



Dear District 6080:

Welcome to Public Health month in Rotary! We are experts dealing with Public Health, aren't we? Most of us have dealt with this one area of focus, (Disease Prevention and Treatment) through our many service projects.

“Our effort to eradicate polio, is by far the best story in civil-society healthcare,” says our International President, Shekhar Mehta, in the December Rotary magazine. Please continue to look for projects that focus on preventing and fighting disease. The world is depending on us!

As December comes to an end and we embark on 2022, our Rotary year is half over! Check in with your club's goals and our initiatives this year to: Grow Rotary (and retain the members that we have,) a Rotary Day of Service for each club and Empowering Girls (Can your club host a project or speaker that will educate our clubs and communities on human trafficking, for example?).

Happy Holidays to one and all. Thank you, everyone, for your service and dedication to Rotary. Let's continue to Serve to Change Lives!

*Joan Kramer*  
*DG 6080 2021-2022*  
*Jefferson City Evening Rotary*  
*Serve to Change Lives!*



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# Rotary Club of Columbia Fries Over 350 Turkeys

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Four years ago on Thanksgiving day, Neil Carr was sitting in his home watching a New Orleans Saints game. At the halftime mark, the Kiwanis Club of New Orleans was invited to talk about its annual Thanksgiving event — a turkey fry.

As the fundraising chair for the Rotary Club of Columbia, Carr had been looking for a new event for the organization and decided to travel to New Orleans to learn more about the club's large-scale poultry fry.

“They walked me through their entire operation,” Carr said. “They gave me a three-ring binder, which was basically a playbook. It had advertising, it had volunteer signup sheets, it had instructions on frying turkeys — it had everything. I brought it back to my club, showed them what we had, took a vote, and they said ‘let’s do it.’”

The Rotary Club of Columbia has been frying hundreds of turkeys on Thanksgiving since 2019. In their largest fry yet, members of the Rotary Club of Columbia gathered at 3:30 a.m. Thanksgiving morning to deep-fry over 350 turkeys at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Of the turkeys fried this year, 107 will be donated to eight charitable organizations in Columbia: St. Francis House, Powerhouse Community Development Corporation, Voluntary Action Center, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Columbia Fire Department, Salvation Army Harbor House, Boys & Girls Club of Columbia and Welcome Home — A Community for Veterans. The remaining turkeys were pre-sold at \$50 a bird and available for pick up between 6:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

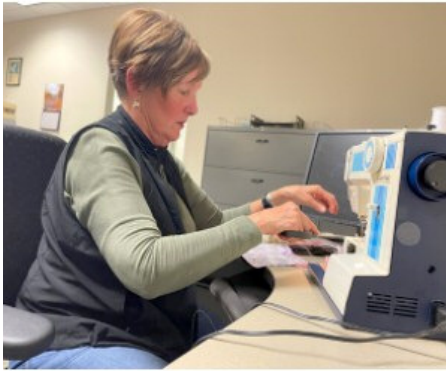
The well oiled operation allows 39 birds to fry at a time in 13 barrels of oil. Placing three turkeys in each barrel, they let the birds cook for around 35 to 40 minutes before letting them cool and packaging them.

“We go ahead and take individual temperature checks for each turkey to make sure that it reaches the optimum temperature between 163 and 175 degrees,” said Marty Walker, head chef for the Rotary Club of Columbia. “Then we let them dry out here ... until they get to about 100 degrees temperature and then we go ahead and take them off of the hook and package them.”

The equipment for the fry was made entirely by members of the Rotary Club, around 95% of which was made from recycled items Walker noted. “That cuts the cost for us and increases the turkey production for those that need a meal,” he said. “We don’t devote a lot of money to buy things, we devote a lot of money to cooking turkeys to get people fed.”

Walker is hoping at next year’s event, the Rotary Club will be able to fry over 400 turkeys. “Each one of these turkeys will make somebody’s Thanksgiving, thankful,” he said. “We have a good meal for all those that need it, and that’s what this is about.”

# Columbia Evening Makes Mastectomy Supplies

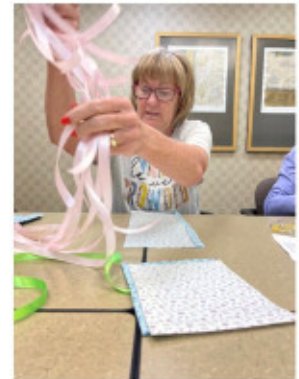


Columbia Evening Rotary continues to be the only provider to Ellis Fischel Cancer Center for drain bags, which are essential components for the mastectomy recovery process.

Twenty members focused on preparing the drain bag holders to be ready for sewing, cutting fabric, ironing, cutting ribbons, and pinning. The goal was to assemble over 500 drain bag holders in just two hours, and they completed 200 holders and 336 ready to sew...that's another 536 holders for cancer patients!

Rotarians donated 40 hours, not counting dozens of hours donated by the project's founder, Mary Ropp, who shopped and prepped the materials used.

It's unlikely they'll meet the patients that benefit from their labors but that's often the case when you serve others selflessly. The next time your friends ask you about Rotary, make sure you mention how Rotarians cut, fold, iron, pin, and sew to help others in need.



# Columbia Metro Reads to Preschool Children

Columbia Metro has been a partner in education with the Columbia Public Schools Title 1 preschools for more than 15 years, putting readers in more than 20 classrooms every week October through May.

Nicole Langston, district coordinator for Title 1, shared, “I was able to witness the pure JOY of our youngest kiddos this past week anticipating the arrival of their Rotarian reader! The kids were



literally jumping up and down with excitement and when the readers arrived I heard them saying, ‘Read this to me?’ ‘Can I sit on your lap?’ and ‘YEAH!!!! He’s here! He’s here!’

So....THANK YOU! Thank you for helping us to instill of love for school, for reading, and for healthy relationships! We appreciate you! Hopefully I’ll get to see all of you in action sometime soon!”

Les Gelband and Shane Winter, co-chairs of the Partners in Education committee, expressed their gratitude to the PIE readers in an email:

“(We) appreciate your time and effort reading to these little folks. We

never know what kind of impact this has on them over time, but we do know one thing, it is positive. Enjoy the hugs and thank you.”



# Springfield Sunrise Rotary Awarded Peace Pins

On Nov. 3, members of the Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise received Peace Builders pins from the district’s Peacebuilding Committee.



# JC West Rotary Cleans Up Park, Enjoys Hayride



The Rotary Club of Jefferson City West spent Saturday morning, Nov. 13, working with the Jefferson City West Side Business Association to clean up the park adopted by the club. The next afternoon, they enjoyed the club's annual hayride. The club tries to have a family social every month, and members always look forward to this one.



# Rotary Clubs Ring Bells for the Salvation Army



*William Woods University Rotaract members have fun ringing bells.*



*Fulton Rotary President Debbie Laughlin and Fundraising Chair Stephanie Vollmer take their turn ringing bells.*



*Columbia South Rotarians ring bells for the Salvation Army*

# Ozark Rotary Holds BBQ & Bingo Fundraiser

Ozark Rotary's biggest event of the year, BBQ & Bingo, was held Sept. 29. It was the 11th year for the fundraiser, which attracted approximately 450 people raised over \$17,000 that will benefit Ozark Senior Center, Ozark Care to Learn and Least of These Food Pantry. The crowd enjoyed Rib Crib BBQ, raffle items, live auction and bingo games. Each bingo prize package had a value starting at \$655.



# Springfield Downtown Assists Care to Learn



The Springfield Downtown Rotary Club members helped Care To Learn sort clothing for students in Springfield Public Schools. Care to Learn focuses on meeting the emergent needs of students in the areas of health, hunger, and hygiene. The vision of Care to Learn is that all students will have the confidence, self-worth, and resources to maximize their learning potential and become self-sufficient citizens.

The 2022 Rotary International Convention is June 4-8 in Houston, Texas. The deadline to register at the reduced rate is Dec. 15. You'll have the chance to cancel for a full refund until April 30, 2022, minus a \$50 per person administration fee. Register at [convention.rotary.org](https://convention.rotary.org).



# Springfield Clubs Support Young Men of Color



The Presidents Council for the Rotary Clubs of Springfield was proud to present a check to join and support the Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB). It is a national organization based in Springfield with 350+ chapters in 41 states providing education-to-career support for young men of color at the collegiate and high school levels to achieve lives of purpose and success. This is part of a Rotary Diversity Initiative with action steps to expand awareness, support empowerment, and increase inclusion within our community.

# WWU Rotaract Makes Cards for Veterans



*Rotaract President Hannah Meyer of Australia (far left) and VP Rukshika Wijesooriya of Sri Lanka (second from left)*

The Rotaract Club at William Woods University created Thanksgiving cards for veterans at the Missouri Veterans Home in Mexico, Mo.

