



Dear District 6080 Rotarians,

I want to personally thank all of the clubs and Rotarians who donated to The Rotary Foundation during Rotary's Foundation month. Our Foundation has invested over \$4 billion towards life-changing, sustainable projects, aiming to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, education, and the alleviation of poverty!

December is Rotary's Disease Prevention & Treatment month! Obviously, everyone is aware of our long-term commitment to eradicating polio and the fact that we are so close to reaching our goal. But Rotary clubs around the globe are also addressing many other health initiatives. Rotary believes that everyone has a right to good health care. Rotary is educating and equipping communities around the world to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases. Rotary is addressing malaria, HIV, maternal health, infant mortality, cancer screenings and many other areas!

This Rotary year is flying by, so don't miss a chance to give the gift of Rotary to your family, friends or co-workers. Please share a Rotary story or two around the holiday dinner table and invite a family member to join you at either a Rotary meeting or to help on a Rotary project.

It is not too late to make a tax deductible donation to the Rotary Foundation and do good in the world! We have two new District-level donation levels - \$300 annually gets you recognized as a District 6080 Foundation Promoter or \$600 annually will make you a Foundation Champion.

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.

John Horton  
DG 6080 2022-2023  
Springfield Southeast



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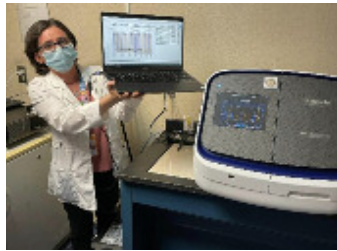
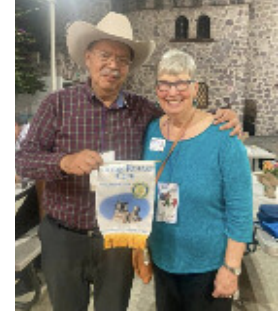
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# Heart2Heart Rotary Service Trip to Mexico Nov. 9-17, 2022

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In November, 30 Rotarians from Zones 30 and 31 traveled to Mexico to visit the sites of several service projects jointly funded by Rotary clubs in the United States and Mexico. I was fortunate to make the trip and witness what Rotarians from two countries can accomplish working together. Two other Rotarians from District 6080 also made the trip, Jim and Judy Elliott of the Rotary Club of Columbia. We were greeted at the airport Wednesday afternoon by Enrique Garcia and his wife Merylu and welcomed again at a dinner hosted by their club, the Rotary Club of Tlaquepaque Industrial.



Sites we visited in Guadalajara on Thursday included Hospital Civil, where a new cancer ward is being built, and Casa Hogar la Caridad, a facility for disabled and mentally challenged children and adults. On Friday, we visited a medical clinic and saw the delivery of a Stryker hospital bed made possible through a global grant.



Then we went to Brazos de Amistad, a community center serving 200 meals twice daily and providing day care for many children, thanks to a Rotary project.

*Far left: Judy Elliott hands out bilingual books.*

Saturday was a free day, which allowed us to explore Tlaquepaque. Sunday we flew to Mexico City and attended a welcome dinner with the Governor of District 4170 and other Mexican Rotarians. Rotary International Director Elizabeth Usovicz (Kansas City Plaza Club, District 6040) joined us for the rest of the trip and made her remarks in Spanish at the welcome dinner.



Monday found us traveling to Prepa 250, a school supported by the Rotary Club of Vallescondido. Then we visited a scoliosis clinic and learned about the supportive vests purchased with a Rotary grant



Above and left, Prepa 250 Escuela. Right, a child wearing a scoliosis vest.

From there we went to “lunch” at 4:30 and a tribute to the late Ignacio Holtz, trailblazer of the Holtz-Beahon Kidney Transplant Program, which has saved 2,000 lives.



Me with Beatriz Holtz, who donated her kidney to her husband, Ignacio Holtz, starting the program later named the Holtz-Beahon Kidney Transplant Program in honor of him and District 6080 PDG Mike Beahon, who died of kidney failure in 2014. Kidney recipients and donors spoke, including the father of the young boy recipient and a young man who received his brother's kidney.

Tuesday we were off to School Primaria Felipe Carrillo Puerto, where we heard about a project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lindavista to refurbish the school's dilapidated restrooms and teach the children good hygiene. Then it was back to Mexico City and a presentation by the Rotary Club of Reforma Torre Mayor about Project Rain Harvesting for Communities in Oaxaca.



On Wednesday we visited the headquarters for District 4170 and FURMEX and then traveled to Xochimilco for lunch hosted by the Talpan Golf Rotary. We got a sneak preview of the book they are producing for empowering girls and then we visited Quinta Carmelita, a foster care home and orphanage.

NOTE: THIS IS AN ANNUAL TRIP AND ANYONE IS WELCOME. PLEASE CONSIDER IT.

# Columbia Rotary Clubs Celebrate Thanksgiving



The annual Columbia All-Rotary Thanksgiving Luncheon was hosted by Metro Rotary Nov 22. Heather Hargrove, president of Impact Columbia Rotary and executive director of Feeding Missouri, was the featured speaker.

Feeding Missouri is a coalition of the six Missouri Food Banks working to provide hunger relief to every county (and St. Louis City) in the state. Collectively, they distribute over 120 million pounds of food each year through a network of more than 1,500 community feeding programs.



*Columbia Mayor Barbara Buffaloe of Columbia Rotary, Bob Smith of Columbia South and Heather Hargrove of Impact Columbia Rotary at the luncheon.*



*Jessica Christy, Laura Royse Kogut and Lisa Royse planned and organized the successful event.*

**The Rotary Club of Columbia** fried and sold 325 Thanksgiving turkeys. They also donated 25 turkeys to first responders, veterans and families in need.



# Rotary Service Abounds Around District 6080



**The Belton-Raymore Rotary Club** presented a check for \$5,000 to the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation. This donation was funded through the club's annual Rotary Golf Tournament.



**The Rocheport Rotary Club** cleaned up litter on its adopted highway Nov. 19.



**The Fayette Rotary Club's** Trivia Night Nov. 12 was successful and the club will use some of the money made to match Rotary District Simplified Grant funds to help make the Courthouse Square a more attractive place for visitors and the community by providing benches. The Main Street organization has selected benches that will coordinate with other improvements being planned for the square.

# More Rotary Service Around District 6080

**The Rotary Club of Springfield Metro** volunteered at Harmony House, a local shelter for victims of domestic violence Nov. 29 as their 5th Tuesday service project. When the month has a 5th Tuesday, they do a service project instead of their normal meeting. The organization comes to the club and gives a presentation the week prior to the project.



**The Rotary Club of Columbia South** President Dell Epperson presents Cheryl Unterschutz, Director of Heart of Missouri Girls on the Run, with a check to support scholarships for 3rd-5th grade girls from Shelbina to Columbia to Jefferson City. Girls on the Run is Columbia South's grant project for 2022-23.

**The Rotary Club of Fulton** annually partners with SERVE, Inc. to provide winter coats to children in need during Adopt-a-Family. Rotary members search for and purchase coats online. When the coats arrive, Rotarians label them with gender and sizes. With the help of a \$7,480 grant from Veterans United Foundation and donations from Rotary members, nearly 400 children's coats were purchased.

