



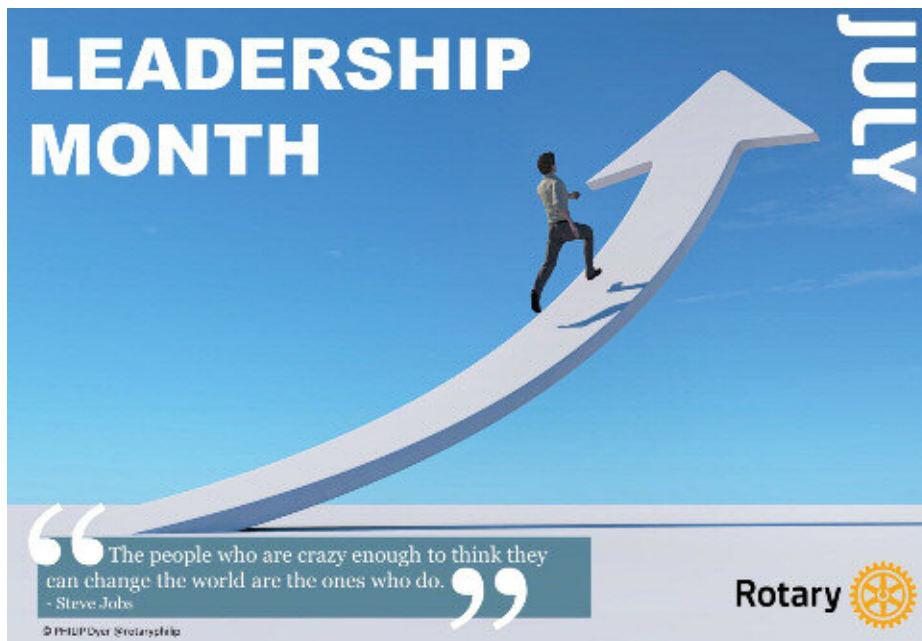
Dear District 6080 Rotarians,

Welcome to the Rotary New Year, 2022-2023! It is going to be an exciting year, as Rotary International President Jennifer Jones makes Rotary history by becoming the first female RI President in our organization's 117 years! President Jennifer's theme is Imagine Rotary. She wants Rotarians to imagine the possibilities in the change we can make to transform our communities and the world. She wants us to dream big and harness our connections and the power of Rotary to turn those dreams into reality.

During this Rotary year, let's do a better job of engaging our members, as it is crucial to retaining members. I hope every Rotarian will ask their friends, neighbors, co-workers and even our children to visit our Rotary club. By keeping our members engaged and welcoming new members, we will grow Rotary and we can do more. I'd also like to encourage Rotarians to get involved at the District level. We have an outstanding District Leadership Team and it is a great way to get to know like-minded friends from other Rotary clubs.

I'm excited for the year ahead and honored to represent and lead the Rotarians in District 6080. We have a proud tradition of giving to The Rotary Foundation, supporting global projects and working on many projects in our communities that make a difference. Thank you Rotarians for everything you are doing to make our community and the world a better place to live, work and play!

John Horton  
DG 6080 2022-2023  
Springfield Southeast



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# RI Convention in Houston Was Out of this World



District 6080 turned out in style for the Opening Session Sunday.



DG Joan Kramer and her new friend at the Welcome Party



Brad Martens, Barb Churchill and Marty Walker



Jim and Cathy Libey and Nick Rackers



Above: PDG Susan Haralson  
Left: At the Space Center



RI President Shekhar Mehta and Foundation Chair John Germ thank Carol and Paul Reinert for becoming members of the Arch Klumph Society.



Entertainment from India, home of RI President Shekhar Mehta



Former astronaut Charlie Duke, who walked on the moon



Rotarians at a general session in Houston



Nicole Slusser with Ukrainian Rotarians



An RI Convention demonstrates how international Rotary International really is.



Mary Ann Beahon with a Mexican Rotarian



Nigerian Rotarians



Fighting back against sex slavery in Vietnam



PDG Steve Dulle, his wife Diane, Mary Ann Beahon and Michael Dulle



Ralph Zuke road the bike with rickshaw from Missouri to Houston to raise money for polio.



Jennifer Jones, a Canadian and the first woman president of Rotary International since Rotary's inception in 1905, was elected at the RI Convention in Houston. She officially takes office July 1.



Nick Rackers and Nicole Slusser meet the koala promoting the RI Convention in Melbourne, Australia, next year.

# Rotary Heart2Heart Project Mission to Mexico



## Trip Description

This fall will be the 12<sup>th</sup> group visit for the Heart2Heart team to Mexico City and the first trip to Guadalajara, Mexico. Participants will arrive on Wednesday, Nov. 9, and return to the U.S. on Thursday, Nov. 17.



Local Rotarians will provide a week of hospitality and a project fair will be included in the agenda to provide full list of worthwhile Rotary projects for consideration. Confirmed project visits will be communicated closer to the trip date.

## Trip Objectives:

1. Network with Rotarians from Mexico to share ideas and learn candidly about their needs.
2. Give U.S. Rotarians the opportunity to visit completed and in-progress matching grant projects firsthand.
3. Provide U.S. Clubs the opportunity of partnering with local Mexico Clubs on pre-packaged global matching grant projects.

## 8-Night Air Inclusive Travel Package from St Louis, Kansas City or Little Rock

The cost from these three locations is \$2,575. A land-only package is \$1,675. A single occupancy supplement is available for an extra \$810.

Package Includes: roundtrip airfare from your designated airport, 8-nights accommodations in double occupancy room, breakfast each morning, two dinner events, air-conditioned motor coach transportation, airfare from Guadalajara to Mexico City, roundtrip airport transportation, Heart2Heart commemorative gift, admission and meals at all Rotary sponsored events, and medical travel insurance. (Insurance does not include delay and cancellation coverage.)



Register by 8:59 a.m. Oct. 15. Visit the website to view the agenda, travel costs, and to register.

[Event Website](#)

# Springfield Rotary Clubs Dedicate Peace Poles



The six Springfield Rotary clubs have joined together to advance the Rotary ideal of “Peace through Service” globally and locally through education, engagement and action. The clubs dedicated the first of five Peace Poles June 16 in the K-Park section of Jordan Valley Park.

As part of the Rotary Peacebuilder initiative, the Springfield Rotary clubs are working in collaboration with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board to install Peace Poles at five locations in parks throughout Springfield. The first two Peace Poles have been funded by a grant from Rotary District 6080.

A Peace Pole is an internationally recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, bearing the message *May Peace Prevail on Earth* in different languages on each of its four sides. The poles are symbolic of the Rotary value of promoting positive peace and it is anticipated the poles will inspire activities that build peace in the Springfield community.

During the June 16 dedication, the Rotary Club of Springfield Southeast highlighted the work of the International Institute of Southwest Missouri (IISMO) in supporting the resettlement of international refugees to the region. Speakers included IISMO Executive Director Rebekah Thomas, as well as staff members and volunteers from Afghanistan, Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Myanmar – all countries from which refugees in southwest Missouri have migrated. The Rotary clubs are including the languages spoken by these local populations on Peace Poles in this project. A further connection is that June 20 was World Refugee Day.

Springfield Rotary clubs are proud of this project, which highlights service to others, promotes integrity and advances world understanding, goodwill and peace through the fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.

# Fayette Completes Successful Year of Service



*Fayette Rotarian Kurt Rohr finishes putting up the Liberty Park Rotary Project sign on the shelter house in the park. The Page Liberty Park Project was one of the many ways that the Fayette Club supported the community during a very successful Rotary year.*

While the Fayette Rotary Club is part of a worldwide service organization actively working for health, education, peace, and economic well-being worldwide, it is also dedicated to serving Fayette and Howard County. Under the leadership of Club President Glenn Ludtke, the club is about to complete a very successful year of service.

As in other years, the club applied for and was granted a District Simplified Grant (DSG) from its Rotary District. The club used this matching grant to purchase much needed grills and lighting for Paige Liberty Park. According to "Fayette Together" member Tim Jackman, the club's efforts sparked the interest of other groups to continue with the renovation of this park.

In the past, DSG funds have been used for such diverse projects as the Daly Elementary Outdoor Preschool classroom, bleachers for the county fairgrounds and equipment for the Parents as Teachers organizations. Next year the club will work with the Main Street Organization to purchase benches for the Courthouse Square.

Fayette Rotary has a close relationship with the Fayette Public Schools, which includes sponsoring an Interact Club. Interact club members make international connections by helping Central Methodist University international students. They develop leadership skills and have fun in the process. The club also sent an FHS student to RYLA, the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy, in Warrensburg, and helped support students going to both Girls' and Boys' State.

One of the club's favorite projects is the Third Grade Dictionary project. Every year, the club purchases and distributes dictionaries to each third-grade student at Daly Elementary. After being unable to distribute the books in person due to COVID restrictions, club members were excited to be able to watch the children as they opened their books, discovered their names on the inside cover and scanned the brightly illustrated pages.

Each month during the school year, four high school students are invited to attend a club meeting where they are honored as FHS Students of the Month. During COVID, students attended the meetings via Zoom and had their lunches brought to them at school. Club members enjoyed interacting with the students one-on-one this year once COVID restrictions were lifted.

The club also provides a \$500 scholarship to an FHS graduating senior who is planning to attend Central Methodist University. This year's recipient was Makayla Barnette.

As in past years, the club supported the Howard County fair by inviting the Howard County Queen and Howard County Teen candidates to a meeting. The members enjoyed meeting the candidates and the

candidates had the opportunity to prepare for their contest interviews by introducing themselves and interacting with members of the club.

The club supports 12 local organizations/entities through its “Happy Can” project. Each week, members are invited to talk about something that makes them happy and then to place money in the club’s “Happy Can.” This year the club donated \$1,260 through this project. Entities receiving funds were the Fayette Festival of the Arts, Howard County Scouts, Fayette Fireworks, Fayette Pool Pass Project, World Wide Mobility, Fayette Athletic Boosters, Fayette Music Boosters, Fayette Ministerial Alliance, Holiday House, Howard County Wellness, Quilts of Valor and FHS Interact.

January is the club’s month to help at the Fayette Ministerial Alliance’s Food Pantry. Club members helped fill the bags and later helped distribute them.

To support its many projects, the club had two major fundraising projects: Trivia Night and a Cornhole Tournament. The Cornhole Tournament was held in conjunction with a Columbia Rotary Club. Proceeds from this tournament were sent to Rotary International to support RI’s PolioPlus campaign to eradicate polio world-wide. The club also had a special free-will offering to support PolioPlus during World Immunization week in April.

## Rotarian Races Through Jeff City to Beat Polio



Kenney and Natalie Newville with the Jefferson City West Rotary Club (and their daughter Catherine) were able to meet Race Across America participant Kurt Matzler and his team as he rode through Jefferson City June 21.

Bob McKenzie, a member of the Rotary Club of Manassas in Virginia, co-founded Team Rotary RAAMs Polio to enter Race Across America in 2016. The team races to raise money for Rotary’s PolioPlus program to eradicate Polio from the world and they have raised over \$4 million!

The Newvilles thought they were just going to be able to cheer Kurt on as he circled the Capital, but instead were able to visit with the team during a scheduled break! Kurt is the current president of Rotary Club Innsbruck Goldenes Dachl, Austria, and is averaging 400 miles per day in his Race Across America!

He told Catherine Newville (8 years old) her 21-mile ride was a good start, and wished Kenney ‘good luck’ in his upcoming year as club president. It was a great opportunity to meet Rotarians from around the world and cheer on their efforts to help eradicate polio!

You can learn more about their efforts at [www.raampolio.com](http://www.raampolio.com).

# Columbia South President Travels to Uganda



Columbia South Rotary President (2021-22) Brad Martens traveled to Uganda in late May. He visited with local Rotarians in Kyotera and students of the Gayaza Primary and Secondary Schools to discuss recent project collaboration.

The project was funded through an \$80K global grant which supported WASH training, sanitary pads for girls, and major infrastructure improvements to the water system on campus - including water filtration for safe drinking water.

Brad also met with Rotarians from Kampala-Kaewempe to learn more about efforts being implemented to fight malaria and help distribute mosquito nets to residents living in what are referred to as slum areas. This malaria project was supported by various clubs throughout District 6080 and past DG Jacque Howard.



## Around the District



*Rotarians brave the heat. Left: Columbia Metro Rotarians Rose Lloyd, Shane Winter, Lori Dobry and Jim Cherrington picked up trash June 14 along the streets Metro has adopted through the City of Columbia's Adopt-A-Spot Litter Cleanup program. Right: Fulton Rotarians Tim Conner and Steve Long march in the Fulton Street Fair Parade June 25, calling attention to the club's upcoming Centennial.*



*West Plains Sunrise Rotary Club made donations recently to CASA, United Way, Imagination Library, Child Advocacy Center and Samaritan Outreach.*





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