



Dear District 6080 Rotarians,

Thank you to all of the Rotarians who support World Polio Day. Without our support, Polio would still be running rampant.

As you all know, November is The Rotary Foundation month. The Foundation's Sustaining Member level is simply a \$100 donation every Rotary year. This level has not been adjusted for inflation in at least the last 20 years. One of my goals was to get more Rotarians to commit to donating more than this level each year, so we created the District 6080 Foundation Promoter for those that can give \$300 per year. The District 6080 Foundation Champion is for anyone committing to \$600 per year. We have special lapel pins for those making this commitment level. If you can give more, a \$1,000 per year commitment will put you in the Paul Harris Society.

- Imagine a world without Polio!
- Imagine a world with clean water for everyone!
- Imagine a world free of disease!
- Imagine a world where every child learns to read!

November is a great month to look at not only what you can donate this year, but also a time to look at your planned giving. Every Rotarian should at least be a Benefactor, someone putting at least \$1,000 into their final estate plans. A Bequest Society Member makes plans for \$10,000 or more! Please consider how well The Rotary Foundation is run and that Rotarians are the ones who dictate where the money is spent!

Please save the date for the District 6080 Conference on May 5 and 6 in Springfield.

Thank you for all you are doing in our communities and the world!

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Springfield Clubs Continue Diversity Initiative



In 2021, the Rotary Clubs of Springfield jointly undertook a new diversity initiative to expand awareness, support empowerment, increase inclusion within the community, and support the Core Values of Rotary International.

One of the action items within this initiative was to partner with the Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB), which is a national organization with more than 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. Core to this partnership was an initial \$5,000 investment in SAAB to join their Ambassador Council.

While Rotary is not set up to provide ongoing annual support to another organization, the Springfield Rotary Clubs has approved investing an additional \$4,500 to continuing our support of SAAB for the 2022/23 Rotary Year. This is because of the positive impact SAAB is making in our community and to recognize more work is needed.

The following clubs worked together on this: Springfield Southeast, Springfield Metro, Springfield Downtown, Springfield North, Springfield Sunrise and Springfield Rotaract.

AGREED ACTION STEPS / OUTCOMES FROM THIS PARTNERSHIP:

1. Develop a pipeline and opportunity for minority students to learn about Rotary, which will hopefully influence them to join Rotaract or at least someday become a Rotarian.
2. Provide SAAB access to invite Rotarians to attend functions or mixers with students as positive role models, possible future mentors, or just develop friendships that could lead to meaningful opportunities for these young men.
3. During the 2022/23 School Year, each club will have a SAAB Meeting Day where 4-5 students attend and briefly introduce themselves. They will spread out within the membership to interact and observe the program with Rotarians. SAAB representatives will also be invited to attend the All-City Rotary meeting to be held during May 2023.
4. Both organizations will encourage their respective high school chapters (SAAB and Rotary Interact) to hold at least one joint activity or meeting to foster collaboration and good will within those schools.
5. A Rotary representative will be invited and participate on SAAB's Ambassador Council when held and as a Gold Level participant.

Columbia South Rotary Enjoys Busy October

Columbia South Rotarians joined with Mobility Worldwide friends to present the Rev. Mel West with Rotary International's Excellence in Service to Humanity award, given to only few around the world each year. At 98 years young, Mel can still hold an audience with his stories of a life very well lived.



Columbia South President Dell Epperson presents award to Mel West.



Columbia South Rotarians with Mel West



David Nivens, Anne Weller and Dell Epperson



Anne Weller, Curtis Varns and Dell Epperson

Columbia South Rotarians in service: Anne Weller and Curtis Varns joined with hundreds in the Walk to End Alzheimer's, led by Columbia South member David Nivens, one of the Walk organizers. The effort was worth it: the Walk collected over \$185k!

Chad Gooch and Raymond Plue are among Columbia South Rotarians who supported the Mizzou Homecoming Blood Drive by staffing a table with the Midwest Transplant Network. The four-day event is one of the largest university-sponsored blood drives in the country.



Chad Gooch (left) and PDG Raymond Plue



Each year Columbia South Rotary supports the City of Columbia's Career Awareness Related Experience (CARES) program, which provides summer job opportunities. Three young ladies told a recent Rotary gathering of their experiences and took home cash awards. Impressive speakers!

Left to right: Kerynna Jarman (3rd), Sophia White (2nd) and Ojima Adejo (1st).

Rolla Rotary Achieves ShelterBox Hero Status

The Rotary Club of Rolla has achieved ShelterBox Bronze HERO recognition for Rotary Year 2022-2023. ShelterBox hand-delivers emergency shelter for families devastated by natural disaster and conflict. With help from Rotary clubs, ShelterBox has provided aid to over 2.2 million people since 2000.



The mission of ShelterBox is “To build awareness of global displacement and to facilitate providing families with life-saving shelter and essential tools and supplies that will enable them to rebuild their homes and transform their lives after disaster.” ShelterBoxes and ShelterKits contain the tools to transform lives and rebuild communities.

Gifts from clubs and individuals identifying as club members count toward ShelterBox HERO club recognition. A Bronze HERO recognition level is achieved at \$1,000, Silver at \$3,000 and Gold at \$5,000 in total giving within the Rotary year. A club can ‘level up’ throughout the Rotary year.

Club members, families and friends are invited to join the 3rd annual Free Virtual Event “An Evening to Experience ShelterBox” on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. RSVP here: www.ShelterBoxUSA.org/Virtual

Follow this link for [The latest news about ShelterBox disaster relief deployments \(shelterboxusa.org\)](http://The latest news about ShelterBox disaster relief deployments (shelterboxusa.org))

West Plains Clubs Pack Food for Hungry Kids



Sunrise Rotarians Troy Bass, Dennis Lancaster, Scott Corman, and Ralph Riggs, Noon Rotarians Kevin Gleghorn and R.A. Pendergrass, Sunrise Rotarian John Kenslow and Noon Rotarian Ramona Heiney.



Sunrise Rotarians Jim Thompson and Nathan Cropper.

Members of the Sunrise Rotary Club of West Plains and the Noon Rotary Club of West Plains worked together to pack bags of food for the Weekend Backpack Food Program. This school year marks the 11th year of the program in West Plains that is sponsored by the Rotary clubs of West Plains. Food is delivered to West Plains area schools to feed kids between the ages of 5 and 10 who would otherwise go without food during the weekend. Currently the program feeds approximately 130 children each week.

Branson Daybreakers Hold Youth Fishing Day



Table Rock Lake Rotary Conducts 5K Walk/Run



Oct. 15 event benefits Rotary nonprofit grant program



Race winner: Evan Brandsma



Oldest participant: Sherman Porter, 80



Youngest participant

RYE Students Help Campers Enjoy Halloween



Left and above: Rotary Youth Exchange students visit Wonderland Camp to help campers enjoy Halloween. Above right: Costumed Rotarians, left to right, Stephen Stark and Kit Freudenberg from Jefferson City Breakfast and Amy Jammeh from Columbia Evening.

Boonville Service Clubs Hold Joint Food Drive

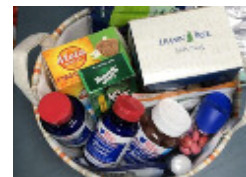
The service clubs in Boonville teamed up in September to hold a food drive supporting local food pantries.

The national offices for Kiwanis International, Lions Club International, and Rotary International sent information to local clubs asking them to work together on a collaborative project of their choosing.



Dakota Melkersman (Kiwanis), Matt Rowlett (Rotary), Chelsea Jackson with Hannah Cole Primary, Diana Thomas (Rotary), Heather Rapp (Rotary), Bob Roach (Lions), and Tad Schuldts (Kiwanis) present a \$2,300 donation from the service clubs to the Pirate Pup Pantry at Hannah Cole Primary.

Willow Springs Rotary Conducts Radio Auction



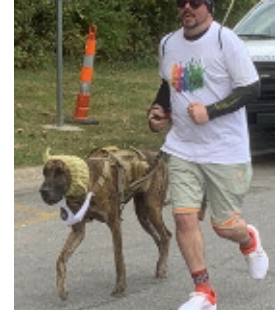
The Rotary Club of Willow Springs held its 64th Radio Auction Oct. 3-4 with assistance from the Willow Springs Interact Club.

JC Evening Rotary Serves Up Spaghetti Dinners



Jefferson City Evening Rotary served up spaghetti, desserts, and smiles Oct. 18.

Color Me Grape 5K Sponsored by Hollister



Cornhole Tournament Benefits Polio Plus

The Rotary clubs of Fayette, Northwest Columbia and Rocheport will donate over \$1,000 to the Polio-Plus initiative following a successful Cornhole Tournament on Oct. 16 behind Meriwether's Café in Rocheport. The fall weather was perfect for this annual event sponsored by the three clubs.

In addition to the Cornhole Tournament, the Fayette Club donated proceeds from the raffle of a Boone County Ham donated by a Rocheport resident. Brad Eiken and Jane Stahl who were champions of the event graciously returned their winnings for the cause. Josh and Jessica Lehman of the Northwest Rotary Club took home the Rotary Bragging Rights trophy. Leah Lembke and Gabe Bonen won the 18 and Under Trophies. Leah was the Fayette Club's RYLA participant in the summer of 2021.



Left: Former Fayette Rotary president Cathy Baxter and former RYLA participant Leah Lembke wait for their partners to toss their bags. Above center: Runners-up father and son Wes and Keaton, champions Brad Eiken and Jane Stahl, and Rotary Bragging Rights winners Josh and Jessica Lehman. (Unfortunately no one got Wes and Keaton's last name.) Above right: The 18 and under trophy winners Gabe Bonen and Leah Lembke with Fayette Rotary president Erik Martinez.

Jeff City West Rotary Packs a Lot into One Week

Jefferson City West Rotary wrapped up "Rotary Week" Oct. 15. They had a Visioning Session on Wednesday, their regular meeting on Friday, their annual hayride on Friday night, and park clean up with JCSWBA and Pack 6 Saturday.



Jefferson City West Rotary Hayride



Park clean up with JCSWBA and Pack 6



Visioning session

The Fayette Rotary Club



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TRIVIA



Free Soup & Chili Supper



Mystery Box Auction

Night

Saturday, Nov. 12
Doors open at 6 pm. Trivia begins at 7 pm.
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Hwy 5, Fayette, MO

Snacks & Desserts

\$125 for 8 to 10 person team

Free water, soft drinks, set-ups (BYOB)

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