



District 6080 Rotarians,
We have three months left in this Rotary year. It is crunch time to get new members into your club before the end of the year. Please invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and your children to join you at a Rotary meeting, fundraiser, or service project. There is no greater gift than the gift of a Rotary introduction and membership!

It is also time for every Rotarian to check to make sure they have made their annual donation to The Rotary Foundation. Please go to <https://www.rotary.org/donate> to make your donation for this Rotary year. Paul Harris Society members, please either log in to donate or send in a check for \$1,000 or more. Sustaining members, donate \$100 or more. To qualify for the Every Rotarian Every Year, please donate at least \$25. Last fall, I heard Foundation Trustee Holger Knaack describing how the Trustees never decide how the money is spent; only Rotarians select which projects TRF supports.

April is Maternal and Child Health month. Improving access to the health care of women and children is an important focus for Rotary worldwide.

It's not too late to sign up for the District 6080 Conference on May 5-6 in Springfield. We need a solid count by April 15. The Shrimp Feed on Friday night will be an event you don't want to miss. All day Saturday, you will get to hear some amazing things going on in our District. Also, it is not too late to sign up for the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia.

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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Hansen Receives Rotary International's Highest Honor



Bob Hansen holds his Service Above Self Award. With him, left to right: John Horton, District Governor; Elizabeth Usovicz, RI Director; and Larry Lunsford, Rotary Foundation Vice Chair.

Bob Hansen has been selected by the Rotary International Board of Directors to receive the 2022-23 Service Above Self Award. This award is considered Rotary International's highest honor to bestow on a member.

A member of the Rotary Club of Fulton since 2010, Hansen was nominated by District Governor John Horton. Rotary Foundation Vice Chair Larry Lunsford presented the award March 24 during the Show Me Rotary Leadership Institute in Jefferson City.

The award recognizes Rotarians who demonstrate Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, by volunteering their time

and talents to help others. The award is internationally competitive and is granted to a maximum of 150 Rotarians worldwide. No more than one individual from each district, each year can earn the prestigious honor. District 6080 in Missouri has over 2,300 Rotarians and they are among 1.4 million Rotary members in more than 200 countries. For administrative purposes, the 46,000-plus clubs worldwide are grouped into 529 districts.

Hansen received a pin, a personalized crystal and an invitation to be honored at an exclusive recognition event at the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. He also will be featured in Rotary publications.

"Bob sets an example for all other Rotarians around the world," District Governor John Horton said. "Our district and your club are extremely proud of all the good service work Bob has done in his years in the Rotary Club of Fulton. On behalf of District 6080, we are proud to honor Bob Hansen with this small token for all the people throughout the world whose lives he has improved."

A retired Westminster College professor and administrator, Hansen is perhaps best known for his humanitarian work in East Africa, primarily Rwanda and Tanzania. He has been visiting East Africa at least twice annually at own expense since 2007, taking college students, Rotarians and other volunteers to monitor projects, conduct research, and explore new health, education, and economic development initiatives.

In 2018, he and Amanda Gowin secured a \$94,000 Rotary Global Grant to lower the maternal and infant mortality rate among Maasai in Northern Tanzania. That project has expanded to include two mobile health clinics, a menstrual hygiene education and pad-production enterprise, modernizing remote health clinics, building a birthing center, training and equipping traditional midwives, establishing a clean-stove/no smoke initiative, constructing latrines and rainwater-catchment systems, building preschools, creating a technology learning center, and developing anti-malnutrition, female genital mutilation and human rights initiatives. Rotary clubs within the district and in other states, including New York, Oklahoma and California, have helped fund many of these projects.

Hansen has served as president of Humanity for Children's Board of Directors for past 15 years, working in East Africa for access to health care, economic empowerment through micro-loans, and building partnerships. He has sponsored or supported three Africans pursuing graduate degrees at the University of Missouri. His family has also sponsored five young Africans to complete their university degrees in East Africa. In Rwanda, he has helped establish two rural health centers and more than 15 village economic empowerment projects.

Most recently, Hansen helped spearhead the Afghan Resettlement Project in Callaway County, settling 42 refugees—securing housing, furnishings, food, clothing, local services, English lessons, jobs, etc.

An active Fulton Rotary member, Hansen serves as International Service Chair and a member of the Community Service, Administrative, Membership, Peace and Rotarian of the Year Selection committees. He participates in, often organizing, at least one service project a month—coordinating organ/bone marrow donation drives, rebuilding the handicap-accessible ramp for Our House, placing Peace Poles at parks, serving as a bowling buddy for Special Olympics, and helping with the soup kitchen, food drives and literacy projects.

His community service is not limited to Rotary, however. He has served on several advisory boards, including Central Missouri Community Action, Fulton State Hospital and Habitat for Humanity. A professor of psychology and organizational leadership at Westminster College for 30 years (now retired), his primary areas of interest include community and health psychology, leader development, cross-cultural psychology, experiential education, environmental action and social justice issues.

For many years, he created learning-immersion experiences for Westminster students in developing regions of the world. He continues that work now with Rotarians, exposing them to difficulties faced by the under-served, whether they be African, Afghan or American.

Rotary Clubs Fund Clean-burning Stoves for Tanzania

Three Jefferson City Rotary clubs joined together to use the power of their District Simplified Grants to provide 100 clean-burning stoves to replace open fires in mud huts in Tanzania. The Jefferson City Evening, Jefferson City Breakfast and Jefferson City Rotary clubs donated \$7,908.69 for the creation and installation of the stoves.

The current three-stone fires being used resulted in respiratory distress and high levels of carbon monoxide. The new stoves will provide a 90 percent reduction of the polluting particulates. This initiative also provided training to women who would then build and install the stoves. The training will allow them to start their own business. The project not only provided clean burning stoves for the women who use them, but it also provided an opportunity for women to be more self-supporting.



This is an example of how Fulton Rotary's Global Grant has expanded to include projects sponsored by other clubs. If your club would like to provide funding for a Maternal and Child Health Project in Tanzania, any amount would be appreciated. Contact Bob Hansen at bobhansenwc@gmail.com.

Missouri Rotarians Gather for President-Elect Training

Rotarians from all over Missouri recently had the opportunity to hear top Rotary International officers speak at a training conference for Rotary leaders in Jefferson City. Rotary Foundation Vice Chair Larry Lunsford, RI Director Elizabeth Usovicz, and past RI Director Dr. John Blount were featured speakers at the Show Me Rotary Leadership Institute March 23-25 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel.

Comprising three Rotary districts from across the state working cooperatively, it is in its 43rd year of providing training for future Rotary Club presidents and club leaders in Missouri. This cooperation makes it possible to attract senior Rotary leaders from around the nation and world. During the institute, Rotarians received training on topics such as membership, The Rotary Foundation and public image.



6080 Rotarians at PETS



Rotarians attending the institute also donated new shoes for children and teens to kick off a yearlong shoe drive in collaboration with Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls®. The largest humanitarian aid project of Buckner International, it provides new shoes and socks to orphans and vulnerable children in the United States and throughout the world.



Elizabeth Usovicz



Larry Lunsford



District Governors-Elect Jimmy Standfast, 6080; Valerie Sorensen, 6060, and Randy Steinman, 6040



Nolan Brooks, Central Missouri



Martha Lewis, Buffalo



Andrea Brady, Rebecca Guzy, Cindy Beck

Fulton Rotary Celebrates Centennial with Banquet



Past President Debbie Laughlin and Evening Rotary Chair Kati Boland

The Rotary Club of Fulton observed its 100th anniversary with a Centennial Celebration Banquet on March 15 at the Brick District Playhouse.

The celebration was Great Gatsby themed in honor of the decade during which the Fulton Rotary began. Entertainment featured music from each decade and a video of costumed members discussing historical events. To see videos and centennial booklet, go to <https://www.fultonrotary-mo.org/centennial>.

Fulton Rotary was officially chartered by Rotary International on March 15, 1923, as one of the earliest clubs in Missouri. The club was founded largely through the initiative of Fulton resident Nick T. Cave and sponsored by the Columbia Rotary Club. Twenty-two men were charter members (it wasn't until 1989 that women were allowed to join Rotary; today more than half of Fulton Rotary's 52 members are female).



Mary Bell and her brother, John Bell. Their grandfather was a charter member.



Collin & Jayme Clement



Jan Reyes & Steve Long



David & Sarah Backer



President Allen Huggins



Coletta Williams, Renee Tyler, Kittye Beatty-First and Charles Williams



Coletta Williams, Debbie Laughlin, Sherry McCarthy and Mary Ann Beahon

Springfield Sunrise Rotary Recognizes Students



Darcy Parrish, Elliana Lygrisse and Immaculate Conception School Teacher Alicia Gassel

The Springfield Sunrise Rotary Club recognizes exemplary middle school students in Springfield. It has been successful because of the compassion Sunrise Rotarian Darcy Parrish has shown by coordinating the program.

This year marks the 22nd year of presenting awards to students who have shown they respond to situations according to the Rotary Four-Way Test: Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? This student need not be a superior performer in academics, athletics or music, but needs to have demonstrated the ability to handle situations according to the Rotary Four-Way Test. The selection process is completed by the school principals, faculty and staff members.

Thirteen students from different Springfield schools are recognized throughout the year at a Sunrise Rotary meeting. The student's family and school representatives are invited to the ceremony and the school representative shares why the student was selected for the award. Darcy presents the student a certificate of achievement and a gift bag that includes a \$100 gift card and other items.

During a March meeting, Luke Divito from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Elliana Lygrisse from Immaculate Conception School were recognized.



Darcy Parrish, Luke Divito and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Principal JoAnne Bailes

Rotary Youth Exchange Students Experience Jeff City



Rotary Youth Exchange students attended Show-Me Rotary PETS in Jefferson City March 24-25. They met Rotarians and answered questions about their countries: Spain, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Chile, Colombia, Taiwan and Japan.



Lena, a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Switzerland, hosted by Springfield Sunrise Rotary, mixes it up in the boxing ring at Building Community Bridges in Jefferson City March 24.

Rotary Service Abounds Around District 6080



Columbia Metro Rotarians complete the first trash pick up for 2023 on March 15. The next one is scheduled for April 11.



Willow Springs Interact members and guests were the “Hands of Hope” at Convoy of Hope in Springfield on March 30. In two hours the students assembled 800 Gardens in a Bag. The bags will be distributed during a community event to families. The purpose of the bags are to help with food insecurities in urban areas in the U.S. and abroad. They ended their day at Andy's Frozen Custard.

The Branson-Hollister Rotary 3rd annual Mini-Golf Tournament was an even greater success than last year, attracting 232 players and raising over \$3,600 for Polio Plus. Altogether, 62 teams paid \$50 to play at Coral Reef Mini-Golf.



As part of a community grant project for Gift of Hope, the **Rotary Club Of Hollister** helped pack food to go home with kids from Hollister R-V School District before Spring Break.



District 6080 Global Grants Update – March 2023

When you contribute to The Rotary Foundation, you are making global and local projects possible. Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. More information is available at <https://my.rotary.org/en/annual-fund>.

Global grants have a minimum budget of \$30,000 and a maximum World Fund award of \$400,000. Grant sponsors can use a combination of District Designated Funds (DDF), cash, and/or directed gifts and endowment earnings to fund a global grant. The Foundation will provide an 80 percent World Fund match for all DDF contributions.

Often the sponsors of Global Grants are seeking additional partners and your club can help with a contribution of few hundred to several thousand dollars. Interested in being involved in international projects? Contact Melvin Platt, district international services chair, at mplatt.rotary@gmail.com.

District 6080-supported Global Grants for Rotary Year 2021-22

GG2232421 – Ocoto Alto Safe Water, Peru - The community of Ocoto Alto is located in Peru's northwestern region Tambogrande, near Piura. Most families in this community of 1,100 people earn an average monthly income of \$22 as agricultural laborers. Community members walk 1,200 meters outside the community to a well with salty water for their household needs. There are three storage tanks next to the well where water is distributed to residents. The community relies on the municipality to truck in fresh water for drinking. There are days, unfortunately, when the truck does not come, causing shortages of drinking water. The goal of this project is to provide reliable and abundant access to safe water for the residents of Ocoto Alto. DDF \$7,500; **Springfield Southeast Rotary** \$7,500

GG2231903 - Empowering Girls - Toilet Blocks in Gender Sensitive Schools - A Memorial Project. Goal is to provide sanitation facilities and hygiene training at 36 schools in District Nuh, Mewat, Haryana India. DDF \$2,000

GG2118641 - Project “Angel” Intensive program for children with cerebral paralysis (Heart 2 Heart) - Project Goal is to provide training to six DIF pediatric physical therapists, multidisciplinary therapy to 12 children, and training for parents/guardians at Centro Restaurativo Nueva Vida in Naucalpan de Juárez, Mexico. DDF \$6,000

GG2237792 - Breast cancer diagnosis & treatment (Heart 2 Heart). The objective of this project is to supply 1,800 mammography tests, 540 ultrasound tests, 64 specialist medical consultations, 64 biopsy tests, 64 second specialist medical consultations after first test results, 10 immunohistochemistry tests to +40-year-old women of different isolated communities in three states of central Mexico for early detection of breast cancer. Train 150 doctors, nurses, midwives and community leaders so they can be effective first contact of a possible breast cancer patients. DDF \$15,000

GG2125618 – Water Project in 5 communities surrounding Villa Talandracas (Phase 2), Piura-Peru -Currently Villa Talandracas residents do not have access to clean water. Grant Number GG2014857 represented Phase 1 of the necessary improvements to supply clean water to local residents. The Phase 1 grant is providing a sustainable, safe water system to households represent 1,075 residents. This Phase 2 grant will provide safe water from the same source to serve 723

households containing 3,600 residents of the five communities that surround Villa Talandracas called the Talandracas Anexos. In addition to the technical aspects of the project, a group of WASH (hygiene) promoters will be trained through four cycles of WASH promotion content after which they will be responsible for passing the training along to every household in the community

DDF \$14,500; **Springfield Southeast Rotary** \$20,384

District 6080-supported Global Grants for Rotary Year 2022-2023

GG2231086 - John & Judy Germ Guadalajara Children's Cancer Center Equipment & Training Phase 4 (Heart 2 Heart) - Consolidating efforts of three previous "John & Judy Germ" global grants for the Centre, this particular project will address brain tumors and related issues through the acquisition of stereotactic neurosurgery equipment, which allows for minimally invasive procedures while pinpointing - with greater accuracy - the nature of the tumor and thus optimizing drug applications and chemo/radio therapy treatments. The hospital already has older, complementary neurosurgery units - the efficiency of which will likewise be enhanced by this contemplated purchase. DDF \$15,000

Global Disaster Relief - Transfer to District 2430 to support Earthquake relief in Turkey.
DDF \$5,000

GG2239159 - This is an application for a Rotary scholarship to Reading University in England for Ayomide OLANIYAN from Nigeria who has been accepted unconditionally for an MSc in Environmental Management (GES), for the academic year 2022 - 2023. This application is supported by District 1090. DDF \$1,000

GG2346942 - Arraiján District of Oeste Panama Schools – This application is in final pre-submission stages and is led by **Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary** along with international partner RC of Panamá. The project will address literacy and sanitation needs in 2 schools located in the Arraiján district of Panama. This is an impoverished area just to the west of the Panama Canal. These projects touch on multiple Rotary areas of focus. The educational and sanitation aspects of this project would be implemented with repurposed cargo containers. Libraries and bathrooms would be added to these schools. This project would be a part of a larger project by the Panama Rotary Club. DDF Planned \$15,000

GG2347023 - Restoring Hope. Rebuilding Futures. Gender Based Violence Prevention in Mengo-Kisenyi, Uganda – This application is in final pre-submission stages and is led by **Columbia South Rotary** along with international partner RC of Kasangati Uganda. This project will partner with Magenta Girls Initiative and Mengo Youth Development Link to empower at-risk women through training and education to support themselves and their children in a safe and sustainable way. The target population was identified during the Social Change Initiative of Jennifer Montgomery, Rotary Peace Fellow, Cohort 2, Makerere University in July 2022. DDF Planned \$10,000

GG2234253 - Holtz-Beahon Kidney Transplant

This Global Grant application is in the early stages and is supported by the Heart 2 Heart consortium of Rotary clubs and districts throughout Zones 30-31 and two districts in Mexico. It is a continuation of earlier global grants to fund kidney transplant services that would otherwise be unavailable to those in need. DDF est. \$10,000

Rotary Club of Hollister
presents



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NIGHT**

VICTORY BELONGS TO THE WISE!

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