



Happy New Year 6080,

We have 6 months to finish this Rotary year big! In January, we focus on vocations, one of Rotary's founding principles. We are asked to use our vocation, no matter what it is, to do good in the world. **SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES!**

To all of you, please continue to push our initiatives. As you have heard me state over and over in various forms of communication, Each One Bring One. I also say, each one retain one, host a Rotary Day of Service in your club and find a way (whether a project or a speaker on human trafficking for example) to empower girls!

Our thoughts and hearts go to those who suffered in the recent tornadoes that devastated a large part of our Rotary Zone. To support the effort to help with the recovery, our District donated to Convoy of Hope, a non-profit humanitarian organization, based in Springfield, Mo., that responded by taking supplies and help to the hardest hit areas. I know many clubs also responded on their own and to you we are extremely grateful. Many contacted me to see how they could help. Thank you!

See you soon as I finish up the last half of the Rotary year visiting more clubs in person! I am looking forward to meeting many more of you!

Thank you for what you do for Rotary!

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

Governor visits combined meeting of three clubs



District Governor Joan Kramer in December visited a combined meeting of three clubs—Belton-Raymore, Harrisonville and Butler.

Top left: DG Joan Kramer speaks about Rotary priorities.

Top right, left to right: Assistant Governor Bing Schimmelpfenning; Kay Caskey, District Family of Rotary chair; Julie Highley, Butler secretary; Lori Watson Harrisonville president; Debbie Cornelius, Belton-Raymore president and DG Kramer.

Left: The Butler Rotary Club presents a gift basket to DG Joan Kramer.

Columbia's Wake Up! Interact receives award



Members of the Wake Up! Interact Club (sponsored by Columbia Metro) received the District 6080 2021 Interact Challenge Award from PDG Jacque Howard via Zoom on Dec. 15. They were recognized for bringing community members and leaders together through dialogue and civil conversations on the issue of rising gun violence in Columbia, Mo., during the Spring of 2021. This included moderating two panel discussions through Zoom and holding small group dialogues on-line and at the school. The club prepared a

summary of this project for RAGFP and you can find that here: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tMjqFOqVVIE-Ot3TPVn1l3CZEG5rPVIpcEN6r1DWKTo/edit?usp=sharing>

Service projects abound around District 6080



The Sedalia Rotary Club purchased a freezer for Community Cafe, which provides free evening meals, but had no freezer to store supplies. The Rotary club also provides and serves the meal on the third Thursday of each month and has since the program began 15 years ago. Community Cafe now serves 50 to 60 meals five nights a week with help from churches and other civic groups.



Columbia South Rotarians raised \$2,094 for the Voluntary Action Center of Columbia through "Pass the Hat" and matching donations.



Above: Jefferson City Evening Rotarians (above) filled birthday boxes for the CASA children in their community.

Right: Hurricane Deck Elementary librarian, Miquela Lacy, with Heather Link, literacy chair of Laurie Sunrise Beach Rotary. The club donated library carts and 120 books to each of three area schools in mid-November. Recipients were Hurricane Deck Elementary, Versailles Elementary School and South Elementary School in Gravois Mills. Heather Link made the donation on behalf of Rotary in an effort to increase literacy. The total value of the donation was \$5,600.



JC Clubs help build Habitat for Humanity house

Members of the five Jefferson City Rotary clubs have been working together on a house for River City Habitat for Humanity. The clubs are supporting the project financially, as well as with their building skills. Dec. 18 they worked on soffits and began hanging siding. They took a break to celebrate this new build with a blessing and present a check from the Rotary clubs to Habitat. Friends finished the blessing by writing messages and well wishes on the walls for the new owner.



Springfield Metro Rotary busy with service

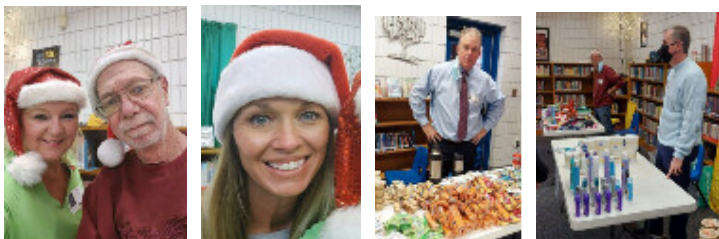


Springfield Metro Rotary at the Christmas store for students at McGregor Elementary School.

The students McGregor Elementary School, a Title 1 school in Springfield, earn points (dollars) each week based on how they act (their “HABITS”). HABIT stands for Homework, Attendance, Behaviors, Initiative and Traveling. Springfield Metro Rotary sets up a store each month (funded by the club) for the kids to shop with their dollars. Products range from toys, books, gift items, to snacks, toilet paper, and other toiletry items.

During December, Great Southern Bank employees also come to wrap the items the students purchase as gifts for someone. The principal encourages the kids to buy for others during this month’s HABIT Store.

According to Andrea Brady, “It’s a great opportunity to teach the kids about spending and saving. Sometimes they save their money all year to purchase something big, like a bike, at the end of the year.”



Springfield Metro Rotary also repackaged diapers for distribution at the Diaper Bank of the Ozarks, whose goal is to keep babies clean, dry and healthy by distributing disposable and cloth diapers to families in need.



Willow Springs Interact serves food pantry

The Interact Club of Willow Springs packed 360 bags of food for the local food pantry Dec. 17.



Monthly Report from Global Scholar Alice Yu

Eight-week terms really go by fast; especially coming from the University of Missouri's 16-week semesters, I feel like I still have so much work to do even after submitting a few final assignments. To be fair, we are still expected to work during the six-week term break (or as they call it, a vacation), we just don't have scheduled classes. My final exams are also the Friday before the start of the term break (Jan. 14), so I'll be spending this vacation catching up on readings and reviewing material to successfully close out Michaelmas (the first term) before starting Hilary (the second term).



Rotary Trip to Windsor and Eton on Nov. 20

In November, I was able to take a day-trip with 14 other Rotary scholars and a few of our guests to Windsor and Eton. Richard Kirby, chair of the District 1090 Scholars' committee, took a train with us from Oxford to Windsor where we were then met by Rotarian Paul Andreianu who walked us to Windsor Castle, just in time to watch the changing of guards. We were then able to walk the grounds of Windsor Castle, take a self-guided tour and learn about its history before walking to Eton College. Paul Bayley, another Rotarian, took us on a tour of Eton College and shared a few stories from his years of working at Eton. We even got to see their laundry room and learn how they wash, dry and press the clothing of over 1,000 students.

November was also spent wrapping up the Peace Education and Action for Impact Project, a pilot program created by World BEYOND War in collaboration with Rotary Action Group for Peace. From September to now, I've been a part of the USA team (consisting of members from Missouri and Colorado) which is one out of 10 country teams. The first six weeks were spent learning from Canvas modules, and the last eight weeks were spent on creating a project to promote peace. I was a part of a team and we created an album with six audio pieces exploring the different topics pertaining to peace covered in the modules. The album itself is called "The Peace Achords" and includes edited speeches from Martin Luther King Jr. and John F. Kennedy, broadcast announcements of war and peace, and meditation music. The other USA team held a screening and discussion of the film "Purple."

I was able to present at a virtual "Meet the Scholars" event this November, where District 6080 Rotarians Dr. Charles Sampson and Jacqueline Howard were in attendance. I presented alongside four other Rotary scholars, and we each were given 10 minutes to talk about our Rotary Grant projects. I discussed my aspiration to work with organizations that address human trafficking following graduation from my master's program. This term, while it did go by pretty fast, has provided me with some research design foundations and ideas about how to structure my thesis in order to research interstate anti-human trafficking agreements and their impacts on different populations. In addition to catching up on seminar readings and studying for final exams, I'll also be collating articles for a literature review this term break.

These past two months were full of ups and downs, lots of lessons to be learned regarding adjustment, and also a plethora of fantastic experiences around Oxford and with the friends I've made here. I'm looking forward to this much-needed vacation (or rather, time to catch up with academics without more assignments being added on), and am also excited to start Hilary term!