



Welcome to the
2021 District 6080
Conference

April 16, 2021

_DG Jacque Howard

April 16 of the District Conference was a Salute to Veterans—watch for detailed information in the next District Newsletter.

April 17 sessions included keynotes by:

- Brenda Cressey, a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation
- Valarie Wafer, RI Director, Zones 28/32
- Tom Gump, Governor of District 5950 of central Minnesota
- Elizabeth Usovicz, Rotary International's Director-Elect, Zones 30-31
- Alison Sutherland, Board Chair, Rotary Action Group for Peace

The conference also included presentations by:

- Susan Haralson, PDG and District Chair of End Polio Now
- Kit Freudenberg, incoming Rotary Youth Exchange Chair

Awards were presented to Rita Esterly and to Champions of:

- Increasing Our Impact
- Expanding Our Reach
- Enhancing Participant Engagement
- Increasing Our Ability to Adapt
- Peacebuilding

Rotary Champions Announced at Conference



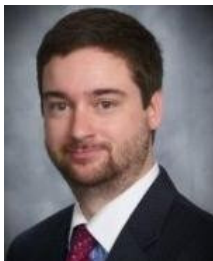
Champion of Peacebuilding: Sarah Read

Member of the Rotary Club of Columbia Metro and
Co-Chair of the District Peacebuilder Committee

Sarah Read has been a leader in the community, especially with youth, in conversations about peace and conflict resolution. She has lead Columbia Metro's association and sponsorship of the Interact Club of Battle High School, where students have even lead district widespread conversations on gun violence and other matters affecting youth. She also led efforts for Metro to become a Peacebuilder club and has served as a resource for the district.



Sarah participated in October's Peacebuilder initiative, initiated monthly Q&A meetings for Peacebuilders and others who wanted to learn more about peacebuilding. She acts as a resource to clubs with questions or requests for advice. She partnered with the Daniel Boone Regional Library to facilitate a district-wide grant project that provided peace-centered books in libraries, Little Free Libraries, and interlibrary loan processes so all clubs can have access to the books for local peace and literacy projects.



Champion of Expanding our Reach: Neil Carr

Immediate Past President of The Rotary Club of
Columbia

Neil Carr is known for building an awareness of what Rotary does and it's impact in the community. He managed several major club service and fundraising projects held during the pandemic including a turkey fry, that included volunteers from Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs and partnerships with local organizations. Not only did the projects net several thousands of dollars to support his club's local charities and first responders, but the projects also garnered media exposure on local television and radio stations, and countless social media hits. Plans are actively in place for an upcoming Low-Country Shrimp Boil on May 2, another tribute to Neil.



Champion of Increasing our Impact: Robert Gordon

President of The Rotary Club of Boonville

Rob Gordon is known for identifying and meeting current needs of the community and building partnerships with local businesses and community organizations. One

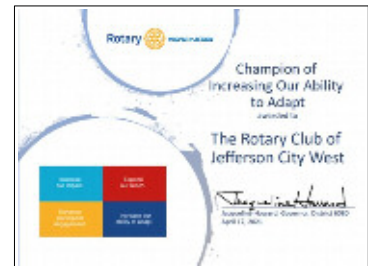


partnership was with the Community Action Agency and MU Extension service to hold a “Diapers and Wipes” drive to benefit young families in need of assistance ... Another partnership was with the Boonslick Ministerial Alliance to a COVID Relief Fund that was specifically used to help families that were having financial difficulties due to the pandemic, with utilities and rent Partnerships with various businesses and organizations to hold canned food drives, and meeting a financial need for assistance to homeless women and mothers in a local shelter.



**Champion of Increasing Our Ability to Adapt:
Rotary Club of Jefferson City West**

Led by President Natalie Newville



In March of 2020, the term COVID-19 and coronavirus were becoming heard more and more on the news and in the community. On March 13, Jefferson City West Rotary hosted a timely presentation from the local health department and discussed the community’s planned response, at that time there was no plan to shut down. The following week the community was told to shelter in place. The club had a difficult decision to make. They organized a Zoom meeting to decide whether to stop meeting for the “two weeks” or find a way to meet virtually until they could get back together.

They are proud to say that they have not missed a meeting since the pandemic. They quickly adjusted to meet the current needs and did not wait to see what happened. The club’s ability to pivot into the digital space quickly allowed their club to recommit to work on growing their club. As of the date of submission, the club had a net gain of +3 members.



**Champion of Enhancing Participant Engagement:
Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise**

Led by President Becky Hosp



This club has been busy the last nine months with their main service project being the Ronald McDonald House. The organization dedicates its efforts to two core programs, the Tooth Truck [a mobile dental clinic] and a house that provides housing for families who must travel far from home to access medical care for their child. The club provided significant funds to purchase a procart for the Tooth Truck that provides an emergency back-up systems when vacuum or compressor systems fail so that preventative and restorative treatment can continue without interruption. The club has provided over 204 volunteer hours repairing and painting the living areas of the house and, in addition, provided landscaping, exterior repairs and maintenance and gave cards and treats to the staff and families.

Springfield Sunrise Rotary has members who support and join the Rotaract club for their meetings, as well as invite them to come to their meetings to have conversations and grow together. They support them and invite them to join Springfield Sunrise when they are ready to transition and join a Rotary club. The social committee has invited Rotaractors to join in their socials. One example was a recent March Madness basketball event where 10 members of Rotaract joined in.

Rita Esterly Receives Prestigious RI Award



Rita Esterly received Rotary's highest honor, the Rotary International Service Above Self Award, during the District Conference April 17. District Governor Jacque Howard nominated her for the award, which recognizes Rotarians who demonstrate Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, by volunteering their time and talents to help others.

The award is internationally competitive, and is granted to no more than 150 Rotarians worldwide. No more than one individual from each district, each year, can earn the prestigious honor. Only district governors, immediate past district governors, RI directors, and past RI directors may honor exemplary Rotarians by nominating them to be considered for this award.

Some of Rita's accomplishments in Rotary include:

- Paul Harris Fellow, Sustaining Member and Major Donor
- Local President 2006-2007
- District Governor 2011-2012
- District Leadership Development Committee
- Zone 31 Assistant Rotary Coordinator 2015-2018
- Zone 31 Rotary Coordinator 2018-2021



Missouri Libraries Receive Books on Peace

By Sarah Read, Co-Chair of the District Peacebuilder Committee



Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club members (left to right) Frank Rycyk, Don Alberti, Julia Prullage and Matthias Tolksdorf place Rotary stickers on donated books before delivering them to the Missouri River Regional Library.

Inspired by the Fulton Rotary's use of its \$500 peacebuilder grant funds to create a "peace book shelf" of 50 books at their local library, District Governor Jacque Howard sponsored a \$4,000 grant to put several hundred new books on conflict resolution, kindness, and other components of peace to library systems around the state.

Columbia Metro took the lead in administering the grant and the Daniel Boone Regional Library (DBRL) partnered with the District to order and distribute the books to library systems that paired with a local

peacebuilding club. DBRL's access to pricing discounts helped us purchase even more books!

Participating clubs also received books to place throughout their communities in "Little Free Libraries." Those clubs included Columbia Metro, Fulton, and Sunrise Southwest/Rocheport in the DBRL system; Springfield Sunrise, Pulaski County, Laurie Sunrise Beach, and Jefferson City Breakfast.



Books for Little Free Libraries in Rocheport



Columbia Metro Rotary member Katie Essing puts books in the LFL at the Audubon park in Columbia.



Fulton Rotarian Debbie Laughlin places books in one of the two Little Free Libraries in Callaway County.



Assistant Governor Janice Wilson from the Rotary Club of Pulaski County places books in the Little Free Library on Fort Leonard Wood.

And a great thing to note about this grant? The books—which included selections for readers of all ages from preschool to adult—are available to all clubs in the District through the interlibrary loan system. Interested in knowing more about how your club might use these books? Join our peacebuilder coordinating call in May where we will discuss this topic. Look for schedule information on the District 6080 website.



Some of the many books promoting conflict resolution, kindness, and other components of peace



Pulaski County Rotarians (left to right) Heather Durbin, Carl Boone, Club President Andy Offutt, District Governor Jacqueline Howard and Phil Tackett display some of the books provided to the Pulaski County Library District, as well as Little Free Libraries in Waynesville and on Fort Leonard Wood.



Daniel Boone Regional Library staff members and Library Director Margaret Conroy (right), president-elect of Columbia Metro Rotary, display some of the peace books.



Nancy Rogers (left), a Peacebuilder of Laurie/Sunrise Beach Rotary Club and Claire Hammerschmidt of the Sunrise Beach Library show some of the new books distributed to Camden County libraries in Camdenton and Sunrise Beach.



Bookplates acknowledge the donation from District 6080 Rotary clubs.



More books for Little Free Libraries

LOW-COUNTRY BOIL

MAY 2, 2021

Logboat Brewing
Columbia, Mo.



Event by The Rotary Club of Columbia Missouri
at Logboat Brewing Company, 504 Fay St.
Sunday, May 2, at 3–7 p.m.

Tickets
www.rotarycolumbiamo.org/product/rotary-shrimp-boil
Open to the public

\$15 plate (1 lb. of food!)
Live music
Family-friendly
Meals can be picked up to go or enjoyed on the Logboat lawn. Purchasing meals in advance is encouraged.

Proceeds to benefit Rotary Club of Columbia's charitable work.



Gold Level National Walk Team

What are Rotary Action Groups?

RAGs help Rotary clubs and districts plan and carry out community development and humanitarian service projects in their area of expertise.

Give members opportunities to engage in service activities and network with likeminded members around the world.

Aligned with Rotary's priority "increase our impact."



WHAT IS ADRAG?

We are Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors that have extensive leadership experience around Alzheimer's including Alzheimer's education, patient care, prevention management, research for a cure, and strategic partnership. We have chosen to band together as a Rotarian Action Group to meld our passion and energies and direct them to support this wonderful effort.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Start a Team

Visit alz.org/rotaryactiongroup to register

Sponsorship Opportunities

Walk to End Alzheimer's sponsorship is a great way to support the cause and increase your organization's visibility in our community.

Join the Fight

Become a Committee Member, Volunteer, and/or Advocate.



During the registration process, a ZOOM video conference link and a phone number will be provided. All you need is a computer and access to the internet or a telephone to participate.
For more information, please call 800.272.3920. text



EDUCATION

Join Us Online!

**Knowing the 10 Warning Signs Rotary Event
May 4, 2021, at 6:00 PM**

Alzheimer's and other dementias cause memory, thinking, and behavior problems that interfere with daily living. Join us to learn how to recognize common signs of the disease; how to approach someone about memory concerns; the importance of early detection and benefits of a diagnosis; possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process, and Alzheimer's Association resources.



To Register: <https://tinyurl.com/wu9t7u3e>