downtown Napier, Sightseeing Tour of Wellington, Guided Tour of 'Weta Workshop', Ferry from Wellington to Picton, Hanmer Springs, Lake Tekapo, Lake Pukaki, Arrowtown, Queenstown, Invercargill, A full day tour to Milford Sounds, Sightseeing Tour of Dunedin, Orientation Tour of Christchurch City Centre.

Here are some of the typical comments received from Rotarians on previous Tours:

- This was a great trip. We enjoyed every moment and really appreciated the opportunity to see some things that larger tour groups couldn't have seen. *PDG Greg Bevan and wife Lorraine of District 9670 (NSW, Australia.)*
- Sharron (the Tour Guide) is the very best tour guide we've ever experienced. *PDG Barbara Tracy & husband Jim from District 5180 (Greater Sacramento, USA.)*
- I found it useful not to have late nights included – the days were long enough for 'oldies'. I have already recommended your tour to someone in our Club.

Special Early-Bird Fares:

NZ\$7,750 per person for two people sharing a room. (Approximately USD \$4,900)

NZ\$9,750 per person for a single person in one room. (Approximately USD \$6,150)

Please email: peter.hawkins@xtra.co.nz to request the 8 page full Tour details.