

District 6080 Newsletter – November 2020

Foundation Month!

Special Events

Together We Transform: Doing Good in the World Nov. 9 at 6 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Brenda Cressey, Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Last program of the Empowering Women In Rotary (EWIR) Series

Registration link: <https://ewirotary.com/register>

Making an Impact & Club Foundation Awards: Nov. 19 at 5 p.m.

- ❖ Paul Reinert will announce the clubs' 2019-20 Foundation Awards
- ❖ Highlights of clubs' District Simplified Grants for 2020-21
- ❖ Criteria for clubs to apply for a District Peacebuilding Grant

Registration Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtcumrqj4pGtGFgvS2bHlYgt3_LMGCIImQr?_x_zm_rtaid=ELzOCP_RvGMstG7HHXNcA.1601006336565.5868d184f4b1007e6f913d4186e4def3&_x_zm_rhtaid=738

What's Inside

- ❖ **Aaron Tippin benefit concert for USA Veteran's Hope Center Nov. 11**
-Support our Veterans while raising funds via ticket sales for clubs - Live stream available
- ❖ **D-6080: You can become a Peacebuilding Club!**
-What, Why, How, Who, Where
- ❖ **Highlights of World Polio Day event!**
-District event
- ❖ **Rotary is coming to Linn, MO!**
-Informational meetings
- ❖ **A new flyer for prospective and new members!**
-Vision, Object of Rotary, 4-way test, Motto, & Rotary logos

Thank you for staying strong together in Rotary and for your generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

I am proud to be yours in Rotary Service,



Jacqueline Howard
Governor, D-6080



Together, We Transform: Doing Good in the World

November, 9th at 6:00 pm CST
Register at ewirotary.com/register

Brenda Cressey, the first female to become a Chairman of the Board of Trustees, is the former CEO of Office Support Systems, a telecommunications business in Maine. She has served in many volunteer capacities with civic organizations such as the American Cancer Society.

A Rotarian since 1989, Brenda served as the first female chair and vice chair of The Rotary Foundation. Before that, she held numerous positions in membership, the Foundation, and training. Cressey was a Future Vision RRFC Training Institute moderator, an endowment/major gifts adviser, Council on Legislation representative, RI president's representative, 2012 International Assembly executive committee member and its partner moderator, district governor, and RI training leader. Joined by Brenda is Pamela Stewart and Randy Steinman.

Pamela joined the Rotary Club of Ruston in 2002 where she served in various roles, including as President, and District Governor. She is currently The Rotary Foundation's Endowment and Major Gifts Advisor for Zone 31.



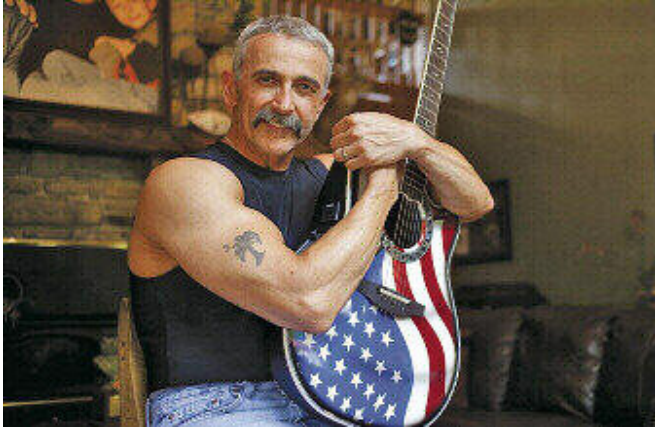
Randy Steinman is District 6040's first microcredit chair. The District is currently in its 3rd year of a 5 year, \$125,000 global grant project to provide microcredit loans to women living in poverty in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic with the intention these women will start businesses that will lift themselves and their families out of poverty.



**For more information, to view past seminars,
and 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.

Concert with Aaron Tippin to benefit veterans



November 11 at 8 p.m.

The Branson Star Theatre* is hosting a Veteran's Day benefit concert starring Country music artist Aaron Tippin. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the USA Veterans Hope Center.

*Owned by Rotarian Jerry Franklin.

Let's help support our Veterans!

If a Rotary Club wants to sell tickets, including their own purchases, 10 percent of the ticket revenue generated by that Rotary Club will be paid to the Rotary Club. If interested, please contact Jerry Franklin for details: 660-238-9854 or jerry@jwfranklin.com.

General admission tickets are \$30, star gazer tickets are \$40 and VIP seating is \$50. Tickets and virtual tickets for on-line streaming (\$30) can be purchased by visiting bransonstartheatre.com. Great entertainment for a great cause!

More about the cause: The original mission of the USA Veterans Hope Center was to provide counseling services to veterans being at risk for suicide and counseling services to family members of veterans who had committed suicide. However, the center is expanding its services to veterans to include training veterans in the food service industry. Franklin said, "Veterans will be trained so that they can enter the workforce and be sufficient and stand on their own two feet and maybe have self-respect for the first time in a long time."

More about Aaron Tippin: Best known for his hits "You've Got to Stand For Something," "Where the Stars and Stripes and the Eagle Fly," "My Blue Angel," "Workin' Man's PhD" and "For You I Will," Tippin has been a prominent part of the country music scene with more than 30 singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts for more than three decades.



District 6080: You Can Be A Peacebuilding Club!

What is a peace-building club?

A PEACEBUILDER club is one that consciously chooses to focus on peace and assist in furthering Rotary's mission to "enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace." PEACEBUILDER clubs help build stronger, more harmonious communities. They do this by:

- *initiating* service projects that have a primary focus on PEACEBUILDING,
- *providing* educational opportunities in their local community,
- *attending* seminars and other educational programs,
- *participating* in PEACE CENTERED discussion groups;
- *initiating or participating* in global projects for PEACEBUILDING,
- AND *supporting* PEACE scholars.

There are many ways you can build peace!

Why would we want to be one?

Fulfilling Rotary's Mission: Peace has always been part of Rotary's mission. Especially in our partisan times Rotarians can enhance peace by modeling civility and helping their communities work through polarizing issues. Locally, nationally, and internationally, promoting peace can help build a better future for all.

Attract New Members: Many future Rotarians -- especially younger ones -- are looking to make a difference and learn new skills. The opportunities and resources available through RAGFP make it easy to teach new skills. And peace-building projects help your members put those new skills to work in ways that strengthen your community.

Increase Focus and Member Engagement: The peacebuilding lens can help your club review, refocus, and re-energize projects you have historically done.

Access District Operating Funds: : When one member of your peacebuilding committee joins RAGFP (\$50 Annual Membership) District 6080 will reimburse the \$50 cost of a second membership. **BOTH** members must commit to completing the online ROTARY POSITIVE PEACE course (<https://rotarypositivepeace.org/>) that takes approximately 2 ½ to 4 HRS to complete and has been made available to the clubs at no cost.

Access District Designated Funds For Local Peacebuilding Projects: To access District Funds, your club must first be designated as a peacebuilder club and meet the criteria noted above. PEACEBUILDER CLUBS MAY APPLY FOR A DISTRICT GRANT FOR QUALIFIED PEACEBUILDING PROJECTS AND IF APPROVED, MAY BE AWARDED UP TO \$500 USING

DISTRICT DESIGNATION FUNDS (DDF). APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS ARE SIMILAR TO DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS (DSG).

How do we apply to become a Peacebuilder Club?

You must have a peace-building committee, **commit to having TWO POSITIVE PEACE TRAINED PEACEBUILDERS**, and **meet the peacebuilder club criteria of RAGFP**. After your board accepts the RAGFP standards for peace-building clubs and approves a peace-building committee (minimum number 2) you can fill out a Peace-building club application and submit it to the **Rotary Action Group For Peace (RAGFP)**. <https://rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/> .

Who can help us?

There are two peace-builder clubs currently in District 6080 who are willing to help.

They are Pulaski County (contact Jacque Howard at howardjs.rotary6080@gmail.com) and Columbia Metro (contact Sarah Read at sjread@buildingdialogue.com). A third is in the works!

Where can we find out more?

You can find many resources at

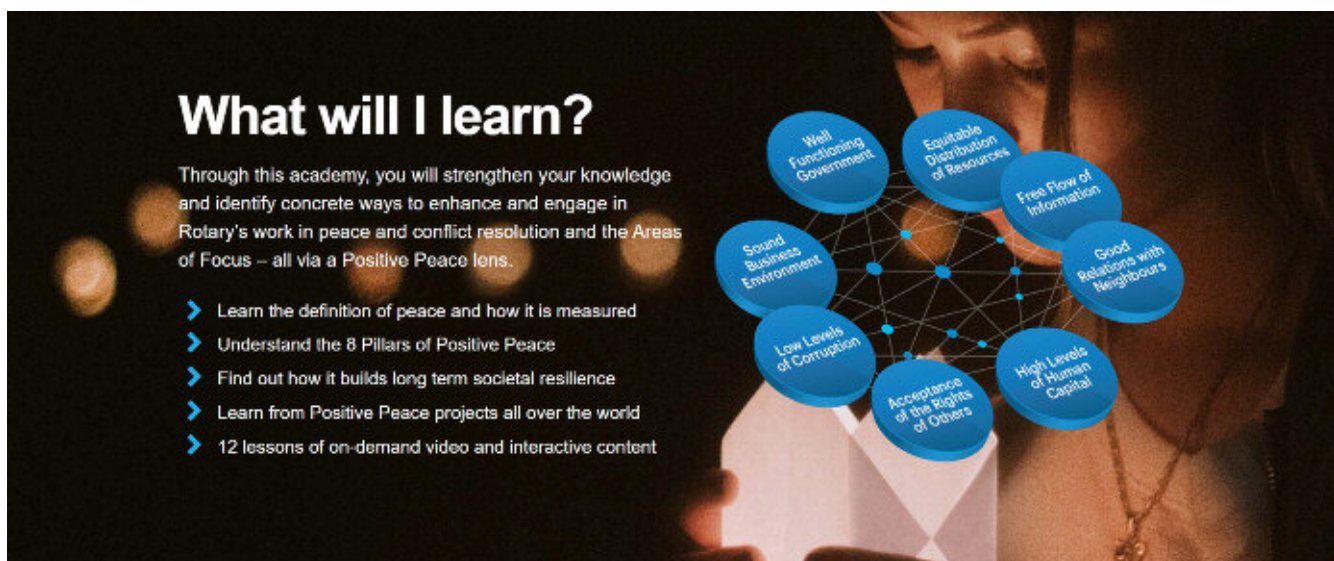
<https://www.rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/peacebuilder-clubs-2/>

You can find the Rotary Positive Peace Academy here: <https://rotarypositivepeace.org/>

And read about Rotary's partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace here:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/institute-economics-and-peace>

=> WHY NOT YOUR CLUB? WHY NOT YOU? WHY NOT NOW? <=

A woman is shown from the chest up, looking down at a smartphone. Overlaid on the image is a network diagram consisting of several blue circular nodes connected by thin lines. Each node contains text representing a pillar of Positive Peace. The nodes are: 'Well Functioning Government', 'Equitable Distribution of Resources', 'Free Flow of Information', 'Good Relations with Neighbours', 'High Levels of Human Capital', 'Acceptance of the Rights of Others', 'Low Levels of Corruption', and 'Sound Business Environment'.

What will I learn?

Through this academy, you will strengthen your knowledge and identify concrete ways to enhance and engage in Rotary's work in peace and conflict resolution and the Areas of Focus – all via a Positive Peace lens.

- Learn the definition of peace and how it is measured
- Understand the 8 Pillars of Positive Peace
- Find out how it builds long term societal resilience
- Learn from Positive Peace projects all over the world
- 12 lessons of on-demand video and interactive content

WORLD POLIO DAY 24 OCTOBER 2020

District 6080 held an in-person & Zoom event for World Polio Day with This Close Corn Hole, Purple Pinkie Painting, S'mores, Silent Auction, Polio Coins, End Polio Now masks and more, all to raise money for the eradication of Polio. It was brisk but so fun! Thank you for joining and making it a successful event!

Awards presented to the top five clubs in End Polio giving for the last five years:



District 6080 Awards

Five Year Giving to End Polio

- #1 Springfield Sunrise
- #2 Jefferson City Breakfast
- #3 Springfield Metro
- #4 Marshall
- #5 Branson Daybreakers

Special thanks to the speakers and the event action team that made it all possible:

- ❖ Holger Knaack, RI President; John Germ, Past RI President; Lee Ann Hussey; Carl Chinnery
- ❖ Brian Hall, Zone 31 End Polio Now coordinator and video technical support
- ❖ Susan Haralson, Master of Ceremonies, District End Polio Now Chair
- ❖ Erik Janezko, Zoom and in-person technical support
- ❖ Rita Esterly, online event support
- ❖ AG Janice Wilson and WHS Interact Club





MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020 ROTARY IS COMING TO LINN !!!!!

Second in a series of Informational meetings:

“Together we see a World where People unite and take action to Create lasting Change across the Globe, in our communities and in ourselves.” Please bring your own unique expertise and perspective to help create opportunities for service and improve the lives of those in need. Join together to inspire one another and explore how you can make positive change in your community! For more information contact:

Nicole Slusser, hnicole79@hotmail.com

Rotary



**Keynote Speaker:
Jacqueline Howard,
District Governor**

**Join your colleagues
and fellow
community leaders!**

**Informational
Meeting Starts at
6pm**

**Let's Help Give Back
to Our Community
Locally and
Globally !!!!**

MEETING LOCATION

VFW Post 4756 located at
12th and Adams Street,
Linn, MO

We will be practicing social distancing of six feet and the use of face masks is strongly encouraged for the protection of all those in attendance.

ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

ROTARY

SERVICE Above Self

END POLIO NOW



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Rotary



OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST:

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND:

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD:

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH:

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Four-Way Test

of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Rotary



District Governor Howard plans official visits

November 13, 2020 Friday

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

November 16, 2020 Monday

Noon – 1 pm [Salem](#)

5:15 pm – 6 pm [Columbia Evening](#)

November 17, 2020 Tuesday

5 pm – 6 pm [Springfield Metro](#)

November 24, 2020 Tuesday

Noon – 1 pm [Springfield](#)

December 1, 2020 Tuesday

Noon – 1 pm [West Plains](#)

December 9, 2020 Wednesday

Noon – 1 pm [Centralia](#)

December 10, 2020 Thursday

Noon – 1 pm [Laurie-Sunrise Beach](#)

January 13, 2021 Wednesday (inclement weather = 1/27)

noon – 1 pm [Belton-Raymore](#)

January 14, 2021 Thursday (inclement weather = 1/28)

Noon – 1 pm [Clinton](#)

January 18, 2021 Monday

Noon – 1 pm [Jefferson City](#)

January 19, 2021 Tuesday

Noon – 1 pm [Lake Ozark](#)

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm [Jefferson City Evening](#)

January 20, 2021 Wednesday7 am – 8 am [Jefferson City Breakfast](#)Noon – 1 pm [Fulton](#)**January 22, 2021 Friday**Noon – 1 pm [Jefferson City West](#)**January 27, 2021 Wednesday**Noon – 1 pm [Belton-Raymore](#)**January 28, 2021 Thursday**Noon – 1 pm [Clinton](#)**February 3, 2021 Wednesday (inclement weather = 2/27)**Noon – 1 pm [Butler](#)**February 10, 2021 Wednesday (inclement weather = 2/24)**Noon – 1 pm [Harrisonville](#)**February 11, 2021 Thursday (inclement weather = 2/25)**Noon – 1 pm [Columbia](#)**February 17, 2021 Wednesday (back up date)**Noon – 1 pm [Butler](#)**February 24, 2021 Wednesday (back up date)**Noon – 1 pm [Harrisonville](#)**February 25, 2021 Thursday (back up date)**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.



Clubs celebrate World Polio Day in various ways

Seventeen teams compete in a corn hole tournament sponsored Columbia Metro and Fayette Rotary Clubs to benefit PolioPlus.

Boonville Rotary Club showed the World Polio Day video during their meeting Oct. 26 and the president shared a proclamation for the club declaring it Polio Awareness Day in Boonville. In addition, Recil Skinner joined the meeting via zoom to say a few words. Recil, who contracted polio as a child and is a wonderful advocate for polio eradication, has joined club members for the past four years at this time to talk about polio. Last year, she even brought her 93 -year-old mother, who spoke eloquently about what it was like to have a child suffering from polio. Boonville Rotary donates to PolioPlus every year and has reached out to several of businesses in town for donations. Their goal is to raise \$1,200.

Buffalo Rotary created awareness with posts to their club facebook page, which were shared on several members' individual pages.

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



Columbia Metro and Fayette Rotaries sponsored their third annual double elimination Corn Hole Tournament Oct. 11 at Katfish Katy's in Huntsdale, with entry fees totaling \$340 going to

Polio Plus. A perfect fall day was enjoyed by 17 teams and spectators. The competition produced three-peat winners and the top youth team (18 and under) received a trophy. Josh Lehmen of the Columbia Rotary Club and Jessica Lehmen of Columbia Metro reclaimed the traveling Bragging Rights trophy as the top Rotary team.



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Clubs celebrate World Polio Day in various ways

Columbia Rotaract had a speaker virtually share about her experience of growing up in a orphanage where she contracted polio at a young age before being adopted and moving to St. Louis. She spoke about her experience with polio and the importance of recognizing the effects and approaches to polio parallel to COVID during this season.



Columbia South Rotary Club member Ted Groshong (left) did a “World Polio Day” presentation Oct. 21 on the David Lyle radio talk show (KFRU). The club also raffled off a small gift basket of donated items from local businesses and raised \$500.

Fulton Rotary Club broadcast “A Candle Against the Dark,” the story of Carl Chinnery’s family and their struggle against polio. Carl, a past District Governor of Rotary District 6040, was 1 when he and his four brothers all contracted polio in 1942. His oldest brother, who was 9, died from the disease. Done in the style of the radio plays from the early 20th Century, “A Candle Against the Dark,” comprises three episodes, which were broadcast on Facebook on separate nights. The club also viewed a video of polio survivor Ann Lee Hussey during its Oct. 21 meeting and the Mayor of Fulton proclaimed Oct. 24 World Polio Day in the city, both of which received good coverage in the local newspaper. Fulton will be contributing about \$1,200 to PolioPlus from the radio broadcast and member contributions.



Hollister held a meeting dedicated to a discussion of what Rotary has done to eradicate polio and showed the most recent Rotary International video. They keep the goal of eradicating polio in mind throughout the year. As a thank-you to each of their speakers, they present them with a certificate acknowledging a donation in their name to purchase polio vaccine. For the past eight years, they have raised money during the holidays by selling donation postcards with the history of Rotary and polio to their members and other Rotary groups. These provide an opportunity for the purchaser to determine how many doses they want to donate to someone in a Thanksgiving or Christmas card or as a thank you. This is a simple but unique gift that provides additional funds for Rotary’s worldwide efforts.



Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary--

In person and by Zoom, combining sheer luck with prize "stealing" and Paul Harris point swapping, members raised \$2,232 for this year's PolioPlus campaign. The evening Bingo Party was live-streamed to club members

playing from the comfort of home. The 10 rounds of Bingo, called by President Patrick Prenger (right), included several episodes of trash talk, poor humor, good fellowship and strategic thievery. The club raised an additional \$3,325 from donations during club meetings and \$164 from a 50/50.



Marshfield Rotary Club challenged each member to pay \$20 toward eradicating Polio. Challenge was met and each member contributed \$20.



Cindy Weatherford of Mountain View Rotary dumps the ducks for the duck race. She has chaired the duck race all four years.

Mountain View, Thayer/Mammoth Springs, West Plains, West Plains Sunrise and Willow Springs

sponsored the fourth annual Great Ozarks Duck Dash at Twin Bridges on Oct. 24. Ducks could be adopted for \$5 each, a Quack

Pack of six was \$25 and a Flock of 25 Ducks was \$100. The weather was really chilly and only four clubs raced ducks, but all five of area clubs will be contributing to Polio Plus.



Ozark Rotary used their 5th Wednesday meeting as a live auction, raising \$260 for World Polio Day.

Rolla Breakfast Rotary Club, in partnership with Mid-Missouri Media, wrote and recorded a number of 30-second Public Service Announcements. These were professionally recorded, produced and shared with other local radio stations to be played during October. Topics included the history and importance of vaccinations, Rotary polio efforts, and influenza and other viruses. Additionally, the club did three on-air presentations on the Morning Mayor’s show, including an interview with Rotarian Buz Harvey, a polio survivor. Three area newspapers carried articles by Rotarian Louise Wilkinson, a retired pediatrician. The club also stepped up their social media and online presence, creating a new website and reviving and updating their Facebook page.

They were not able to host their Pedal 2 End Polio, due to the current levels of COVID in Phelps County, but they are planning to do the event this spring. All of the ground work for the event was completed, including over \$2,000 in prizes donated, along with \$3,500 in financial support from the community. They anticipate raising \$2,000 through rider entry fees, which will all go directly to the effort to end polio.

Springfield (Downtown) heard from Don Burrell during the Oct. 20 meeting. He shared what it was like for his father, who had polio and post-polio syndrome. Bob Carolla and Paul Reinert provided an update on Rotary’s fight against polio. Their board approved a donation of \$100 and encouraged members to give directly to the Rotary fight against polio.



Springfield Sunrise Rotary—Susan Harlson, District Polio Plus Chair and a member of the Sunrise club, presented polio information during a club meeting. The club also held a bake sale during their meeting and raised over \$3,000. Members donated close to 30 items and

Sergeant of Arms Brent McCoy (left) made sure everyone in attendance contributed to the fun and the future downfall of polio. They sold everything from alleged “homemade” cheesecake, to monster cookies made by Judge Jerry, to the best cookies ever made.



West Plains Rotary sponsors outdoor raffle

West Plains Rotary is sponsoring an Outdoor Adventure Raffle. In lieu of their annual Taste of Missouri fundraiser, they have gathered outdoor raffle items that can be used to get a Taste of Missouri Outdoors in a fun and safe way. Proceeds from this fundraiser are used to fund the Rotary Backpack program that provides food to children in the area every weekend during the school year. Tickets are available online for \$5 each at <https://rafflecreator.com/.../taste-of-missouri-outdoors>.



**OUTDOOR
ADVENTURE
Taste of Missouri
Covid Edition**

SPONSORED BY West Plains Rotary Club
Prize Drawing-Tues. Nov. 10, 2020
PRIZE PACKAGE INCLUDES

Yeti Cooler-Hirsch - Blackstone Griddle-Hirsch - Flashlight-Gay & Tim Stover
Camping multi-tool Gay & Tim Stover - WP Bank Knives, David Gohn
Simmons Bank, \$25 gift card, hat, fabric cooler, water bottle
\$25 Gift Certificate to Monty's Outdoors - Hammock, Heather Fisher
Float Trip, Jeni Clinton Twin Bridges - Dutch Oven, Allison Wilson
Float Trip, Dinner at Thomasville - Kim Roberts, Camping Cookware, Anna Michel

-----\$500 Cash Prize-----

KC Chiefs Neon Sign-Greg Beykirch - Grizzly Cooler-Greg Beykirch

Taste of Missouri Sponsors

Southern Bank, Regina Gleghorn-Edward Jones, Ozarks Medical Center
Ramona Heiney-State Farm, West Plains Bank, Wood & Huston Bank
Community First Bank, Kevin Gleghorn-Edward Jones, Ozark Quick Lube
Wiles Abstract & Title, Arvest Bank, Howell Oregon Electric, Shelter Insurance
Jay Padgett-Edward Jones, Missouri Ozarks Realty, Great Rivers
Ozark Radio Network, West Plains Daily Quill



Columbia South sells poinsettias for holidays

Columbia South Rotary sells a variety of colors and sizes of poinsettias during the holiday season. The various arrangements are grown by a nursery especially for this sale. The Rotarians are encouraging the Columbia community to purchase poinsettias for themselves and loved ones to decorate their homes or offices for the holidays or to donate to a favorite nursing home. Proceeds benefit the service projects of the Columbia South Rotary Club. Orders must be placed by Nov. 22 using the [online order form](#) or e-mailing RotaryPoinsettias@gmail.com. Payment should accompany all orders. Pick up and delivery will be low contact or completely contact free where possible to ensure everyone's safety. For more information, go to <https://columbiarotarysouth.org/fundraising/>.



COLUMBIA SOUTH ROTARY
POINSETTIA
HOLIDAY SALE
PRE-ORDER NOW FOR DELIVERY IN EARLY DECEMBER!

- 6 COLORS TO CHOOSE FROM
- 3 SIZES AVAILABLE
- MULTI-COLOR BOWLS
- UNIQUE HOLIDAY PLANTERS

HELP OTHERS
Decorate your home or office for the holidays and **HELP FAMILIES** in our local community and across the globe **ALL YEAR LONG!**

FREE DELIVERY
when you purchase 10 or more plants

3 EASY WAYS TO ORDER:

1. Fill out the order form and turn it in to:
Your favorite Rotarian
2. Email your completed form to
RotaryPoinsettias@gmail.com
3. Order online at
www.columbiarotarysouth.org/fundraising/

★ **ORDERS DUE BY NOVEMBER 22.** ★

Fulton Rotary collects money for children's coats



More than 200 children desperately need winter coats, but COVID-19 has forced the Rotary Club of Fulton to change its plans for its annual coat drive. Fulton Rotary has been partnering with The Fulton Sun and area businesses to collect coats for SERVE each winter since 2012.

With many participating businesses, including The Fulton Sun, limiting access to their buildings during the pandemic, the idea of a coat drive seemed doomed this year.

But where there's a will, there's a way. Instead of dropping coats off at supporting businesses around town, the community is being asked to send in checks, and Rotarians will buy coats to fulfill the need. No donation is too small.

“Callaway County has such a giving heart and has helped provide coats for those in need for many years. We didn't want children to go without warm winter coats this year when it's already been such a tough year for many,” Jan Reyes, community service chair for Fulton Rotary, said. “To stretch the contributions we receive, we're going to shop consignment stores first, looking for gently used coats.”

Courtney Harrison, executive director of SERVE, said, “We get calls every day about children who go to school without a winter coat on, or who have one that's three sizes too small because their family can't afford a new coat. This year, more than 200 kids have requested coats through our Adopt a Family program. We're so thankful that Rotary and the Fulton Sun partner with us to help ensure these kids have winter essentials to stay warm.”

Springfield Sunrise supports 'Tooth Truck'



Springfield Sunrise Rotary this year chose the Ronald McDonald House as the non-profit organization to focus on as a local service project, providing financial support and volunteer hours. Their district grant money allowed them to present a check for over \$10,000 to purchase a mobile Pro Cart for the Tooth Truck. Over its life, the pro cart will touch over 10,000 children in the community and surrounding area.

Thousands of children in the Ozarks area suffer from a lack of access to dental care. This affects their health, speech, school attendance and their self-confidence. Since its debut in July 2002, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, fondly known as the Tooth Truck, has treated over 26,000 children through more than 58,000 dental appointments.

A pro cart will allow the Tooth Truck to continue providing preventive and restorative treatment to children when equipment fails. It is a self-contained unit that will serve as a back-up option if the everyday vacuum or compressor were to fail. Without it, they would have to stop and wait for a repairman, which means losing at least a full day of treating kids. Equipment failure seems to happen more often on a mobile clinic than it does in a free-standing clinic.

Fayette donates to Holiday House

Fayette Rotary Club presented a check for \$100 to Holiday House, which provides Christmas presents for children in the area who might not otherwise receive presents. The money was collected through the club's "Happy Can" project. Each meeting members are invited to contribute to the "Happy Can" and to tell others what has made them happy during the previous week.



Cathy Baxter presents a check to Pat Hilgedick.

Tanzania projects could use additional help

Bob Hansen and Amanda Gowin, international service chairs for the Rotary Club of Fulton, shared an update on the maternal and child health projects in Tanzania that were funded by a Global Grant, and they issued a plea for other Rotary clubs to become involved.

Maternal and Newborn Survival Among Maasai in Northern Tanzania:

- Solar systems are being installed at two remote clinics, allowing both to have laboratories (global grant funded) to diagnose illnesses.
- Two of four videos have been produced to provide health education to families living in remote homesteads—safe-birthing practices, menstrual hygiene and management, 10 things families can do to help their infants survive their first 1,000 days, and men’s roles in promoting maternal and newborn health.
- A Community Health Educator has been hired to visit these remote homesteads (some 25 miles away from the clinic) and provide health information and to encourage women to go to receive pre/post-natal checkups and to deliver their babies at the clinics.
- Solar Suitcases were installed at both clinics to provide operating-room-quality light during birthing at night. Flashlights were used in the past.
- Our team provided safe-birthing-practices to over 80 traditional birth attendants/midwives in three Maasai villages.



Members of Babati Rotary Club (our partner club in Tanzania) with a Solar Suitcase.



Traditional birth attendants learn safe-birthing practices.

District Grant to Establish Maasai Women’s Menstrual Products Enterprise

The goal was to use a Rotary District Grant to create a women’s cooperative that would teach Maasai women to make reusable menstrual pads, newborn receiving blankets, cloth diapers, and, eventually, school uniforms. In collaboration with Humanity for Children, a solar power system was installed to run sewing machines, provide training to 20+ women on sewing skills and entrepreneurship, and to open a business that sells menstrual hygiene and health products, small solar lights, and local honey and produce.



Maasai women's sewing group



Mobile Health Clinic & Medical Transport

In collaboration with Humanity for Children, the Fulton Rotary Club established a way to bring the clinic services to remote areas, up to 25 miles from the clinic. The primary goal is to provide pre/post-natal checkups and well-baby checkups. The club purchased a Basic Utility Vehicle and transformed it into a mobile health clinic.

Opportunities for other Rotary Clubs (especially small clubs searching for a doable international project)

Need a small international project that you can follow from start to finish? Fulton Rotary is inviting other clubs to take on high-impact but financially realistic projects in villages where we have been working for 10 years. Loibor-Siret and Kimotorok Villages are “at the end of the road” in remote Northern Tanzania. Almost all the residents are Maasai, a traditional culture that is slowly being exposed to healthcare and education. The Fulton club can’t do everything, so we are hoping other clubs can jump in and take a small piece of our overall project. Sustainability is key to successful programs. Some of these projects only last one year, but we are confident that, if successful, the government or other organizations will get involved and carry them forward. Start-up funds are needed to demonstrate how a little money can make a big difference. Here are some examples:

Most children in this area are infected with worms that rob them of the nutritional value of the minimal food that they eat. We want to provide **deworming medicine to all children**. A club could sponsor a one-year project involving over 1,000 children for about \$500 or commit to a multi-year initiative. We will provide photos and videos of the children receiving the medication.

The women’s **menstrual hygiene initiative** needs support. With our partner, Humanity for Children, we are providing health education materials to students in secondary schools and for the older children in the primary schools. Menstruation has been a taboo topic for this culture, and it keeps many young women from attending school. We need help with an initiative to provide educational materials and mentoring to the young women, as well as education to the young men who tease young girls about their periods. \$900 will provide the materials and a leader for one year.

The **women’s sewing enterprise** will need two more sewing machines and more fabric over the next year. \$800 will buy these machines, supplies, and fabric. Once the business is up and running, their business plan includes saving enough from their profits to cover future expenses like these.



The **latrine for elementary student girls** is unusable—cracked foundation, leaky roof, and the pit is full. \$2,000 will build a 6-8 stall latrine, with one designed for the older girls to use for changing menstrual pads. Maybe two clubs can go together to fund this project.

Many Maasai don’t come to the clinics because healthcare workers don’t speak their language and don’t understand their culture, so a **Nursing Scholarship Program** for indigenous secondary school graduates is being piloted. For \$1,500, a student can attend a one-year nursing school to receive her diploma, and then commit to two years of working in underserved, remote areas.

All of these projects in Maasailand are dedicated to the memory of Fulton Rotarian and Past District Governor Mike Beahon, who helped lay the groundwork for Rotary’s involvement. For more information, contact Bob Hansen at bobhansenwc@gmail.com.