

District 6080  
**Rotary**



# Newsletter

June 2021



**JUNE IS  
ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH!**

**MAKE NEW FRIENDS  
AROUND THE WORLD  
THROUGH A FELLOWSHIP!**

## **District News**

Installation of Joan Kramer as District Governor June 29

A Note From Don Alberti

Rotary Work Day at Wonderland Camp

Rotary for Life Encourages Organ Donation

Rotary Fellowships



Send your news items and photos to District Secretary Mary Ann Beahon at [beahon.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:beahon.rotary@gmail.com)

## Joan Kramer to be Installed as District Governor



Joan Kramer of the Jefferson City Evening Rotary Club will be installed as District Governor for Rotary District 6080 on June 29. The president of Jefferson City Evening Rotary Club will be installed as well.

The installation will be a hybrid event, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., but in-person attendance is limited to Joan's home club, district leaders and past district governors. All other Rotarians in the district are encouraged to join the event virtually.

**If attending virtually, please register In ADVANCE at:**

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErdECppzIrGdb5iHQOIadk8TuJTtIDwepE>

June 29, 2021 05:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID  
856 2919 9132  
Passcode **62921**



Rotarian and Past District Governor William Duane Benton will present the program. Benton is the United States Circuit Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

The installation will take place at McClung Indoor Pavilion, 931 McClung Park Drive, Jefferson City. The atmosphere will be casual in a park setting, so casual dress, shorts and a collared shirt are acceptable. If attending in person, dinner will be served for \$12 a person. Pay at the door with cash, check, debit or credit card. RSVP for attending in person by emailing [kramerjoan2000@yahoo.com](mailto:kramerjoan2000@yahoo.com).

## A note from Don Alberti and family

Rotary District 6080,

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of Sue Alberti.

*Don, Regina, Doug and families*

Rotary has been an integral part of our lives over 45 years. The relationships that we have built have resulted in valued friendships for both Sue and me. The times that we spent at Rotary meetings and on trips were some of our fondest memories. The Rotary motto "Service Above Self" has been demonstrated to our family since the passage of Sue. Words cannot express my heartfelt gratitude for all your care and support during this difficult time. *Don*

# Wonderful Work at Wonderland Camp

By Cathy Libey, District 6080 Youth Services Chair

Rotary Day at Wonderland Camp was a complete success. The day started off with a gentle, misty rain. But that did not stop the Rotarians from all over District 6080 from joining forces to lend a hand. More than 35 Rotarians and their family members mulched, planted, hung blinds, built shelves, repaired wooden rails, and did laundry. All of these tasks helped the camp prepare for their opening on May 23. Several clubs were represented. A special thanks to our newest club from Warrensburg, the Rotary Club of Central Missouri. They truly made this a family affair and their first service project as a club was well attended. Thank you to all that volunteered or donated supplies or money. Your efforts made a big difference in the mission of Wonderland Camp.



Welcoming Signs for District 6080 Rotarians



Nick Rackers of Jefferson City Evening Rotary



Sharon Franklin and others fold tons of laundry



Kit and Roger Freudenberg (Jefferson City Breakfast and Evening Rotarians)



Future Rotarian planting a garden



Kati Boland (Fulton Satellite) folds t-shirts



Beautifying the grounds at Wonderland Camp



District Governor Jacque Howard lends a hand



Left: DG Jacque Howard and Roary Hutt of Central Missouri Rotary; above: PDG Jerry Franklin and others



Far left: Jim Libey of Jefferson City Evening Rotary

Center: Erik Janeczko of Jefferson City West Rotary and James Robinette of Jefferson City Evening Rotary

Left: Tim Haas of Jefferson City West Rotary



Far left: Ryan Boland and Debbie Laughlin of Fulton Rotary fold t-shirts

Left: A Rotarian installs blinds.



Far left: Rotarians work on the camp paths.

Left: PDG and former Wonderland Camp President Jerry Franklin with Lori Miller, board member and granddaughter of Charles J. Miller, founder of Wonderland Camp

# It Wasn't All Work at Wonderland Camp



Members of the new Rotary Club of Central Missouri with District Governor Jacque Howard and Past DG Jerry Franklin



DG Jacque Howard and DGE Joan Kramer try out the Merry Go Round donated by Rotarians



District 6080 Rotarians pose with the Rotary Way sign. Playground equipment there was donated by various Rotary clubs.



DG Jacque Howard enjoys a swing.



The Climbing Wall donated by the Warrensburg Rotary.



Debbie Laughlin attempts to cross the Wobbly Bridge donated by her club, Fulton Rotary.



Kati Boland, Debbie Laughlin and Mary Ann Beahon of Fulton Rotary

# Rotary for Life Encourages Organ Donation



*Columbia South Rotarians Ted Groshong, Raymond Plue and Joe Weston staffing a booth for the Midwest Transplant Network during a University of Missouri Homecoming Blood Drive.*



*Tom Thomas*

For many years, Joe Weston has volunteered to promote awareness of organ donation through his Columbia South Rotary Club. His friend and fellow Rotarian, Tom Thomas, wanted to express his gratitude for a heart transplant, and asked Joe to work with him through all the Rotary clubs in Columbia and the Midwest Transplant Network in Kansas City. Since Tom's death, Joe has carried on the awareness project in Tom's honor, visiting Rotary clubs, appearing on local radio and television programs, attending events wherever and whenever he could. He recently was awarded recognition for his efforts by the Midwest Transplant Network.



*Joe Greaves and Raymond Plue of Columbia South Rotary and Sherry McCarthy of Fulton Rotary*

**What is Rotary for Life?** It is an important initiative to educate people on the need for, and benefits of, organ donation. It is a potentially life-saving extension of our motto, "Service Above Self."

**Why is this important to Rotarians?** The charter president of Columbia South Rotary, Tom Thomas, was the recipient of a donated heart in 2010 and Past District Governor Mike Beahon of Fulton Rotary died in 2014 awaiting a kidney transplant. This is a personal cause for both clubs and one they hope you'll join in.

**How can my club help?** While April is National Donate Life Month, any month is a good one to host an educational program to stimulate registration of club members and the community on the Missouri Organ Donation website: [MissouriOrganDonor.com](http://MissouriOrganDonor.com).

**For more information:** Email [RotaryforLife6080@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryforLife6080@gmail.com).



# ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

Rotary Fellowships consist of members who share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions. These groups help expand skills, foster vocational development, and enhance the Rotary experience by exploring interests while developing connections around the world.

## OVERVIEW

- Help participants make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country
- Advance Rotary's public image and identity
- Serve as an incentive for joining Rotary and for maintaining active membership

## ORGANIZATION

- Function independently of Rotary International by establishing their own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- Are open to Rotarians, their family members, as well as participants and alumni of all Rotary and Foundation programs.

## STARTING A NEW FELLOWSHIP

If your recreational or vocational interest isn't represented by Rotary's current Fellowships:

- Join a [discussion group](#) or start a new one on My Rotary. It's a great way to share your interest with other members.
- Use Rotary's presence on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) to promote your idea.
- Attend the Rotary International Convention or other Rotary events to network and find others that share your interest.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Visit [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships) for additional resources on Rotary Fellowships.

Contact [rotaryfellowships@rotary.org](mailto:rotaryfellowships@rotary.org) with questions.



**JOIN LEADERS:** [www.rotary.org/fellowships](http://www.rotary.org/fellowships)

# Rotary Fellowships Share a Common Passion

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience. How do I join a fellowship? Fellowships are open to Rotarians, family members, and program participants and alumni. To learn more about Rotary Fellowships, including how to join one or form a new one, go to <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>. Here is a list of existing fellowships:

4x4 vehicles	Golf	Quilters and Fiber
Amateur Radio	Gourmet Cooking	Artists
Antique Automobiles	Graphic Designers	Railroads
Bathhouse	Healthcare Professionals	Recreational Vehicles
Beard and Moustache	Hiking	Rotary Global History
Bee	Home Exchange	Rotary Heritage and History
Beer	Honorary Consuls	Rotary Means Business
Bird Watching	Horseback Riding	Rotary on Pins
Caravanning	Hunting	Rotary on Stamps
Chess	Internet	Rowing
Computer Users	Italian Culture	Rowing
Corporate Social Responsibility	Jazz	Rum
Cricket	Latin Culture	Scouting
Cruising	Lawyers	Scuba
Cultural Heritage	LGBT	Shooting Sport
Curling	Magicians	Singles
Cycling	Magna Graecia	Skiing
Doll Lovers	Marathon Running	Social Networks
Draughts (Checkers)	Metalhead	Strategic Planning
E-Clubs	Military Veterans	Surfing
Editors and Publishers	Motorcycling	Table Tennis
Educators	Music	Tennis
Environment	Old and Rare Books	Travel and Hosting
Esperanto	Palmwine	Triathlon
Ethics	Past District Governors	Wellness and Fitness
European Philosophy	Peace Fellows	Whisk(e)y
Executive Managers	Photographers	Wildlife Conservation
Fishing	Police and Law Enforcement	Wine
Flying	Public Health	Yachting
Genealogists		Yoga
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*Mobility carts go where wheelchairs won't go, providing mobility, dignity and opportunity for victims of polio, landmines, etc. Read about Rotary clubs that are helping Mobility Worldwide fulfill its mission.*

## Club News

Long Journey of Peacebuilding

Mobility Carts Go Where Wheelchairs Won't Go

Craft Beer and Carts

Around the District



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# The Long Journey of Peacebuilding

By Kenneth W. Butler and Timothy L. Carson  
The Rotary Club of Rocheport



*Ken Butler speaks during the 98<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the James Scott lynching*

Ken: My mother Grace was born and raised on her family's Century Farm near Columbia, Missouri, and met Everett Butler, Jr. from Pennsylvania at the University of Missouri. They married and left for Philadelphia where Everett pursued an Optometric Degree. Soon thereafter I came along. Our little family eventually moved to a small town in the mountains of northwest Pennsylvania where I grew up until I left to attend college in our Nation's Capital.

During those years in Washington, I experienced the Vietnam War protests, civil rights movement and government corruption with the Watergate affair, but pretty much stayed out of the fray and focused on my career and raising a family. In 2014, my wife Colleen and I

retired from running a successful business, moved to Columbia, and built our home on the family farm. I then settled into retirement. Or so I thought.

In the summer of 2019, I was invited to go on a Civil Rights Pilgrimage bus tour, which visited some of the major civil rights locations in the Deep South. We traveled to Memphis, Tennessee, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated; Selma, Alabama, to learn about Bloody Sunday; Montgomery, Alabama, to visit the National Museum for Peace & Justice in Montgomery, where over 4,000 lynchings of black people are memorialized through hundreds of monuments suspended from the ceiling.

This pilgrimage had a profound impact on me. Right after this trip, I participated in a book study of Terrell Carter's, "Healing Racial Divides." Mr. Carter is a retired black St. Louis police officer, college professor and minister, and though he advocates for many important points, my main takeaway is this: If we are ever going to heal the racial divide, we must be proactive in getting to know and understand one another.



Taking up that challenge, I started a group called the Racial Healing Project (RHP) and set two goals learned at the National Memorial for Peace & Justice and their Legacy Museum: 1) Organize a Soil Collection at black lynching sites in Boone County and 2) Work to move a duplicate of the Boone County, Missouri, monument from the National Memorial depicting the lynching of George Bush (1889) and James T. Scott (1923) to an appropriate place of honor in Columbia.

Nearly the same time that we were organizing the RHP, I was invited to join the Rocheport Rotary Club. Almost immediately I learned that any local Rotary club could become a Peacebuilders Club. What a perfect fit for the RHP! With the support of our President, Tim Carson, and our Vice President, Danita Wood, the Rocheport Rotary became the first club in the Columbia vicinity to unanimously endorse the goals of the RHP and apply to Rotary International to become a certified Peacebuilders Club. Since then, over half of the Rotary Clubs in Columbia have endorsed our goals. The RHP has now grown to over 16 members, many of them Rotary members.

Our Peacebuilders Club and the RHP combined efforts with the Community Remembrance Project (CRP) of Boone County, Missouri, which is affiliated with the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), an extension of none other than the National Memorial of Peace & Justice. What a small world! Working together for the last six months, we organized a soil collection and rededication of a plaque on the MKT Trail in Columbia which commemorates the lynching of James T. Scott on April 29, 1923.

On April 29, 2021, the 98<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the James Scott lynching, a multiracial crowd of over 150 persons gathered for a solemn ceremony. The Mayor of Columbia, Brian Treece, led off the event. He was followed by the Rev. Dr. Clyde Ruffin, pastor of the church where James T. Scott and his family worshiped, and Rev. Dr. C. W. Dawson, who challenged us all to work together to heal that racial divide. I had the honor of describing what happened on that day in 1923, expressing the hope that by learning from history we might avoid repeating the errors of our past.



*The Mayor of Columbia, Brian Treece, leads off the event.*

Though the journey has already seemed long, there remains much to do. Many hands and hearts will lighten the load and we welcome all the help we can receive!



*A plaque on the MKT Trail in Columbia commemorates the lynching of James T. Scott on April 29, 1923.*

**Tim:** I and members of our club have been proud and enthused to be a part of all the initiatives that Ken has so effectively summarized. We want to be part of the solution to one of our nation's thorniest problems, one that goes back to our founding and continues to haunt us today – racism and white supremacy. It has created a legacy of inequality and suffering. And we must continuously strive to overcome it.

Ironically, the persistence of this racism was not most revealed by our organized efforts at communal truth-telling, no matter how significant they

were. The real truth-telling occurred during a 24-hour interval following the ceremony on April 29. Sometime during the nighttime hours of May 5, vandals executed a plan, the destruction of the metal memorial marker of James T. Scott. It appears to have been cut off with an acetylene torch.

Of course, this turn of events is disturbing. It is more than random vandalism or the prank of students. This was no doubt a response to the news coverage about the ceremony of re-dedication and soil collection. Someone was very intentional in their attempt to silence the history of lynching in America. Resistance to the truth and what that truth requires of us is strong and persistent.

As opposed to either feeling defeated or seeking retribution, we are exploring ways to fulfill our creed as Peacebuilders. We will not be silenced. To the contrary, we will double down on our efforts, taking the act of destruction as part of our marching orders. It simply reminds us that one ceremony, one act of peacemaking, can never be enough. This problem was not created overnight. And the ways of peace, justice and reconciliation will not be either. Though the path of peacebuilding is not easy, we remain encouraged and committed. What is required are persons willing to maintain the right attitudes and the right effort over the long haul. We want to be those people. We want to be Peacebuilders.



## Mobility carts go where wheelchairs won't go

In 1994, a missionary in Zaire (now the Congo), Africa, told the Rev. Mel West of the great need for three-wheeled, hand-cranked wheelchairs for victims of polio and landmines. Mel contacted a product designer and long-time friend and mission partner, and the process of the prototype design began. With limited funds and operating out of the Mel's garage, the project grew.



In 2000, Mel set up a production, receiving and shipping facility in Columbia, Missouri. Additional shops were set up across the U.S. and in 2019, the 78,000<sup>th</sup> mobility cart was shipped out.

The Mel & Barbara West Cart Center was completed in Columbia in 2020. Mel, who celebrated his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday May 21, is a member of the Columbia South Rotary Club.

Columbia South Rotary has held five service events at Mobility Worldwide this Rotary year, most recently June 5. Working with Rotaract, Interact and family members, the club has prepared parts for the cart assembly in preparation for shipments overseas, including Kenya.

Members have also packed clothes, medical and school supplies for The Container Project in support of The Rainbow Network in Nicaragua.

Columbia South members have also created a virtual "booth" for Mobility Worldwide to display at the Rotary International convention this month.

All told, over 125 hours of service has been provided to Mobility Worldwide this year!



*Members of Columbia South Rotary, Rotaract and Interact during service projects at Mobility Worldwide.*






FUNDRAISER FOR MOBILITY WORLDWIDE



# Craft Beer & Carts

Presented by: **Rotaract** 

**Logboat Brewing Company**

**Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**1:00pm to 4:00pm**

Come join us for Rotaract's 3rd Annual Craft Beer & Carts Fundraiser for Mobility Worldwide. We will have food, live music, yard games, 50/50 raffle and you can even ride a cart.

## 2 ways to contribute:

# \$15

### Event Ticket

Attendees will receive one pint of Logboat beer, food, and a good time at Logboat, 504 Fay St, Columbia, MO 65201!

# \$300

### Cart Sponsorship

Donate a cart to Kenya on behalf of your company.

- Decorate it with your company colors, logo and swag
- Sponsorship includes 4 event tickets
- Cart can be on display at your business until the event

Buy tickets online at  
[www.rotaractofcolumbia.org/buy-tickets](http://www.rotaractofcolumbia.org/buy-tickets)

Please make Checks Payable to  
"Mobility Worldwide Mo-Columbia"  
Memo: Cart Sponsorship. Mail to:  
Mobility Worldwide, 4825 E.

Meyer Industrial  
Drive, Columbia,  
MO 65201



## Around the District ...



Fulton Rotary has been collecting gallon and half-gallon milk and water jugs to donate to Mobility Worldwide for use in packing mobility carts for those in greatest need and with the least resources in poor or underdeveloped countries. Many people have lost the use of their legs due to polio, landmine injury, etc. The jugs are used for packing and when they arrive in third-world countries, they are used to carry water.

The Boonville Rotary Club was honored as Central Missouri Community Action's 2021 Partner of the Year. During the pandemic, they stepped up to meet community needs by providing a "Rotary Care Kit" with hygiene supplies to families in the community, and by hosting monthly food drives to meet the increased demand at Cooper/Howard Food Pantries.



Springfield Sunrise Rotary did a Global Grant with the Rotary Club of Cherkasy in the Ukraine to provide Karina Dobra School there specialized equipment for disabled children. John Hawthorne, a member of Springfield Sunrise Rotary, has been in the Ukraine for two weeks to help with projects and to tour the school.

The Rotary club of Cherkasy presented him a plaque for Springfield Sunrise Rotary that shares their gratitude. Because it is a mirror finish, it is hard to read. The inscriptions states:

"GRATITUDE. To our Friends from Rotary Club Springfield Sunrise, USA Missouri (District 6080) for the implementation of a significant grant project for children from Cherkasy region, and to the President Becky Hosp personally for her support and cooperation, dedicated efforts and assistance in all stages of training, to Rowland Geddie and to Hawthorne John - thank you for your big and sincere hearts that are always open to children from different countries from around the world!"

Signed by: Yulia Chabanenko, Rotary Club Cherkasy, President; Olha Paliychuk, on behalf of District 2232, Chair of the District Rotary Local Communities Service Committee; Iryna Zhanyayko, on behalf of Communal Institution 'Cherkasy Educational and Rehabilitational Centre 'Country of Good' of Cherkasy Regional Council: Principal' June 1st, 2021"