



Dear District 6080 Rotarians,

Wow, the year is flying by; one-quarter of the way through the year and I know clubs have big plans for this year. I've been lucky enough to visit 44 of our 51 clubs, plus a couple of Rotaract clubs. Describing the feeling of visiting District 6080 clubs is hard to put into words. I've been welcomed, and greeted warmly, members have listened intently and asked great questions about Rotary International and District 6080. Serving our communities and the world is the common theme between all of our clubs. I'm very impressed with the collaboration between clubs near each other, working together for our communities.

October is Community Economic Development month, celebrating one of Rotary's seven areas of focus. The work of Rotary begins in our communities and continues around the world. Thank you to all of those Rotarians helping to improve the economic conditions of people less fortunate, both locally and internationally.

Our 11 incoming Youth Exchange students have bounded at Cub Creek Science Camp near Rolla. They have already worked on two service projects and are completing their first month of school, all while getting comfortable here in America! Our eight outgoing students have all arrived in their countries. They have reported the food is amazing, host families are kind and school is hard, as they are still thinking in English, but we are sure the second language will become more natural. The application portal for next year's outbound students is open until Oct. 15, so please spread the information on Rotary Youth Exchange!

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Andrea Brady, Rotary Club of Springfield Metro, has been selected as the District Governor for District 6080 for the Rotary year 2025-2026. Her official title this year is District Governor Nominee Designate. Congratulations Andrea, you will server our District well!

Again, please don't forget to share the gift of Rotary, invite a friend, your spouse, a co-worker, a neighbor, or your children!! It is a gift that keeps on giving!!

John Horton  
DG 6080 2022-2023  
Springfield Southeast



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## PolioPlus Fundraising & Awareness Ideas That Work

- Iron Lung display at community event – work with volunteers and Rotarians, publicize, give people an opportunity to donate to polio. This also attracts members.
- Booth at local fair – use event to educate people about polio perhaps with stories and videos from polio survivors. This might attract interest from newer and younger members of community.
- Cornholio for Polio (cornhole tournament). Grand prize for winner (hopefully donated). Entry fees for players goes to TRF for polio. Also serves as public awareness campaign. Members should be present to talk to prospective members about polio and Rotary membership.
- Pints for polio. Create a recurring club video where club members discuss the importance of our Polio Plus program and run the video prior to the event. Engage with community organizations such as chamber, especially organizations that the club collaborates with. Create a contest among members for the most attendees. This is typically a pub crawl type of event that takes place in restaurants, bars, breweries and distilleries. Participants donate an amount per drink or in total at various places around the district on the same night. Event is usually held the Saturday closest to World Polio Day in October.
- Pop stars for polio performance - during intermission, set up a wheelchair obstacle course to demonstrate life in a wheelchair.
- Sell bracelets for polio at \$XXX each. Inform purchasers those dollars are matched 2 to 1. Have a contest among club members for selling the most bracelets with the winner receiving a prize (hopefully donated). Publicize by short video clips on social media with articles in local media. In publicity articles, provide links where people can make donations using Venmo, PayPal.
- Five K walk with a kids' run, possibly a community or district event. Promote to schools, communities with promotional videos. Set up a donations/information tent – proceeds go to Polio Plus. Create competitions between clubs based on donations.
- Bowling tournament. Call it Strike Out Polio or Pin Down Polio. Make it family friendly and publicize by local radio station and broadcast from the bowling alley highlighting what local clubs are doing to end polio. Conduct a contest where the person who brings

the most prospective members wins a prize. The contest could include extra points for soliciting donations.

- Battle of the Bands. During the performance, present a polio survivor testimonial. Engage Interactors to help publicize. Publicize the whole month of October. Create table tents to inform attendees about polio and the dangers of it and distribute to local businesses such as restaurants. These tents could possibly tie in the pandemic to polio.
- Pennies for polio. Distribute gallon jugs to second and third graders. Stage a competition among the classes. Publicize and have polio survivor present prizes to winners.
- Polio Posse. Sell badges for minimum of \$25 and have contest among small, medium and large-sized clubs in your district for raising the most dollars per capita. Award that club president a PHF.
- Pilsner and Pizza for Polio. This works well with younger crowds.
- Polio night at a major league ball game.
- City proclamation honoring World Polio Day with a chili dinner to raise funds and awareness.
- Donuts for Polio. Partner with several donut shops who will donate donuts in exchange for a \$2.50 donation.
- Putt for Polio.
- Pedal for Polio.
- Pack the Park to End Polio.
- Facebook Fundraiser (Birthday, Anniversary, etc.).
- Weekly 50/50 Raffle at each meeting, the winnings are split, half for Polio.
- Raffle item, once a month at meeting with proceeds to Polio.
- Pints for Polio, partnered with an ice cream parlor.
- Matching Points opportunity, starting on October 24 – Polio Day – and running through mid-November. A member or members contribute Foundation Points, then a *cash* contribution of \$100 to \$500 earns a like number of points.
- Basket raffle - baskets are assembled by the clubs and sold in an on-line auction.
- Light up the city for Polio.
- Program on Polio for your club meeting.
- Flag programs.

### **Reminders**

1. Ensure to launch a strategic media campaign before your polio event. It is very important to continue reminding members and community of the importance of the impact that polio had by bringing in survivors to share their experiences. Remind all that many vaccine distribution systems were modeled after Rotary.
2. There's a wealth of resources available on the End Polio website and in the Rotary Brand Center to help promote your World Polio Day event. Visit [www.endpolio.org/resource-center](http://www.endpolio.org/resource-center) and [www.brandcenter.rotary.org](http://www.brandcenter.rotary.org) to learn more. Download the End Polio Now Logo Visual Guidelines in the Brand Center under Logos – Using Rotary Logos.
3. Share your World Polio Day Celebration with the world by registering your event at [www.endpolio.org/register-your-event](http://www.endpolio.org/register-your-event).
4. Have fun!

## Columbia Service Clubs Clean Up Local Park



Jackie Reed, Teresa Gooch, Dell Epperson and Chad Gooch of Columbia South Rotary search for trash in Cosmo Park.

Sept. 10 Columbia Rotarians spent the morning with 50-60 members of other Columbia civic clubs cleaning up Cosmo Park, all while several hundred youngsters of all ages played football and soccer or skateboarded under the watchful eyes of parents and friends.

It was the second year, Rotary International, Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, and Optimist International worked together to celebrate and give back to their communities with a joint service event dubbed the Celebrate Community initiative.

Leadership from the service organizations encouraged their clubs and youth programs around the world to work together on projects. Issues related to health and wellness, food insecurity and hunger, education and literacy, and the environment were addressed through community cleanups, food donations and distributions, walks or runs to raise money for specific causes and book collections for children.

“Imagine the difference we can make when we harness the power of our four organizations’ 3.4 million members, all of whom share a passion for taking action and creating lasting change,” promotion for the event said.



Jackie Reed picks up trash.

## Fulton Service Clubs Collaborate on Food Drive



Jacque Brazas and Amanda Gowin load up food for SERVE.

Fulton Rotary got a jump start on the joint service initiative because the need was apparent and immediate. Three Fulton service organizations working together in August provided more than two tons of food for the food pantry at SERVE.

When Rotary learned the shelves of SERVE’s food pantry were practically empty, the club challenged the Kiwanis Club and Breakfast Optimists to collect food the entire month of August.

Courtney Harrison, executive director of SERVE, said they were experiencing an unprecedented food shortage in their pantry. “With food insecurity at an all-time high, the number of families who need our help is increasing every day,” Harrison said. “Between the decrease in food and the increase in need, it’s been a challenge to keep the grocery carts full.”

During the month-long drive, Rotary collected 443.75 pounds of boxed and canned goods, as well as \$3,420 in member donations. According to SERVE the monetary donations will buy 1,966.09 pounds of food. Kiwanis collected 1,834.4 pounds of food and the Optimists did a one-day drive, collecting 105 pounds.

# Rotary Service Projects Around District 6080

Jefferson City Evening Rotary baked up a storm in September to show the first responders in their community how much they appreciate them. Rotarians filled 13 huge trays with a variety of goodies and delivered them to the Cole County Sheriff's Office, the Jefferson City Police Department, the Jefferson City Fire Station #1, the Cole County EMS, and the Lincoln Police and their Police Academy.



Members of The Rotary Club of Columbia volunteer monthly at the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri.

Springfield Metro Rotary volunteered at I Pour Life at the end of August. Since 2011, I Pour Life has provided coaching and development in at-risk and underserved communities, both locally and globally. I Pour Life believes that every at-risk and foster care youth deserves the opportunity to learn critical life skills and build social capital within their community.



# More Service Projects Around District 6080



Jerome Rader and Bill Kollars

Columbia South Rotary Club members handed out over 600 snow cones at the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture's 13th Annual Harvest Hootenanny Sept. 24. All the proceeds from the Hootenanny will support CCUA in helping feed and educate the community.

During the event at Columbia's Agriculture Park, attendees had a chance to enjoy food, drinks, live music, a petting zoo, garden tours, carnival games and more. Other activities included mega Jenga, cornhole and a duck pond.

CCUA runs several programs to provide a variety of fruits and vegetables directly to people who need it in the community. It also has opportunities for people of all ages to develop skills including gardening and cooking.



Bruce Young and family



Kevin and Teri Woods Walden

Columbia Metro Rotary financially supported the new playground equipment at First Chance for Children, which provides early childhood programs and family resources to foster healthy outcomes for children and families in mid-Missouri. A ribbon cutting was held Sept. 26 to dedicate the playground. The club also participated in Diaper Need Awareness Week. First Chance is in nine counties across mid-Missouri, contracting with school districts and community agencies to provide services for at-risk families, including cribs and diapers.



## Still More Service Projects Around District 6080



The Rotary Club of Columbia served meals to veterans at Welcome Home, a veteran-only transitional living program that facilitates recovery through social responsibility, personal engagement and individualized programming. Welcome Home provides a secure and stable community that veterans and their families can call home while they get back on their feet.

The Rotary Club of Fulton celebrated Literacy Month with a display of books promoting service and volunteerism at the Fulton Public Library. Members also collected books for Head Start and took turns reading to the children there.



*A month-long display at the Fulton Public Library promotes volunteerism and service as part of Fulton Rotary's Literacy Month activities during September.*



*Fulton Rotarians Coletta Williams and President Allen Huggins display books donated to Head Start.*



*Sarah Backer, a new member of Fulton Rotary, reads to Head Start children.*



*New Evening Rotarian Jan Finke helps close out Literacy Month by reading "If You Give a Pig a Party" and other books to children at Head Start.*

## Save the Monarch Butterfly 60,000 Tree Challenge

A recent event in Kansas City is a prime example of a project that can be done for the newest Area of Focus, Saving the Environment. The Save the Monarch Butterfly 60,000 Tree Challenge North American Boxcar Tour" event Sept. 24 was a free event at Union Station's Haverty Family Yards in partnership with the Downtown Kansas City Rotary Club, Kansas City Southern, Canadian Pacific, and GATX.



*District Governors or their representatives from Districts 6040, 6060, 6080 and 5710 sign an Operation Pollination proclamation during the event.*

Rowland Geddie, of the Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise, represented District 6080 as District Governor Nominee.



*The Monarch Mariposa Boxcar, a custom-designed boxcar, sits on the rails beside Union Station after traveling the path of the monarchs from Windsor, Ontario.*

The learning celebration focused on the iconic monarch butterfly. Monarchs and rail transportation are a symbol of North American unity and the event promoted sustainable solutions to issues pollinators are facing today. Through hands-on activities, games, presentations, performances and more, the event was planned to engage with the community to promote pollinator habitat, educate a diverse audience, and raise funds to support reforestation in the monarch overwintering forests of Mexico.

# West Plains Rotary Raises Money for Backpacks



**ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A  
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**PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE ROTARY BACKPACK PROGRAM**

THE WEST PLAINS ROTARY BACKPACK PROGRAM SERVES CHILDREN BY SENDING HOME A PACK OF EASY-TO-PREPARE MEALS AND SNACKS FOR NUTRITION OVER THE WEEKENDS.

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**TICKET PRICE: 1 FOR \$10 | 3 FOR \$25 | 15 FOR \$100**

**DRAWING TO BE HELD ON OCT 6TH @ 6:00 PM**

DRAWING TO BE HELD AT THE OZARKS SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR (OZSBI),  
408 WASHINGTON AVE., WEST PLAINS, MO 65775 AND FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM WEST PLAINS CLUB ROTARIANS AND ONLINE.

[HTTPS://RAFFLECREATOR.COM/PAGES/51066/ROTARY-RAFFLE-2022](https://rafflecreator.com/pages/51066/rotary-raffle-2022)







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**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 8  
2022**

**HOLLISTER CITY HALL  
START TIME: 9:00 AM**

**REGISTRATION FOR RUNNERS & WALKERS**

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION  
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15TH

**\$25**

AGES 5-100

**\$35**

AFTER  
SEPTEMBER 15TH

AGES 0-4

**FREE**

**REGISTER YOUR DOG FOR ONLY \$10 MORE!**

**REGISTRATION INCLUDES  
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# DOGS Gone Grape

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 8  
2022**

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REGISTRATION  
THROUGH  
SEPTEMBER 1ST

**\$25**

AFTER SEPTEMBER 1ST

Proceeds Benefiting



Shepherd of the Hills Humane Society

**TIME: 11:00 AM**

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# ROTARY CLUB OF TABLE ROCK LAKE



Benefits Rotary Nonprofit Grant Program

**Saturday, October 15 at 8:00 a.m.**  
**Port of Kimberling**  
**201 Marina Way**  
**Kimberling City, MO**

**\$30 Per Person (Includes T-Shirt)**

**Students 13-20 / \$20**

**12 & Under Free**

**Raffle Prizes for Participants**

**Please Bring Canned Goods for Food Drive**

Register Online at <https://rebrand.ly/2022Rotary5K>

*Leashed Pets Welcome!*



**SCAN ME**



# ROTARY CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

2 pm, Sunday, October 16

Meriwether's Cafe, Rocheport, MO

Sponsored by Rotary Clubs of Fayette, Columbia & Rocheport

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

\$25 per two person team.

Pre-registration suggested.

Contact Gale Schafer at 573-239-0491 or

Josh Lehman at 573-694-2919

Registration also accepted from 1 to 2 pm on October 16

**Double Elimination Tournament**

We will follow accepted rules of the game except those changes deemed necessary for time constraints.

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 & under team.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase at Meriwether's Cafe.

**All Proceeds go to PolioPlus  
to help eliminate Polio worldwide.**



# TO BE A ROTARIAN

It takes a unique quality to set aside one's needs  
and join a special club to ensure dreams succeed  
It takes determination that comes from deep within  
It takes one of a kind- to be a Rotarian

It takes one who is willing to heed a call for help  
It takes belief to act in SERVICE ABOVE SELF  
It takes a heart of gold to say " Yes, count me in"  
It takes rock-solid character- to be a Rotarian

It takes time and patience and staying to the end  
and a stranger's cry for help for you to be their friend  
It takes dealing with rejection and leading with your chin  
It takes real humility- to be a Rotarian

It takes far reaching vision to see when people fall  
and a hand outstretched to help them again stand proud and tall  
It takes a shoulder to the wheel and words of " Let's begin!"  
It takes a voice of hope- to be a Rotarian

It takes a kind of magic to achieve the things they've done  
Teamwork-Trust-Tenacity and of course a lotta fun!  
It takes all of the above but when all is said and done  
It just takes one who cares- TO BE A ROTARIAN

Doug Slater





## **Rotary Club of Polokwane District 5400 South Africa**

Invites you to join them on a

# **Unique African Safari**

13th - 21st May 2023

16th - 24th September 2023

The 9 day Safari includes stays at Letaba Camp in the famous Kruger National Park and the luxurious five star Kings Camp in the adjacent Timbavati Game Reserve - both domains of Africa's Big Five, **Lion, Elephant, Leopard, Rhino and Buffalo**. Abundant plains game and birdlife abounds.

These photographic safaris are limited to SIX - EIGHT GUESTS at the incredible price of only US\$4890\* per person all inclusive. Non-Rotarians are welcome. Polokwane Rotarians with guiding experience will accompany the entire safari. All proceeds generated will be for Rotary Community Service Charity Projects.

\* Excludes international and domestic flights.

For more details and a full itinerary contact  
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