



Greetings District 6080:



One quarter of the year has already passed! Have you been thinking about someone you can introduce to Rotary or have you already accomplished it? Has your club had their Rotary Day of Service yet and even better, have you been able to empower girls through your Day of Service or thought of a project that you can involve empowering girls?

October is Community Economic Development month in Rotary. Have you been part of improving the conditions of people who are less fortunate in our communities locally and internationally? I am sure you have, and thank you! That is what we do in Rotary. There are so many great projects going on in our District, right in my hometown the Rotary clubs have teamed together to build a Habitat House! What a project!

From supporting schools to empowering girls to community clean ups, I have seen it all in my short tenure as Governor so far. I will be visiting your club sometime this year and the best part is hearing how your club is making a difference in the communities, developing them and making them stronger locally and internationally.

Developing strong communities is impossible without public health, states Shekhar Mehta, our International President, in this month's Rotary magazine. On Oct. 24 we will celebrate World Polio Day. We will celebrate our tremendous progress in the effort to eradicate polio. We are not done yet! Please continue raising funds for this fight! Thank you for all you do!

Joan Kramer

DG 6080 2021-2022

Jefferson City Evening Rotary



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

Rowland Geddie Chosen as DG Designate



The Nominating Committee has selected Rowland Geddie as the designee for District Governor for the Rotary year 2024–25. Rowland grew up in Tupelo, Mississippi, and attended the University of Mississippi, where he received his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees. He is the General Counsel of Gardner Capital, Inc., which develops affordable housing and solar generating projects.

Rowland joined the Rotary Club of Lamar, Missouri (in District 6110), in 1995 and served in various roles, including as President in 2002-03. In 2012, he moved to Springfield and joined the Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise. He has served the Springfield Sunrise Club as Foundation Chair, International Service Chair and Youth Exchange Officer. In 2019, he was named Rotarian of the Year by his club.

On the District level, Rowland has served as Assistant Governor both in District 6110 and District 6080. Since 2018, he has served as District 6080 International Service Chair. In addition, he is a member of the District 6080 Youth Exchange Committee. In 2019, he received The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service from Rotary International. In 2021, Past District Governor Jacque Howard awarded him a Rotary Foundation District Service Award and a Rotary Avenues of Service Award for International Service.

Rowland also served on the Show Me Rotary Council that organizes the Show Me Rotary Leadership Institute for Presidents Elect in Districts 6040, 6060 and 6080. He was a member of the inaugural class of the District Leadership Academy in District 6080, and has served as a member of the faculty for the Academy for the past three years. He is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation, a member of the Paul Harris Society and a Benefactor of the Foundation. Rowland is married to Peggy, and they have two adult daughters.

Youth Exchange Application Deadline Oct. 31

Do you know a high school student who may be interested in meeting new people, learning a new language and experiencing a new culture? Rotary Youth Exchange is for students who are passionate about becoming ambassadors for cultural understanding. The deadline to apply to be considered for an outbound exchange for 2022-23 is Oct. 31. And clubs are needed to sponsor and host inbound students.

Check out the new D6080 Youth Exchange website at www.rye6080.org for information. High school students and soon-to-graduate seniors who will be between 15 ½ and 18 ½ years old on Aug. 2, 2022, may apply through the website. And they – and their parents/guardians – may send questions or call for more information. Email chair@rye6080.org or call Kit Freudenberg, 573-619-3058.

Students leave July- September 2022 for a FULL academic year and will attend high school. Costs to the student and family usually run \$4,000 - \$7,000 depending upon airfare, country costs, etc. Accepted students must attend three orientations during 2022 (with a parent/guardian) and commit to learning the basic language of their selected countries.



District 6080 Fall Connection

November 6th from 9am until 11:30 am
It's all about Foundation and Membership

**Join District Governor Joan Kramer on November 6th
for our Fall Connection.**

We will have an exciting program that includes:

**Fundraising Ideas, Grant
Fundamentals, Ideas for International
Service Projects and more!**



You are invited to a Zoom meeting Nov 6 at 9 a.m.

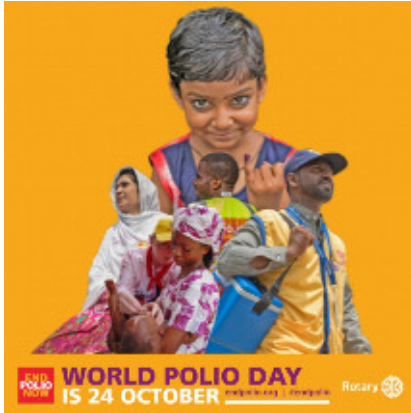
Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqf-6tqjgoGNOKE77VWozauic8bFtAR2ES>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

October is Polio Awareness Month for Rotary

By Joseph Meystrik, District 6080 Polio Chair



October is World Polio Month and Oct. 24 is World Polio Day. Right now only Afghanistan and Pakistan continue to have wild polio. We continue to make progress but the COVID-19 pandemic and political issues in countries like Afghanistan are slowing vaccination efforts.

As Rotarians we have been world leaders in working to end this vaccine-preventable disease. It is so important that we continue our efforts. Since Afghanistan is back in Taliban control it may be a while before we can eradicate polio there. Also, the world is now at risk with refugees from Afghanistan being brought out of the country. It is so important to keep the rest of the world vaccinated to prevent any reemergence or outbreaks where it has been previously eradicated.

If your club needs a program on polio, I will do what I can. I would ask all clubs to do a program and fundraiser in October to help eradicate polio. We are so close but now we face new challenges due to the political environment. We just need keep pushing until we get this done.

Polio Facts

Polio

Poliomyelitis, or polio, is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. Poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in hours. It can strike people of any age but mainly affects children under 5. Polio can be prevented by vaccines, but it is not curable. Unlike most diseases, polio can be eradicated.

PolioPlus

For more than 30 years, Rotary and our partners have driven the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. Our [PolioPlus](#) program was the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication by vaccinating children on a massive scale. As a core partner in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), Rotary focuses on advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and awareness-building. Rotary members have contributed more than \$2.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort.

Polio Today

When Rotary and its partners formed the GPEI in 1988, there were 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries every year. Today, we have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent. Because of the efforts of Rotary and its partners, nearly 19.4 million people who would otherwise have been paralyzed are walking, and more than 1.5 million people are alive who would otherwise have died. The infrastructure we helped build to end polio is also being used to treat and prevent other diseases (including COVID-19) and create lasting impact in other areas of public health.

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 9 2021

HOLLISTER CITY HALL

START TIME: 9:00 AM

Proceeds Benefit the Hollister Rotary Grant Foundation

**T-SHIRT DEADLINE
October 4, 2021**

REGISTRATION FOR RUNNERS & WALKERS



EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH
\$25

AGES 5-100
\$35
AFTER
SEPTEMBER 30TH
AGES 0-4
FREE

REGISTER YOUR DOG FOR ONLY \$10 MORE!

REGISTRATION INCLUDES RUNNERS BAG WITH:

- Fritz's Adventure Ticket • T-Shirt
- Bag of Color • Sunglasses
- Raffle Ticket for the Grape & Fall Festival Prize Drawings (Over \$1,000)



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For More Information:
hollisterchamber.net or 417.334.3050



Low Country Boil



*Sunday,
Oct. 24
11-2*

Memorial Park Pavilion, Bus. 54 & W. 2nd, Fulton

\$15/ticket for a pound of food

(shrimp, sausage, potatoes, corn on the cob)

Drinks from the Station

Take out or stay and enjoy music under the pavilion

Purchase tickets by Oct. 20 online at fultonrotary-mo.org

or in person at Central Bank or Peak Sport & Spine

or from any Rotarian

Proceeds benefit



*and Fulton Rotary's
other community
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Springfield North celebrates Rotary Day of Caring

By Kim Flores



Springfield Rotary North Club celebrated Rotary Day of Caring 2021 by partnering with the United Way of the Ozarks on two projects.

On Sept. 23, Rotary North members met, armed with tools and doughnuts, to provide clean-up and beautification of The Rare Breed Youth Services facility in downtown Springfield.

Rare Breed uses a “drop in center” model to provide a safe, welcoming, low-barrier environment for youth to access crucial services like housing, showers, and food as well as health care and mental health services. The parking lot and areas around the structure were in need of some tender loving care. Rotary North

club members eliminated weeds and scrub around the parking lot, building, and flower beds, and picked up trash that had accumulated, creating a much more welcoming and safer environment

Kathy Westmoreland, Rare Breed youth service coordinator, thanked club members for their good work and said that the exterior cleanup allowed staff the freedom to do their important work inside the building without worrying about finding time they just didn't have to spend on the outside.

Springfield Rotary North has always chosen to focus efforts on the north side of Springfield and especially on helping those in need. The Rare Breed project highlighted the club's desire to make their first Rotary Day of Caring one with a long-lasting impact that showed their love and concern for their community.

The other project completed in conjunction with the United Way of the Ozarks involved writing “Cards of Compassion” to local healthcare workers. The club provided 50 handwritten notes of encouragement and thanks to help the United Way reach its goal of 2021 cards.

Safe to Sleep Program

Springfield Rotary North members recently assisted the Safe to Sleep program with a critical need for the clients they serve. Safe to Sleep, under the umbrella of Council of Churches of the Ozarks, is a temporary shelter for unhomed women. Supported primarily by private and church donations, the shelter gives women a safe place to rest and provides counseling for employment opportunities as well as connecting them to healthcare, mental health care and other social services as needed.

The club had assisted Safe to Sleep in previous years by providing sleeping bags, hand warmers, and toiletries. At a recent visit to the club, their director, Kelly Harris, was asked about the shelter's most pressing needs. She responded by asking members to imagine trying to get or keep a job, make an appointment with a doctor, or stay in touch with family without a working phone. “It might seem like a small thing to be able to charge your phone but when there are few places in town where the unsheltered are welcome for any length of time, this becomes very important,” she stated.

On Sept. 21, the club donated two eight-device charging stations (for charging phones and tablets) for the women at Safe to Sleep. They also provided a disinfectant sprayer system so that the rooms where the women sleep and the cots they use could be easily cleaned before being stored away for the day.

Laurie Sunrise Beach Builds Costa Rican Garden

By Sherry Biron, Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary Club

During 2019-2020 our club decided to do our own International Project. Larry and I were traveling to Costa Rica January-February of 2020. The club had a number of smaller fund raisers and came up with \$550 to help a local community.

I found a contact, thanks to our great VRBO host/friend. Marcela Rodriquez is a teacher at “Escuela San Luis” and a former exchange student to Ohio. They serve approximately 140 students, 4 to 12 years old (including Nicaraguan immigrants’ children from the coffee fields).



After discussing the needs we settled on building a garden at the school to teach children to provide healthy food for themselves. The funds bought concrete but the wall was constructed of soft drink bottles stuffed with trash that the school had collected. The bottoms are exposed and look like flowers. Smart to keep both out of landfills!



We also were able to pay for a local artist to paint dinosaur murals on the exterior walls of the pre-school section of the school. School was starting in February (opposite seasons) so we were able to meet some students before we left. They loved the artwork!

As we all know, the pandemic hit soon after and the planting of the school garden was put on hold. Recently we received FB information that our partner, Marcela, was successful in getting the students involved. The “Finca Organica” that provided the seed/plants is Marcela’s father’s “Organic Farm” in the same community. Not a large project, but Marcela referred to it as a noble cause!



Tree Dedication Honors the Late Trish Blair



(far left) Ted Groshong, president of ACTS, and (left) Raymond Plue speak about the legacy of Trish Blair. Both are members of Columbia South Rotary, as was Dr. Blair.

Rotarians, representatives of A Call To Serve (ACTS) International, friends, and family of Dr. Patricia "Trish" Blair dedicated a tree in her memory on the University of Missouri's Carnahan Quadrangle, just east of the Reynolds Alumni Center, on Sept. 24. A member of Columbia South Rotary, Trish was the founder of ACTS International, creating and nurturing "partnerships for peace" with the country of Georgia, a former Soviet republic.



John Baker of Columbia Rotary is the former pastor of First Baptist Church, where Trish was a member.



Dr. John Cowden of Columbia South Rotary speaks about the corneal transplants Trish arranged in Georgia.



Alex Lobzhanidze, a Ph.D. graduate of the University of Missouri from Georgia, speaks about Trish's work.



A representative of Lions speaks about the ACTS/Lions Ronald James Georgian Diabetic Children's Camp.

A trauma surgeon, Trish's involvement with Georgia began when she visited Georgia and other Soviet republics in the late 1980s as part of a medical delegation responding to the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and Armenian earthquake. Up until her death of ovarian cancer on Nov. 18, 2018, Trish continued to facilitate a partnership with Rotary International, which began in 2014 to train and equip physicians, nurses, and midwives in Georgia's poorest region to resuscitate and stabilize at-risk newborns. But her passion for Georgia went even further and included corneal transplants, a diabetic children's camp, supplying elderly residents with 10,000 meals a day for a year at 11 local soup kitchens and so much more.



Rotary Clubs to Sponsor Cornhole Tournament



Area Rotary Clubs will be sponsoring a Cornhole Tournament on Oct. 17 to raise funds for PolioPlus. The tournament, which is open to the public, will start at 2 p.m. at Katfish Katy's in Huntsdale.

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 and under team.

Cost of the tournament is \$20 per two-person team. Pre-registration is suggested although registration will also be accepted from 1 to 2 pm on the day of the tournament.

The double elimination tournament will follow the accepted rules of the game except for those changes deemed necessary for time constraints. For further information and to register your team, contact Gale Schafer (Fayette Rotary Club) at 573-239-0491.

District 6080 Contributes to Hurricane Relief



District 6080 made a \$2,000 donation to Hurricane Ida relief efforts through Convoy Of Hope in Springfield, Missouri. Convoy of Hope is an American faith-based nonprofit organization that provides food, supplies, and humanitarian services to impoverished or otherwise needy populations throughout the world.



Convoy of Hope team members are continuing distributions and assisting survivors across southern Louisiana. Convoy has distributed nearly 3 million pounds of relief supplies to more than 150,000 individuals in affected areas. Additionally, Convoy has distributed multiple loads of food, water and relief supplies in the northeastern U.S., where remnants of Ida devastated communities.

Fulton Rotary Continues Tradition of Service



Our House (Caring for Callaway's Homeless) needed its handicap-accessible ramp repaired. Fulton Rotary bought the supplies and a trio of Rotarians—Bob Hansen, Bob Sterner and Jacque Cowherd—came to the rescue.



Fulton Rotarians donated dress clothes and shoes to the Chamber's Clothes Closet for JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) at Fulton High School and North Callaway High School and for the Missouri Job Center to make sure recipients are ready for job interviews. In addition to what they're holding, the car was loaded.