

# Newsletter

August 2021

Dear District 6080 Rotary Family:



I hope everyone is continuing to enjoy their summer with their Rotary Clubs, family and friends! I love seeing your pictures on Facebook of your vacations and your community projects! Remember, your Rotary Day of Service plan should be in the works. Please share those projects with all of us as much as possible via Facebook or your method of social media. Send me a friend request so I can share with others via our Club, District and Zone Facebook pages. Thank you for what you are planning to do in your communities this year and continuing to impact the lives of others!

As our International President, Shekhar Mehta, shared with us this month in our Rotary magazine, "As we focus on membership this month, we are a membership organization, our members are our greatest asset." Continue to share Rotary with others and invite them to your club to see how we are People of Action working to serve others, contributing generously to the Rotary Foundation and continuing to push toward eradicating polio, we are so close! He stated that, "you are the ones who dream big to bring good into the world through meaningful projects." Keep up the good work!

Equally important is continuing to engage your members and engage your new members. As we grow this year, we will have more out there doing great service projects and empowering girls along the way. Include girls in your projects. Find a local Girl Scout troop, church group, or 4-H group to help with your Rotary Day of Service! Serve To Change Lives!

#### Joan Kramer

DG 6080 2021-2022 Jefferson City Evening Rotary





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



Columbia Rotaract's fundraiser for Mobility Worldwide on July 25 was a huge success, with 100 carts entered and more than 100 people in attendance. The event netted about \$27,500. Carts were entered by several Rotary clubs and numerous businesses. Cart winners were Aurora Organic Dairy and Crossing #4. Mobility Worldwide sends the carts to victims of polio and landmines in third-world countries.











Columbia South Rotary's cart.



District
Governor Joan
Kramer in front
of the Rotary
Youth Exchange
cart with Rotex,
Maria Seville,
Rotary Youth
Exchange
Coordinator.

### Raymond Plue receives prestigious award

Past District Governor Raymond Plue was one of a select few Rotarians to receive the Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award this year. Only 44 recipients worldwide were chosen by the Rotary Foundation Trustees for the award.

Raymond was Foundation chair for District 6080 for many years.

He is a Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Paul Harris Society, a Benefactor, a member of the Bequest Society, and a Major Donor. He has been Rotarian of the Year twice for Columbia South and is a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award and the Service Above Self Award.



Past District Governors Jacque Howard and Steve Dulle were in attendance for the presentation by Susan Hart.

### Columbia South honors Mel West





Far left: Members of Columbia South Rotary present awards to Mel West.

Left: Mel West and Columbia South President Brad Martens

Columbia South Rotary presented Mel West with the Lifetime of Service and Honorary Membership Awards July 19. Mel, who celebrated his 97th birthday May 21, is credited with starting Mobility Worldwide, which has been making three-wheeled, hand-cranked wheelchairs for victims of polio and landmines since 1994.

The characteristic Mel quote of the morning: "If I had one last wish on this earth, it would be that every person could learn and discover the joy of helping others." Mel honors us with his wisdom and life example.

# DG meets with presidents of Columbia clubs



Zone 3 Assistant Governor Marty Walker and District Governor Joan Kramer hold a banner displaying the Rotary International President's theme for the year, Serve to Change Lives. Presidents holding banners are Margaret Conroy, Columbia Metro; Matt Robe, Columbia Evening; Barbara Churchill, Columbia; Brad Martens, Columbia South; and Dennis Hazelrigg, Impact Columbia.

District Governor Joan Kramer visited the monthly meeting of the "7 P's"—presidents of the Columbia Rotary clubs—on July 13. She spoke about what she expects of District clubs and provided a glimpse into her leadership style. As District Governor, Joan must balance her governor duties with her job at Porite Jefferson Corporation, a metal supplier (no work, no food).

Next year's Rotary Convention June 5-8 in Houston was discussed. Governor Kramer will provide a T-shirt for all from the District who attend so they can be readily identified as District 6080 members.

During the meeting, Joan handed out Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's Presidential theme banner and lapel pins and provided dates for her visitations to Columbia clubs.

The Columbia presidents have been meeting monthly for at least 20 years.

### RYLA wraps up two successful in-person sessions









The Missouri RYLA Academy is a four-day/three-night service leadership program for incoming high school sophomores and juniors, introducing Rotary's "Service Above Self" philosophy. The curriculum, developed and administered by professional educators, includes a personality self-assessment, team building activities, and a two-day service project simulation.





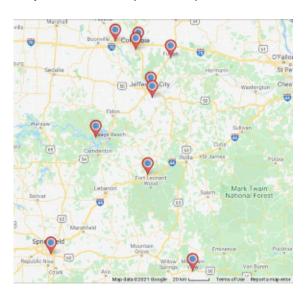
RYLA participants show that we're "this close" to eradicating polio. In the photo at the top of the page, two young men show their purple pinkies indicating vacination against polio.



### D6080 PEACEBUILDER JULY 2021 NEWS!

### Ten Peacebuilder Clubs in D6080 on the World Map by the Rotary Action Group for Peace (RAGFP)

- 1. Columbia Metro
- 2. Columbia Rotaract
- 3. Fulton
- 4. Laurie Sunrise Beach
- 5. Jefferson City Breakfast
- 6. Jefferson City Evening
- 7. Mountain View New!
- 8. Pulaski County
- 9. Springfield SRSW- Rocheport
- 10. Springfield Sunrise



#### **Individual Peacebuilder Awards**

Rotary Peace Dove lapel pins are being presented to Rotarians and Rotaractors In recognition of their passion to become RAGFP Peacebuilders and in recognition of committee members/others who were actively involved in a Peacebuilder activities, and projects in 20-21. I performed the installation and the Columbia Metro club and presented the pins and got a great photo op!

Please contact me for further information and to set up a visit! PDG Jacque Howard, Co-Chair District 6080 Peacebuilders



### Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary to hold Pumkin Chunkin Palooza

The annual Pumkin Chunkin Palooza, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Laurie-Sunrise Beach, is scheduled for Sept. 25 at the Ozarks Amphitheater in Camdenton. All proceeds from the event benefit the Rotary Club's charities.

A talent show with a \$5,000 prize is part of the festivities. See flyer on right for information.

The event includes a Kids Zone, Trebuchet Contest, local food vendors, arts and crafts booths, pumpkin pie eating contest, and a Lake Arts Council Sidewalk Art Contest and Exhibition.





Saturday, September 25 at Ozarks Amphitheater
Camdenton, Missouri
Pumkinchunkinpalooza.com

### Table Rock Lake Rotary plans 5K race in October

The Rotary Club of Table Rock Lake is preparing for its biggest fundraiser of the year, a 5K race on Oct. 2.

In addition to the usual race "swag," the highest finishing male, female and Rotarian runners will receive cash prizes (amount to be determined by the number of participants).

In addition to the walk/run, the local Elks will offer breakfast and lunch and sponsoring a car show and the local Neighbors and Friends group will host a craft fair following the walk/run.

100 percent of the proceeds from this year's event will go to support local charities.

The Port of Kimberling also is pitching in by discounting hotel room rates for race participants

who want to make a weekend of it.



The three sponsoring organizations also are selling 50/50 raffle tickets (you do not need to be present to win). Tickets are available from all 30 Table Rock Lake Rotary members - \$10 for 15 tickets or \$20 for 40 tickets. The winning ticket will be drawn at the conclusion of the day's activities with the winner notified by phone.