



Notes from your District Governor and Special Events

Hi everyone, we had an abundance of news to share this month and wanted to make sure everyone was able to get their newsletter, so rather than sending one huge file, we've split the newsletter into two. Watch for the other one to arrive shortly.

Everyone Welcome!

Rotary Virtual Zone Summit: Taking Rotary by Storm: Oct. 10, 8 am-3:30 pm CT

Pre-register by Oct. 6: <https://3031summit.vfairs.com/en/registration>

Peace = Rotary: Oct. 15 at 5 pm, District-themed program for October. **Pre-register:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/82243293980?pwd=TmNmVWRtSE1uM0pHaJScDR2cjJpQT09>

Peacebuilding: You have an opportunity to become peacebuilders and peacebuilder clubs. We have funds available to support memberships and a grant fund request for local peacebuilding service projects. **For more information attend event on Oct, 15 and/or contact me:**

howardjs.rotary6080@gmail.com

Together We End Polio: Oct. 12 at 6 pm, Empowering Women In Rotary Series.

Pre-register: <https://ewirotary.com/register>

World Polio Day: Oct. 24, 4-6 pm, District special event

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82243293980?pwd=TmNmVWRtSE1uM0pHaJScDR2cjJpQT09>

Meeting ID: 822 4329 3980 Passcode: 681182

One tap mobile: +13126266799,,82243293980# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Location: Roubidoux Park, Waynesville, MO 65583

District Support!

Innovation Team: Who is on the innovation team? Are there unmet needs in your community?

For more info: Pat Hiatte, Innovation Team Chair, patrickhiatte@gmail.com

Membership - Staying Connected and Growing Rotary: Will some former members rejoin with virtual options or changes in meal cost? The membership team provides help to attract and re-engage members. **For more info: Nicole Slusser, D-6080 Membership Chair,**

hnicole79@hotmail.com

Rotary Zones 30, 31, plan Virtual Summit Oct. 10

Don't Miss It!

Heart of America
Rotary
Zones 30 & 31

Taking Rotary by Storm

October 10, 2020 Rotary Summit
virtual

Presenters include:

- Director
Floyd Lancia
- Rot President Shikhar Mehta
- Rot RI President Ian Riseley
- Team Rubicon
Jake Wood
- Rotary Maccys
Jenny Stotts
- Rot District Governor
Sigrid Solomon
- Rotarian & Polio Survivor
Ann Lee Hussey

Registration Now Open!
<https://3031summit.vfairs.com/>

DOGOODERY!
Speaker, Chris Wells

The 2020 Virtual Summit is what we used to call our “Zone Institute.” It is designed to let Rotarians share information, build connections, and exchange ideas about Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.



Our 2020 Virtual Summit will start at 8 a.m. (Central Standard Time) on Saturday, Oct. 10, and will wrap up at 3:30 p.m. when the last breakout sessions conclude. The entire event is online, so you'll incur no travel, lodging, or food costs.

In the morning, we'll get updates on our final push to end Polio, timely thoughts on diversity, an energetic pitch on “Do Goodery,” and learn how to be better leaders in times of crisis and disaster. For first-timers, there will be quick overviews of Rotary's Membership, Public Image, and Rotary Foundation initiatives.

Afternoon breakouts will engage you with in-depth discussions about our new Area of Focus, Supporting the Environment, Grant ideas for your club or district, engaging younger members, continuity in planning from year-to-year, public speaking, and more.

There is no registration fee, so be sure to invite others in your club and district to join you in attending. If you can do so safely, you and others may want to get together in one place to watch on a big-screen TV, where you can also enjoy each other's company. We look forward to seeing you virtually on Oct. 10.

Go to <https://3031summit.vfairs.com> for more information and to register.

Rotary = Peace

Where Do You Fit In?

October 15 at 5:00pm (CT)

Join in this exciting program to:

- Learn more about peace from Rotary world leaders;
- Meet D-6080 Peacebuilders; and
- Find out how to leverage D-6080 peacebuilding initiatives for your club.

Rotary District 6080 Peacebuilding Program Facilitators:

Jacque Howard, District Governor

Rita Esterly, Rotary Coordinator, District Trainer

Sarah Read, Chair: Peacebuilding, Columbia Metro Rotary Club

Erik Janeczko, Technical Support



Rotary peace initiatives and Rotary's historical role in peacebuilding!

Keynote speaker: Peter Kyle, Rotary International Director

Peter first came to the US from New Zealand in 1973 to pursue post-graduate studies in law at the University of Virginia as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. He was inducted into Rotary in 1976 and has been particularly involved in alumni/Rotary Peace Fellow activities and has chaired both the Alumni Relations and Rotary Peace Centers Committees. He serves the RI Director (2020-22) in Zones 33 & 34. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill. Peter has received the Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award together with the Service above Self Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service.



Peacebuilders and Peacebuilder Clubs initiative

Speaker: Alison Sutherland, Board Chair Rotary Action Group For Peace (RAGFP)

Alison joined Cardiff Bay Rotary some ten years ago and began working in the area of Peace. She has served on the Rotary Action Group for Peace for the past six years. First as a Director and later serve on the Executive Director and has been Chair of the RAGFP for the past year. She is based in Cardiff, Wales and works (on behalf of Rotary) with prisoners, refugees and asylum seekers and youth. She is currently Peace Officer and DG for Southern Wales.

Pre-Register to receive a link to the program:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtcumrqj4pGtGFgvS2bHlYgt3_LMGClmQr



Together, We End Polio

October, 12th at 6:00 pm CST
Register at ewirotary.com/register

Ann Lee Hussey has made the eradication of polio and the alleviation of suffering by polio survivors her life's work. In the past 12 years she has actively participated in 25 volunteer NID (National Immunization Days) teams organizing and leading the last 18 teams herself, choosing to take those NIDs to places that do not often see westerners where the need is greatest and where the publicity and goodwill surrounding the trip are as critical as the immunizations themselves. She is determined that no child will needlessly have to suffer what she herself, a polio survivor, has been through. Ann Lee's work has earned her the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World and the Rotary Service Above Self Award.

Joined by Ann Lee is Carly Chinnery. Carl Chinnery lost one brother to polio and nearly lost another. So when it came time to choose his passion, it was an easy choice. Chinnery has been honored numerous times for his work with Rotary's Polio Plus program, which seeks to eradicate the disease in the areas where it's still a threat. Carl joined Rotary in 1977. He was a Rotary International Polio Plus Partners Task Force Member, and was the Moderator/Trainer for EMGA's.



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Together, We Transform: Doing Good in the World

With Brenda Cressey, Rotary Foundation
Trustee, Pamela Stewart and Randy Steinman



For more information or to register, visit www.ewirotary.com



Empowering Women in Rotary is born from the friendship of four Rotary women in Missouri, all of whom served as their Rotary District's Governors in 2018-2019. To celebrate the contributions of women in Rotary, Past Governors Julie McCoy, Linda Puchbauer, Jayne Lowe and Susan Haralson formed a working group to develop and host a one-day session to honor the power and impact of women's contributions to Rotary - in all Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs, in Rotary districts, and at all levels of leadership.

District 6080 World Polio Day event planned

Join other Rotarians and community members to celebrate World Polio Day Oct. 24 at a District 6080 event in Waynesville, home of District Governor Jacque Howard. There will be games, entertainment, a silent auction and information tables—all to raise awareness and funds to End Polio Now. The event is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. at Roubidoux Park. Masks and social distancing will be required.

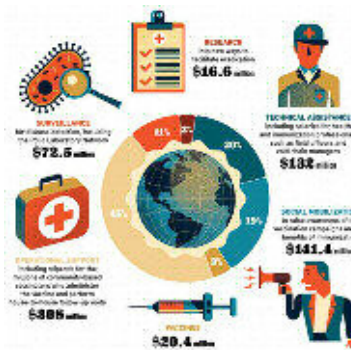


Plans are incomplete, but include a “This Close” Cornhole Tournament and Kiddie Cornhole. Videos about polio and messages from celebrities and Rotary dignitaries will be shown on the big screen. If your club has an idea for an activity for this event, contact Jacque Howard at howardjs.rotary6080@gmail.com. There will be no charge to set up a table as long as it generates awareness and/or money to fight polio.

Clubs are encouraged to donate a themed basket for the silent auction, which will be conducted both online and in person. Items could include movie tickets, jellies, wine, baked goods, Cardinal or Chief’s tickets, fall items or even Christmas goodies.



If your club has a basket to contribute, please contact Polio Chair Susan Haralson at sharalsondg1819@gmail.com. Information needed includes a description of the item, the value of the item, a list of the contents and an approximate shipping cost, as well as a photo of the completed basket. Photos of the baskets will be posted on the District website and Facebook page later in the month. Bid high and bid often.



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Old-style radio play to tell story of polio survivor



In observance of World Polio Week, the Rotary Club of Fulton plans to broadcast “A Candle Against the Dark,” the story of Carl Chinnery’s family and their struggle against polio. Carl, a past District Governor of 6040, was 1 when he and his four brothers all contracted polio in 1942. His oldest brother, who was 9, died from the disease.

A dedicated Rotarian, Carl has received numerous awards for his service to the organization, including the Citation for Meritorious Service, the Distinguished Service Award, and Service Above Self Award, but perhaps the one that is most meaningful to him is the International Service Award for a Polio Free World.

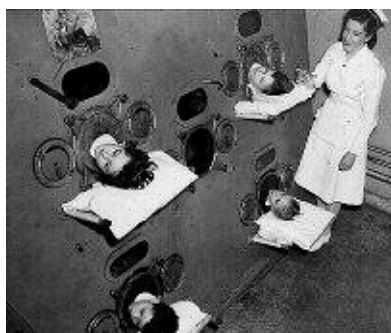
In addition to the Chinnery story, the broadcast tells the tales of others who were affected by the disease — patients and doctors, parents and nurses — and recalls a time in our history when we were helpless against a seemingly invincible foe.

Fulton Rotary has secured the rights from the Lees Summit Rotary Club and Summit Theatre Group to broadcast “A Candle Against the Dark” to raise awareness and generate funds to End Polio Now. The show was written by Ben Martin, a member of the Rotary Club of Lee’s Summit, a long-time educator in Lee’s Summit R7 schools and the founding president of Summit Theatre Group.

Done in the style of the radio plays from the early 20th Century, “A Candle Against the Dark,” comprises three episodes. The first, which is 20 minutes, will air Oct. 19, followed by comments from Carl Chinnery. The second episode is 18 minutes and will be broadcast Oct. 21. The third, which is 26 minutes, will be broadcast Oct. 22. All three episodes will begin at 7 p.m. on Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/events/664195697863745>) and available for viewing later.



Boy using oxygen inhalator, 1944

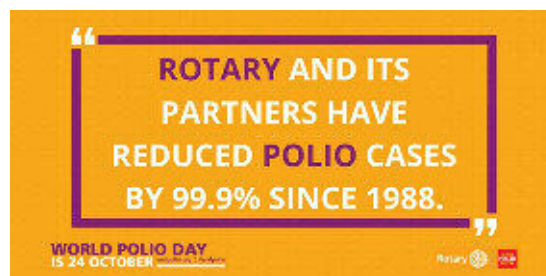


Unable to breathe, patients entered iron lungs, which made use of negative pressure ventilation -- a continual displacing and replacing the air inside of the machine --stimulating respiration



Braces and crutches helped these young girls stay mobile.

Historical
photos tell
the story of
polio.



Rolla Breakfast Club plans Pedal 2 End Polio



Rolla Breakfast Rotary Club plans to hold a Pedal 2 End Polio Ride on World Polio Day, Saturday, Oct 24 (rain date Oct. 31). There will be two routes, one that is 10+ miles and another that is a family friendly ride under four miles. The 10+ mile ride includes seven station locations around town. Riders will determine the order and routes they will take to go to all of the stations. In addition, there will be prizes for a poker ride, an immunization card ride and a bike decorating contest (for kids 16 and under). All participants are encouraged to pre-register for the event by the Oct.

12 deadline, but registration is available from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park the day of the event. Pre-registered participants will receive a high visibility shirt that they will be asked to wear for the event. All proceeds will be donated to Rotary International's End Polio Now Campaign. Information and registration materials are available at <https://sites.google.com/view/rollabreakfastrotaryclub/home>. The PayPal link to pay for online registrations is at the bottom of the page.

Corn Hole Tournament to benefit Polio Plus

The Rotary clubs of Fayette, Boonville and Columbia are sponsoring a double elimination Corn Hole Tournament on Oct. 11 at Katfish Katy's in Huntsdale. The cost is \$20 per two-person team and all proceeds will go to Polio Plus.

The top team will win \$50 and the top Rotary team will take home the traveling Bragging Rights trophy. The top youth team (18 and under) will also receive a trophy.

Teams can preregister by contacting Gale Schafer at 573-239-0491. Teams may also register on-site on Oct. 11 from 1 to 2 pm. Play will begin at 2 pm. Food and drinks will be available for purchase through Katfish Katy's.



2 pm, Sunday, October 11 at
Katfish Katy's, Huntsdale, Missouri.

 Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of
Boonville, Columbia and Fayette, Missouri

Open to the Public
\$20 per two person team. Pre-registration suggested.
Contact Gale Schafer at 573-239-0491.
Registration also accepted from 1 to 2 pm on October 11.
Play begins at 2 pm.

Double Elimination Tournament
We will follow accepted rules of the game except
those changes deemed necessary for time constraints.

A \$50 cash prize will be given to the winning team, a traveling
bragging rights trophy will be presented to the winning Rotary team
and a youth trophy will be presented to the winning 18 & under team.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase at Katfish Katy's.

All Proceeds go to PolioPlus
to help eliminate Polio worldwide.



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DISTRICT 6080 INNOVATION TEAM



Joan Kramer
Governor-Elect



Pat Hiatte
Team Leader



Janice Wilson
AG Team Member



Jacque Howard
Governor



David Selzer
Team Member



Chelsey Bode
Team Member



Nicole Slusser
Membership Chair



Jay Waggoner
Team Member



Jerry Franklin
Team Advisor



Jim Standfast
DGND Team Member



John Horton
Governor-Nom.

The District 6080 Innovation Team is all about new club development, especially using new club models, ranging from E-Clubs that meet virtually to Cause-Based Clubs whose members share a common interest to Corporate Clubs whose members work for the same employer. Of course, new traditional Rotary Clubs are always welcome. We work closely with the District Leadership Team to identify those opportunities. You can help this effort to develop new clubs by identifying and letting the Innovation Team know about areas unserved - or under-served - by traditional Rotary clubs. Contact us via email to patrickhiatte@gmail.com and let us take it from there. We look forward to hearing from you! – Pat Hiatte

And a word from district membership chair ...

What do you think of when you hear the word Membership? I think of a LOT of things. Membership is what keeps Rotary still going in so many communities; it is what builds strength within a club, builds friendships and often times with my own personal experience has sat me at tables with so many great people that I normally wouldn't have met or shared experiences with.

I know August was Membership month, but remember membership building is a year round job. We can still build our clubs during a pandemic, inviting someone to Rotary could actually be life saving (sounds crazy, I know!), but you never know what people are struggling with right now and to be made to feel like they are a part of something greater than themselves is a great mental health pick me up. Also remember your current club members too! Is there someone you haven't seen at a meeting lately? Call, email or text them! Let them know that you miss them and that they DO matter to you. We will all go above and beyond when we feel like we matter to others.

I challenge you all to reach out to someone, if it be a current member or someone who you think has the heart for Rotary. Let's show the people around us that they matter to us and they will see how having the heart for Rotary spills out into so many other aspects of our lives! – Nicole Slusser

District offers Leadership Development Program

By Will Cologna
District Leadership Development Chair

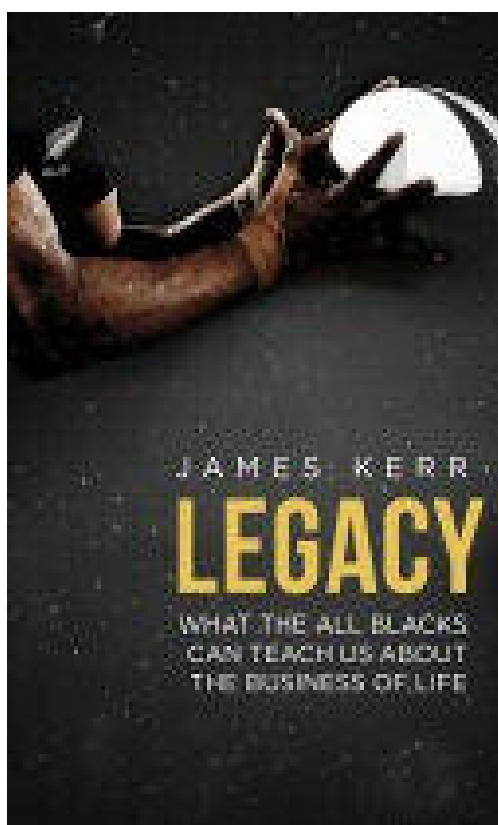
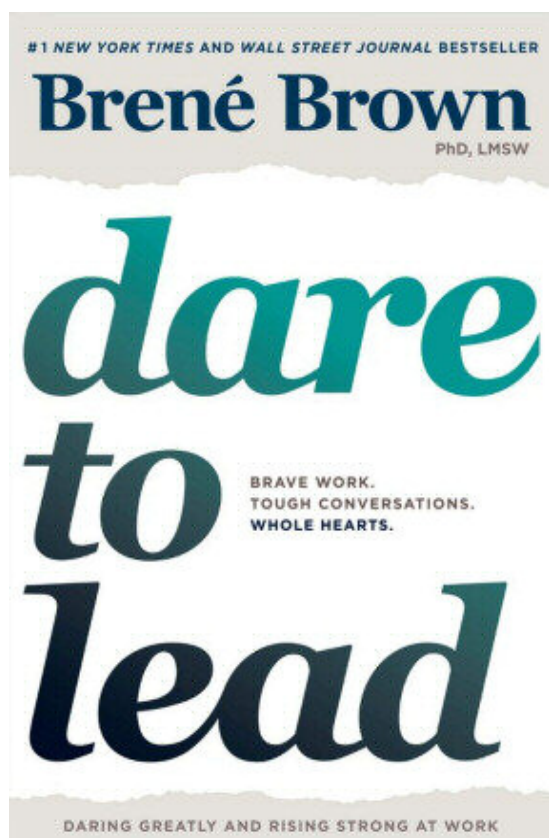
Join us for the first of two book studies as part of Leadership Development this Rotary year. The first book is “Dare to Lead” by Brené Brown (<https://daretolead.brenebrown.com>). The book focuses on developing brave leaders and courageous cultures.

We’ll meet for an hour to 90 minutes starting at 5:30 in the evening. The discussion dates and topics are as follows: Oct. 6 - Intro through Part 1 sections 1-3, Nov. 10 - Part 1 section 4 through Part 2, Dec. 1 - Parts 3 and 4.

This will be an interactive event as we discuss what we are learning about leadership and how to apply these new skills at work, at home, and in our clubs and civic activities. Registration is on DACdb with supplemental sign-up on the Zoom platform closer to the event. Zoom registration will allow breakout sessions to foster discussion. There is no need to purchase the companion workbook for these discussions.

The second book we will study is “Legacy” by James Kerr. It examines the leadership principles of the most successful rugby team of all time, the New Zealand All Blacks. This study will occur in the spring with dates to be determined.

These studies are designed such that participants will learn from the books and each other.



Upon completion of both studies participants will receive a certificate and be able to list this course on their resume.

Questions?
Contact Will Cologna at wc6080@gmail.com.
or 417-350-6778.

Global Scholarship available for Study Abroad

The purpose of the Rotary Global Scholarship program is to further international relations and foster peaceful relations among people of different races, nationalities, ethnicity, and religions while pursuing an approved program of graduate study at an institution of higher education in a foreign country.

Rotary District 6080 is currently taking applications for the 2021-2022 Study Abroad. The winning applicant goes through two rounds of interviews, the club level and the district level, and must receive final approval from the Rotary Foundation.

The winning applicant will receive an award of \$40,000 that may cover the cost of tuition, school fees, school supplies, room and board, passport/visa, inoculations, travel expense and local transportation expense. The scholarship award is limited to one academic year of study.

For more questions please email the District Scholarship Chair, Dr. Charles Sampson, SampsonC@umsystem.edu. The deadline for submitting the completed Global Scholarship application to a local club in District 6080 is Oct. 16 for the 2021-22 academic year. An application is available at rotary6080.org/rotary-global-scholarships.

Get ready to Reconnect

During Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week, Oct. 5-11, Rotary members and alumni will gather to share their experiences, network, and exchange ideas for staying involved in Rotary. Join the action! Create a post on social media and tag it #RotaryReconnect. Hold a virtual meeting with alumni to share ideas. Invite an alum to speak at your online club meeting. Read inspiring profiles of alumni who are making a difference. And visit our Reconnect Week page for even more ideas.



Rotarians urged to love and support each other



The Family of Rotary becomes more important to us each year we are Rotarians. District Governor Jackie Howard is concerned, especially at this strange, weird, awkward time of keeping well and with social distancing and mask wearing, that we continue to show love and support to each other. Therefore, when you have a member who DG should reach out to, please send me the information so I can facilitate that. Whether it is an illness, death or a time of celebration,

please let me know. Contact the district Family of Rotary chair, Kay Caskey, at Kayc@caskeylaw.net or 816-392-5974 or through Facebook messaging. In the meantime, as my personal friend Dear Abby says, "Keep safe and sane."

District Governor Howard plans virtual visits

October 7, 2020 Wednesday

7-8 am [Springfield Sunrise](#)

Noon-1 pm [Branson-Hollister](#)

October 8, 2020 Thursday

Noon-1 pm [Nixa](#)

October 9, 2020 Friday

7:30-8:30 am [Lake Ozark Daybreak](#)

October 13, 2020 Tuesday

7-8 am [Springfield North](#)

5-6 pm [Springfield Metro](#)

October 14, 2020 Wednesday

Noon-1 pm [Springfield Rotaract](#)

October 21, 2020 Wednesday

Noon-1 pm [Willow Springs](#)

October 22, 2020 Thursday

6:45-8 am [West Plains Sunrise](#)

Noon-1 pm [Springfield Southeast](#)

November 4, 2020 Wednesday

Noon-1 pm [Ozark](#)

November 13, 2020 Friday

Noon-1 pm [Table Rock Lake, Branson West](#)

November 16, 2020 Monday

5:15-6 pm [Columbia Evening](#)

November 24, 2020 Tuesday

Noon-1 pm [Springfield](#)

District Governor Howard plans in-person visits

January 13, 2021 Wednesday (back up date for inclement weather 1/27)

Noon-1 pm Belton-Raymore

January 14, 2021 Thursday (back up date for inclement weather 1/28)

Noon-1 pm Clinton

January 18, 2021 Monday

Noon-1 pm Jefferson City

January 19, 2021 Tuesday

5:30-6:30 pm Jefferson City
Evening

January 20, 2021 Wednesday

7-8 am Jefferson City
Breakfast

Noon-1 pm Fulton

January 22, 2021 Friday

Noon-1 pm Jefferson City
West

February 3, 2021 Wednesday (back up date for inclement weather 2/17)

Noon-1 pm Butler

February 10, 2021 Wednesday (back up date for inclement weather 2/24)

Noon-1 pm Harrisonville

February 11, 2021 Thursday (back up date for inclement weather 2/25)

Noon-1 pm Columbia

March 3, 2021 Wednesday

Noon-1 pm Fayette

District Governor Jacque Howard requests that clubs contact their AG or her directly by email to schedule a visit. Visits are being scheduled virtually through December with a second visit during the last six months to attend a special event, service project, or have a listening session and Q&A during a club meeting. Jacque's email is howardjs.rotary6080@gmail.com.

Rotary clubs schedule several fundraisers

Table Rock Lake Rotary Club to host 5k walk/run Oct. 17

The Rotary Club of Table Rock Lake will host a 5k walk/run on Saturday, Oct. 17, in Kimberling City.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at the Elks Lodge. The course goes along the scenic Table Rock Lake shoreline.

The entry fee is \$30 and includes a t-shirt. You can register online at <https://rebrand.ly/RotaryRun>. Money raised will fund the Rotary club's various community service projects.



Pulaski County plans corn hole tournament

ROTARY CLUB OF PULASKI COUNTY

Oktoberfest Fundraiser

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Tournament starts at 12 PM. Check-in starts at 11 AM.
First Place - \$250, Second Place - \$150 & Third Place - \$50.
\$50 per two person team (Ages 12 and Up).
Register online at bit.ly/RotaryCornhole by October 15th.
Children's tournament from 11:30 AM - 12 PM (free to participate).
Proceeds go towards our Club's mission to provide scholarships for local students.

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Willow Springs to hold live radio auction

Willow Springs Rotary Radio Auction

October 5 - 8, 6 to 8 pm

Broadcast Live at Ozarks Family YMCA

96.9 FM "The Fox"

Thanks to our **Premier Sponsors!**

Simmons Bank in Willow Springs* *Cattlemens Steakhouse

Bear Crossing Truck Wash & Tire Center

West Plains Bank & Trust Co.-Willow Springs Branch

Thanks to our **Board Sponsors!**

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LOVES Travel Store in Willow Springs

All donations support the Ozarks Family YMCA:

YMCA and Coach Pitch & T-Ball programs; Scouts;

Missourians UNited to Combat Hunger;

WSHS Rotary Interact Club; Mentoring K-1st grade students; Shelters of victims of abuse & violence; Don't METH With Us presentation at Middle School; Literary projects at Schools;

supplies for Schools; Rotary Leadership conference for WSHS students; Steve Norman Memorial Park;

Scholarships for WSHS graduates

Friend **"willowsspringsrotaryclub"** on Facebook

Call 417-469-2431 or 417-469-5101 to donate!

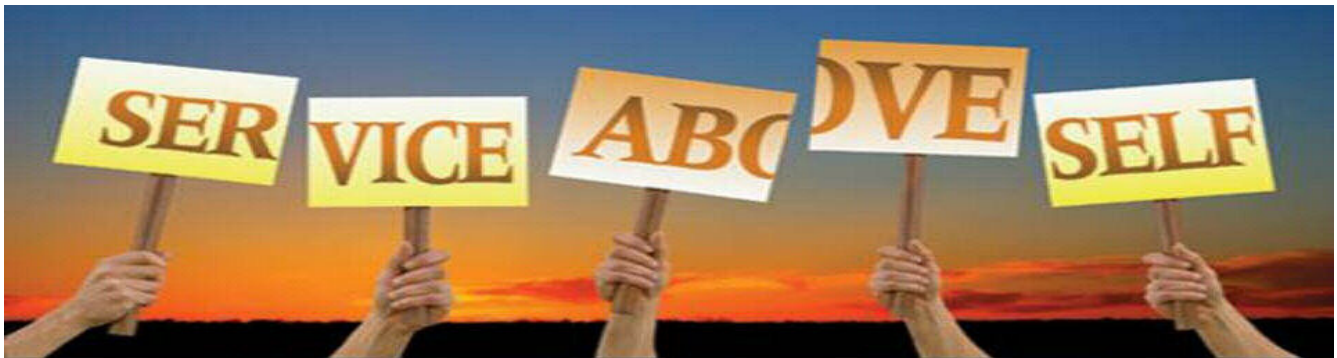
District 6080 Rotary clubs provide service, funds



Columbia Sunrise Southwest Rotary members supported their Partner in Education Sept. 3 by writing notes of encouragement to teachers at Muriel Battle High School.



The Jefferson City West Rotary Club wrote a District Simplified Grant for 2019-20 and partnered with the Missouri River Regional Library Foundation for a self-checkout machine at the library. They had no idea at the time how important a contactless method of checking out materials would be in the world we now live in. The director of the library, Claudia Cook, gave them a demonstration on how the machine works, and they were able to see it in action while a few community members checked materials out.



Mobility carts keep moving



Carts lined up and ready to be shipped out.

Despite a pandemic that prevented the major fundraiser from happening, mobility carts are still headed where they can do the most good.

Mobility Carts are needed in some of the most remote locations on the planet. They are given away to those unable to walk and who live in forbidding areas in low and middle income countries.

On Aug. 30, Columbia Rotaract planned to host "Craft Beers and Carts," a fundraiser to support Mobility Worldwide at Logboat Brewing Company. COVID-19 had a different idea, and concern for public safety caused cancellation of the event. However, the carts will still reach their destinations.

The sturdy, three-wheeled wooden carts are distributed worldwide to those disabled by polio, birth defects, land mines or other conditions. The carts allow them to navigate difficult terrain in Africa, Latin America and elsewhere in the developing world.

Although "Craft Beers and Carts" was cancelled, raffle tickets were sold online allowing participants to vote for their favorite cart design. A special thank you to the many organizations and businesses that paid \$300 to sponsor and decorate a cart for the event. District 6080 entered a cart themed "Racing to End Polio Now." Other Rotary sponsors included Columbia, Columbia Evening, Columbia Metro, Columbia South, Columbia Sunrise Southwest, Jefferson City Breakfast and Rotary Youth Exchange.



District 6080's "Racing to End Polio" cart



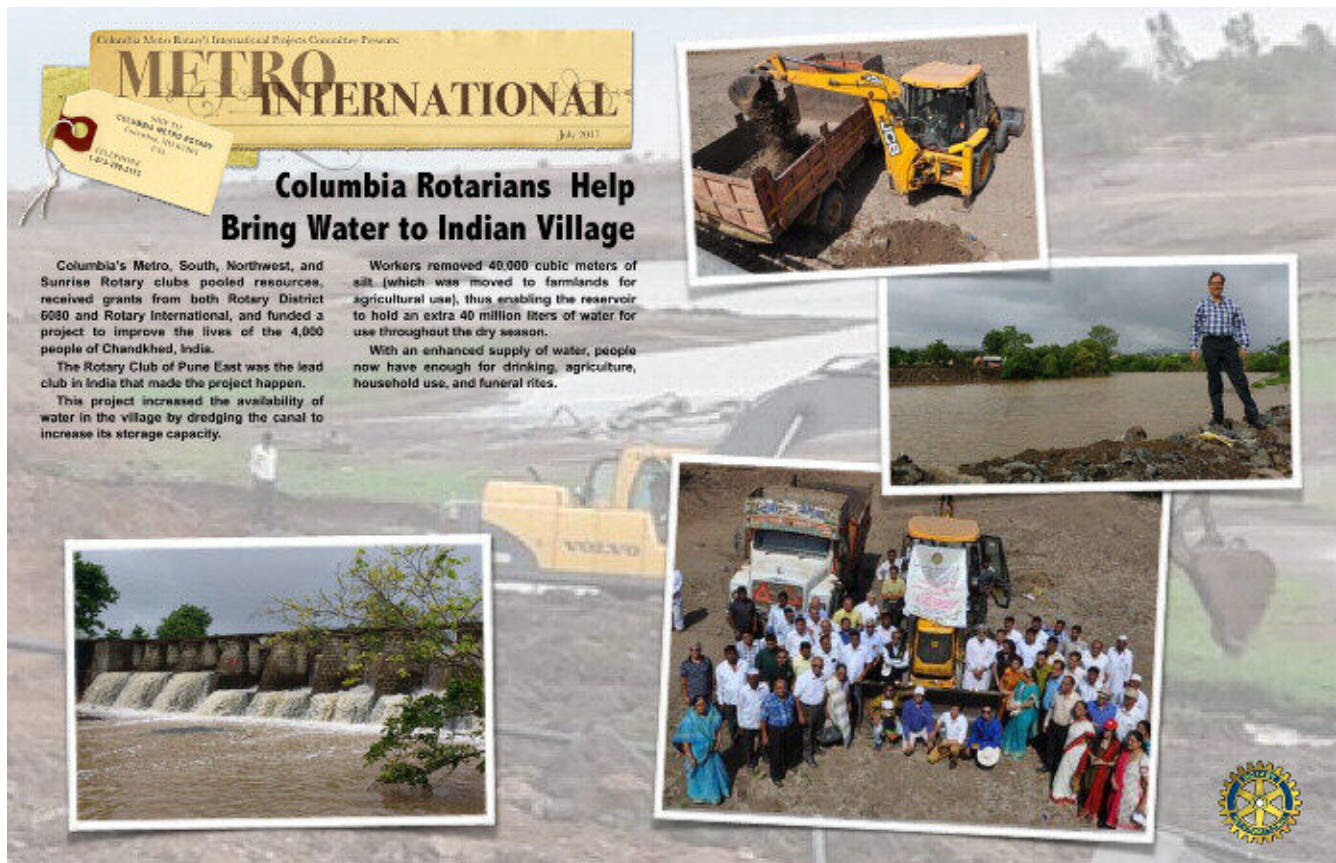
Columbia Rotary's mobility cart



Sunrise Southwest (far left), Rotary Youth Exchange (center) and Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary.

Final report accepted for water project in India

A global grant project to bring water to a village in India and improve the lives of 4,000 people has been completed and the final report accepted by Rotary International. Funding for the \$35,250 project came from several sources, including four Columbia Rotary Clubs (Columbia Metro, \$1,750; Columbia South, \$1,500; Northwest, \$1,000; Sunrise Southwest, \$1,000). The Rotary Club of Pune East and District 3131 in India contributed \$5,000 each, as did District 6080. The Rotary Foundation World Fund added \$15,000.



Bourbon for Benevolence benefits Columbia VAC

The Rotary Club of Columbia held a Bourbon for Benevolence event Aug. 16, raising funds for the Voluntary Action Center. VAC helps people experiencing hardships in Boone County by providing resources for basic and emergency needs so they can overcome their hardships and maintain self-sufficiency. Ticket sales and a bottle auction brought in \$6,869; a District Simplified Grant for \$4,400 brought the total raised to \$11,269. Held at the Barred Owl Butcher and Table, the event featured an eight-course meal with 10 pours of whiskey and a bottle auction. Tickets were \$250 each and limited to 22 sold.



Bourbon for Benevolence benefits VAC

Kidney transplant program receives global grant

A \$396,000 global grant to fund a kidney transplant program in the country of Mexico has been approved by the Rotary Foundation. The Holtz-Beahon Kidney Transplant Program is named in part for the late Mike Beahon, a former member of the Rotary Club of Fulton. Beahon was Governor of Rotary District 6080 when he died of kidney failure in July 2014, two weeks after being installed.

“Mike had a huge impact on others, in our community and even across the globe,” Mary Ann Beahon said. “My husband touched a lot of lives, first through his involvement in the Jaycees and then through Rotary.”



*Past District Governor
Mike Beahon*

She explained that he traveled to 52 countries as area director of Europe, Africa and the Middle East for Jaycees International in the 1980s and lived in Nigeria for 17 months. He returned to Africa in 2009 and 2010 to set up Rotary projects in Rwanda and Tanzania with his friend Bob Hansen.

“It warms my heart that humanitarian efforts continue in Mike’s name even after he is gone,” Beahon said. “This kidney transplant program is only one example. Fulton Rotary’s project to reduce the mortality rate of mothers and children in Tanzania is another. In addition, there have been clean water projects in Kenya and Mexico dedicated to him. It is amazing.”

Rotary districts contribute to the program through **Heart 2 Heart**, a cooperative effort between Rotarians in the "Heart of America" and in the "Heart of Mexico." **A total of 17 districts and six clubs donated anywhere from \$2,500 to \$25,310 this year, with District 6080 contributing \$13,500.**

The program aims to provide life-saving kidney transplants, primarily for young women and men aged 15-49. It is a cooperative effort between four private hospitals in Mexico, Mexico District 4170, U.S. and other partners, the Ayudar Foundation of Mexico and The Rotary Foundation.

Grant program recipients all have a high financial need. The program’s goal is to “save a life a week” by funding at least 52 kidney transplants per year.

This global grant is the eighth global grant for kidney transplants under the Heart 2 Heart partnership and is by far the largest global grant in the 15-year history of Heart 2 Heart. This global grant is the first to include some pre-surgery medications that are no longer funded by the government, and therefore the estimated number of recipients is around 150. Approximately 500 recipients were funded through the first seven global grants.

According to **Ron Appuhn, who is coordinator for finances for Heart 2 Heart**, kidney (renal) failure is a more prevalent problem in Mexico than in any other country of the western hemisphere, due primarily to diabetes and genetics. Poor water and sanitation, poor diets, and lack of education in Mexican society all contribute heavily to the problem. Mexico has the world’s largest percentage of young children who are obese.

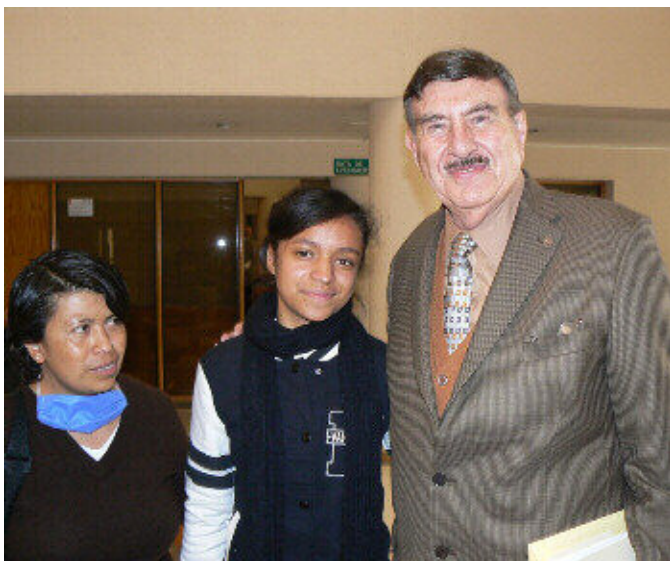
“As a result of all these factors, a relatively high number of children and young adults have kidney problems and need transplants,” he said. “There are literally thousands waiting for donors and/or financial support, and the number of cases is expected to skyrocket as the population continues to grow.”

The Mexican public hospitals can provide kidney transplants through some of its facilities, but usually that process will take one to five years or more, which in most cases is too long for the patients to wait. The transplants are done in four private hospitals (one in Mexico City and three in cities less than 100 miles away) that are among the best kidney transplant facilities in Latin America.

“The doctors are absolutely top notch,” Appuhn said. “These are the doctors and hospitals that the wealthy use, and yet these medical professionals are willing and anxious to also serve people in need. The financial numbers are truly amazing. With great support from the lead kidney doctor (Dr. Mario Cardona), the hospital partners discount their fees drastically and negotiate with families so that the average price per transplant is \$4,000 (based on current exchange rates).”

The Ayudar Foundation in Mexico provides an average of \$2,000 per transplant (matching Rotary dollar for dollar). This makes the Rotary average cost per transplant at \$2,000 per transplant.

“The doctors would be willing to do two transplants per week under the program if it could be funded and if the right qualified patients could be found,” Appuhn said. “Many potential recipients do not follow through for a variety of reasons, often related to either a lack of a viable and/or willing donor or an unwillingness to demonstrate any attempt at a minimal financial commitment. Organ donation is a relatively new concept in Mexico, so almost every kidney transplant requires a living donor, usually a close relative.”



Mexico Rotarian Ignacio (“Nacho”) Holtz hugs Kelly, a 15-year-old kidney recipient, about two weeks after her surgery, while her donor looks on.

In addition to memorializing Beahon, the Holtz-Beahon Kidney Transplant Program honors Mexico Rotarian Ignacio (“Nacho”) Holtz who was a kidney transplant recipient in 1998. With members of his club, he works tirelessly with the hospitals to screen potential recipients and donors, as well as to provide logistical support for the families and the hospitals for paperwork follow up and transportation, both before and after surgery. The Mexico government does provide medications for all patients after surgery.

“The program name recognizes the connections between Mexico and the U.S. that has come

together by the inspiring spirit and Rotary service of Ignacio Holtz and Mike Beahon,” Appuhn explained. “To me, the Holtz-Beahon Kidney Transplant Program serves as a reminder of the importance of on-going and strong support from Rotarians for the TRF’s annual fund, so that we can provide live-saving and life-changing hope for those in need around the world.”

District Grants overview, projects approved

Club(s)	Project	Area of Focus	Status	Total Project Budget
Belton-Raymore (*)	No Kid Sleeps on the Floor!	Maternal and Child Health	Approved Grant	\$2,000.00
Branson-Hollister (*)	OACAC - Outdoor play area & mud kitchen	Basic Education and Literacy	Approved Grant	\$4,500.00
Clinton (*)	Clinton Rotary Club Magic Giving tree	helping local charities and promoting holiday cheer	Approved Grant	\$3,400.00
Columbia (*)	COVID 19 Emergency Housing Flex Grant		Approved Grant	\$8,800.00
Columbia Northwest (*)	Read Across Columbia	Basic Education and Literacy	Approved Grant	\$3,412.00
Columbia South (*)	Missouri River Relief Coopers Landing Clean Up	Water and Sanitation	Approved Grant	\$9,200.00
Columbia-Metro (*)	CPS Preschool Feeling Buddies Project	Basic Education and Literacy	Approved Grant	\$6,500.00
Columbia-Sunrise Southwest (*)	Rainbow House Therapy Rm. & Playground Improvement	Maternal and Child Health	Approved Grant	\$4,100.00
Fayette (*)	Fayette Preschool Project	Basic Education and Literacy	Approved Grant	\$1,200.00
Fayette (*)	Preschool Outdoor Classroom/Play Area	Basic Education and Literacy	Approved Grant	\$1,230.00
Fulton (*)	Ava's Avengers Flex Grant	Maternal and Child Health	Approved Grant	\$2,000.00
Fulton (*)	Super Sam Foundation	Maternal and Child Health	Approved Grant	\$3,000.00
Hollister (*) - Branson Daybreakers - Branson-Hollister	Feeding Families in a Time of Economic Crisis		Approved Grant	\$2,375.00
Hollister (*) - Branson Daybreakers - Branson-Hollister	Flex - Feeding Families During an Economic Crisis		Approved Grant	\$3,600.00
Jefferson City Breakfast (*)	Building Community Bridges Energy Improvements	Youth education and family support-Underprivileged Community	Approved Grant	\$2,300.00
Jefferson City Breakfast (*)	FLEX - BCB Energy improvements	Youth education and family support-Underprivileged Community	Approved Grant	\$5,900.00
Jefferson City Evening (*)	Tablets for Senior		Approved Grant	\$2,500.00
Jefferson City West (*)	Outdoor Classroom Southwest Early Childhood Center	Basic Education and Literacy	Approved Grant	\$4,150.02
Laurie-Sunrise Beach (*) - Camdenton - Lake Ozark	HELPING HANDS HOMELESS SHELTER	providing temporary housing for those in need of shelter	Approved Grant	\$5,620.00
Pulaski County (*)	Connecting our County through Literacy	Basic Education and Literacy	Approved Grant	\$1,200.00
Rolla Breakfast (*)	Phelps County Faith Distribution Project	Support for families in need of food	Approved Grant	\$1,250.00
Springfield (*)	SeniorAge		Approved Grant	\$14,350.00
Springfield Metro (*)	Discovery Center Virtual Learning Center	Basic Education and Literacy	Approved Grant	\$7,119.00
Springfield North (*)	Dream Center Block Party Grant	Economic and Community Development	Approved Grant	\$1,910.00
Springfield Southeast (*)	Y on the Fly	Disease Prevention and Treatment	Approved Grant	\$16,000.00
Springfield Sunrise (*)	Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Ozarks	Disease Prevention and Treatment	Approved Grant	\$9,150.00
Thayer MO--Mammoth Spring AR (*)	SELAH PLACE		Approved Grant	\$1,730.00
Willow Springs (*)	Meals For The Homebound	Economic and Community Development	Approved Grant	\$1,190.00

(*) Lead Club on project