

Newsletter

October 2023



Hello District 6080,

Things are happening quickly in the district as we are already into October! Rotary International celebrates October as Community Economic and Development Month, showcasing Rotary Foundation funds and how they are put to use to create sustainable, measurable, and long-term economic changes for localities, communities, businesses, entrepreneurs, and other organizations that need assistance. These efforts are centered around the creation of projects in under-served communities to reduce poverty, improve economic and community development, and also of reducing the stigma of mental health.

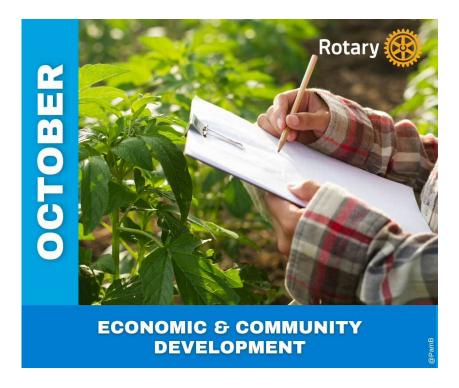
Foundation donor recognition will be the focus at District 6080's Foundation Gala on Nov. 4, at Camden on the Lake, in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Past RI President and

Foundation Chair John Germ will be pinning all new Paul Harris Fellows, including awardees of PHF + 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. Please register on DACdb.com, as this will be a fun evening you won't want to miss!

Club goals: I am encouraging all clubs to log into MyRotary.org and go to Rotary Club Central, where you can choose goals to pursue for this Rotary year: Members & Engagement, Rotary Foundation Giving, Service, Young Leaders, and Public Image. Please only pick the categories your club wants to work on, and create your plans. https://my.rotary.org/

Singapore 2024 is the Rotary International Convention, a place where strangers and friends all gather together to learn ways of collaboration with like-minded people, while sharing in Rotary's biggest event of the year. Please note the discounted rate for early registration by Dec. 15. From the RI website: "We'll share fresh perspectives, inspiration, and hope – with each other and the world! The convention features world-class dining and cultural attractions, distinguished speakers, energizing breakout sessions, and much more." https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/ Be in Singapore for five days of culture and learning from May 25–29, 2024, where we'll be "Sharing Hope With the World"!

Jimmy Standfast, District Governor 2023-24 Rotary Club of Salem





Send your news items and photos to District Secretary Mary Ann Beahon at beahon.rotary@gmail.com



SHARING HOPE WITH THE WORLD







REGISTRATION CATEGORY	27-31 MAY 2023	1 JUNE 2023 TO 15 DECEMBER 2023	16 DECEMBER 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024	1 APRIL 2024 TO 29 MAY 2024
Club member, nonmember, or guest, age 31 or over	\$450	\$500	\$595	\$695
Club member, nonmember, or guest, age 30 or under	\$150	\$175	\$225	\$275
Guest age 5-18	\$20	\$20	\$30	\$40
Guest under age 5	Free	Free	Free	Free
Saturday, House of Friendship only	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$100

All amounts are in U.S. dollars.



Register today at convention.rotary.org #Rotary24

Meet Your Future District Governors for District 6080

The Nominating Committee has selected **Brad Martens** as the designee for District Governor for the Rotary year 2026–27. A member of the Rotary Club of Columbia South, Brad currently serves as Foundation chair for his club and Assistant Governor for District 6080. A Rotarian since 2015, he was Rotarian of the Year in 2018-19 and club president in 2021-22.

Brad has helped secure funding in excess of \$250K for both local and international service projects. In 2022, he visited both Uganda and Peru, focusing on water sanitation, education, the environment, and combating Malaria.



A graduate of the University of Missouri, Brad earned a bachelor's degree in radiologic science and a dual master's degree in health administration and health informatics. He serves as the Manager for Outpatient Ambulatory Clinics and Radiology at the Missouri Orthopaedic Institute, part of MU Health. Brad and his wife Amy have three children and three grandchildren.



Andrea Brady is the District Governor Nominee. She will serve as District Governor in 2025-26. She and her husband joined the Rotary Club of Springfield Metro in 2011. She was a member of that club for 12 years and served as President, Foundation Chair and Secretary. At the District level, she served as Membership Engagement Chair, Assistant Governor and on the Show Me Rotary Council. Andrea is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise.

Active in the community, she serves on the Board of Directors for the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Restore SGF, Lost and Found Grief Center, Boys and

Girls Clubs of Springfield and Springfield Sculpture Walk. She is a member and past president of Leadership Springfield Class 25 and a member of the Greater Missouri Leadership Foundation. She has been a Volunteer Advocate and Board member for The Victim Center, an organization providing free crisis intervention to victims of violent crimes in the Southwest Missouri area.

Andrea is the Community Outreach & Development Manager for Great Southern Bank, where she has worked for 20 years. She is married to Michael and has one bonus daughter, Cassie.



Rowland Geddie is District Governor-Elect and will serve as DG in 2024–25. He joined the Rotary Club of Lamar, Missouri (District 6110) in 1995 and served in various roles, including President. In 2012, he moved to Springfield and joined Springfield Sunrise Rotary. He has served as Foundation Chair, International Service Chair and Youth Exchange Officer. In 2019, he was named Rotarian of the Year by his club.

On the District level, Rowland has served as Assistant Governor both in District 6110 and District 6080. Since 2018, he has served as District 6080 International Service Chair. In addition, he is a member of the District 6080 Youth Exchange Committee. In 2019, he received The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service from Rotary International.

Rowland grew up in Tupelo, Mississippi, and attended the University of Mississippi, where he received his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees. He is the General Counsel of Gardner Capital, Inc. Rowland is married to Peggy, and they have two adult daughters.

Save the Date: District 6080 Foundation Gala Nov. 4

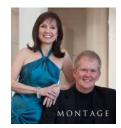
Come celebrate supporters of The Rotary Foundation.

Keynote speaker:

Past Rotary International President John Germ

Saturday, Nov. 4 – 5:30-10 p.m. Camden on the Lake Resorts 2359 Bittersweet Road, Lake Ozark, MO

District Governor Jimmy Standfast invites you to attend our District 6080 Foundation Gala. This evening will be a formal, but fun, affair with recognition of Foundation supporters, a wine pull, auction and more.



Springfield's talented and popular Montage will perform an eclectic style of jazz and pop tunes during the social hour, featuring the fabulous voice of Carol Reinert.



Delectable menu selections:

- Lemon & Thyme Roasted Chicken
- Cabernet Braised Beef Short Rib
- Portabella Risotto

\$75 for a fantastic evening you won't soon forget

To register go to https://www.dacdb.com/Register4/index.cfm?EventID=77690228.

Check or credit card accepted. Check payments will be collected at the door and should not be mailed **IMPORTANT:** Registrations must be completed by Friday, Oct. 6.

Hotel Reservations

To make hotel reservations online, <u>click here</u>. Reservations can also be made by calling Camden on the Lake Resorts, 573-365-5620. A list of alternate accommodations was sent out by email.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact one of the event hosts: Sherry Biron, 573-216-1190, sbiron15@gmail.com
Nicole Slusser, 573-353-5466, hnicole79@hotmail.com

If you have any registration issues or questions, please reach out to: Michael Brady, 417-766-6165, mbrady@helpgivehope.org Andrea Brady, 417-880-3915, andreabradydg2526@gmail.com



Rotarians Promise: A Polio-free World is Possible

By Susan Haralson, District Polio Chair

Promises, Promises. We have all heard them, but it doesn't seem to have the same effect as it used to. We, as Rotarians around the world, promised the children in the 1980's that we would eradicate Polio, completely. Rotarians keep their promises, so how is your club contributing in honor of World Polio Day on October 24th?

Bake sales are fun and inexpensive, pickleball tourneys, softball games, ring toss, cornhole games are a few fun ways to raise money.



Join the PolioPlus Society now! Your club can become a

now! Your club can become a PolioPlus Society club or you can individually become a PolioPlus Society member. All you do is

promise to give \$100 each year to Polio Plus. Go to <u>www.endpolio.org/donate</u> and sign up



today. Our District is a PolioPlus Society member as of September, 2023, so be sure to let me know you've joined the society and I'll get you your pin. Email me at sharalsondg1819@gmail.com.

Thank you ahead of time because I know that as Rotarians, we DO keep our promises!

Rotary Youth Exchange Student Enjoys Time in Brazil



By Jeff Long, Branson-Hollister Rotary

Kennedy Brooks is Branson-Hollister Rotary's outbound Rotary Youth Exchange student in Recife,



Brazil. In five short weeks, Kennedy has had the opportunity to spend time in São Paulo, Pipa,



Natal and Rio de Janeiro. She has met other exchange students from all over the world during

the orientation she attended in Natal. Kennedy has experienced some firsts, Christ the Redeemer and beaches.



The food and the weather have been the biggest adjustments Kennedy has had to overcome. But, she absolutely feels like she is living her best life. And has felt blessed to have been chosen by Rotary for the Exchange Program.

Rotary Clubs Partner With Other Service Organizations

During Celebrate Community Week, the week of Sept. 11-17, Rotary and Rotaract clubs worldwide were encouraged to team up with their local Kiwanis, Lions and Optimist clubs on service projects that would have a long-term impact in their community—projects addressing health and wellness, food insecurity and hunger, education and literacy, and the environment.

The Rotary Club of Fulton partnered with Kiwanis and Optimists on a food drive in September, joining forces to help end hunger by collecting canned goods and non-perishable items. About two dozen representatives of the three service organizations kicked off their participation in SERVE's Harvest for Hunger food drive Sept. 14.

This is the second year the service clubs have collaborated on a food drive by challenging each other to see which club can gather the most pounds of food. Last year's tri-club effort resulted in more than two tons of food for SERVE, Inc., which provides food, clothing and transportation to the less fortunate in Callaway County.



Diane Henry, client services lead for SERVE, looks on as Kiwanis President Jennifer Helfert-Joiner, Rotary President Stephanie Vollmer and Optimist President Brian Price kick off the tri-club food drive for SERVE.



Members of the Rotary Club of Fulton gather at the kick-off of SERVE's Harvest for Hunger food drive during Hunger Action Month.

Springfield Sunrise Rotary collaborated with the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Springfield on Sept. 12 for Community Partnership Week. Together they assembled boxes for the upcoming iCare project for Harmony House. "We love to serve our community," Megan Neyer, public image chair, said, "but it's even more fun when we can stand next to another organization with a passion for serving others."







A Beacon of Hope: Rotary Clubs Empower Safi Family

By Sheena Rice

In the heart of Columbia, an inspiring tale of resilience and community support is unfolding as the Rotary Club of Columbia joins hands with the Rocheport Rotary Club and the other Columbia clubs to uplift the Safi Family, refugees from Afghanistan seeking a new beginning in mid-Missouri.

Over the past two years, the Rotary Clubs have been instrumental in transforming the lives of the Safi Family. Through their sponsorship, this family of eight has achieved remarkable milestones on the path to self-sufficiency. The support provided has empowered them to enroll their children in school, secure employment, obtain driver's licenses, and integrate into society.



Rotary Clubs hold a picnic to honor the progress made by the Safi family

The Rotary Clubs' commitment to education has allowed the Safi children to embrace learning and dream of a brighter future. Through mentorship and guidance, the father has found meaningful employment, fostering financial independence and stability for their family.

The collaborative effort of these Rotary Clubs has showcased the power of community coming together for a common cause. It embodies the Rotary spirit of service, demonstrating how collective support can transform lives and create lasting impact.

On Sept. 9, the Rotary Clubs held a picnic to honor the progress made by the Safi family. And recently, after two club members, Marty Walker and Ted Jacobs, helped the Safi family by repairing their garage for \$150 in supplies after the family had received a quote of \$4,000 to fix it.

As we celebrate the success of the Safi Family and the Rotary Clubs' dedication to humanitarian causes, let us be inspired to extend a helping hand to those in need. Together, we can create a world where compassion and unity prevail, ensuring a better tomorrow for all.



Columbia Rotary Serves Lunch in Park

The Rotary Club of Columbia has served summer meals to needy children for over 20 years. The USDA-funded program, an extension of the school free and reduced lunch program, provides complete, wholesome meals prepared by Columbia Public Schools. The program operates for eight or nine weeks each summer, with the help of three to four Rotarians who volunteer weekly to serve the meals in a local park. Members are eager to volunteer to help meet the needs for child health in the community.

Rolla Rotary Supports Eye Screening, Surgery Camp

The Rotary Club of Rolla and the Falkenhain Eye Group worked with other Rotary clubs to provide an Eye Screening and Surgery Camp in Nepal. Since 1977, a Rolla Rotarian, Dr. Bud Falkenhain, has made 61 trips to third world countries providing eye care to the most needy. He recently made his third to Nepal. Four of the optometrists on the team are Rotarians—from Rolla, West Plains and Chillicothe, Missouri; and Rogers, Arkansas. Team members pay their own expenses and do not



charge patients for exams or glasses. This year a surgery team in Nepal followed them and did necessary cataract surgery, etc. Brewer Science in Rolla, Himalaya Eye Hospital, Dr. David Falkenhain and Dr. Bud Falkenhain contributed money for patients needing help with surgical costs.





Left: Dr. David Falkenhain examines a patient. Above: Dr. Bud Falkenhain at work.

Columbia Metro Rotary Volunteers at Food Bank



Service Projects Keep District 6080 Rotary Clubs Busy





Springfield Metro Rotary recently built file cabinets and used power tools to seal buckets at CASA (Court Appointed

Special Advocates of SW Mo). They followed the service project with a visit to El Maguaey.









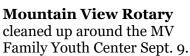




Clinton Rotarians painted at Hurt Park Sept. 15. Steve Hadley and Kyle Johnson donated paint and Gary Cover and Wes Hilton hired someone to refinish the basketball goals.

Hollister Rotary planted mums in Hulland Park in September.







Lots Happening Around Rotary District 6080

The Rotary Club of Central Missouri helped Big Brothers Big Sisters of Johnson County with a book and household goods sale on Sept. 19.





Dana Phelps, director, and Clarke Homoly, a member of the Rotary Club of Central Missouri, stand next to the Big Brothers Big Sisters sign.



The Rotary Club of Marshall donated \$1,300 raised at their mouse races to help fund English language classes for Marshall's large Spanish-speaking population.

Methodist Minister Keith Vessel accepts a check from Marshall Rotary. Left to right, Marshall Rotary President Kile Guthrey, District Governor Jimmy Standfast, Rev. Vessel and Dr. David Keuhn, the Rotarian who chaired the mouse races that raised the money.







The Rotary Club of Belton-Raymore enlisted the help of the South Metro Fire Department for its ball drop during the club's 14th annual golf tournament at Creekmoor Sept. 11.



The Rotary Club of Fulton held a social at the Canterbury Hill Winery Sept. 16, enjoying dinner, drinks and a dueling pianos performance.





The Rotary Club of Nixa held its annual golf tournament benefiting the Least of These Food Pantry Sept. 18 at Fremont Hills Country Club.

Service Projects: Shoes, Students, First Responders

Harrisonville Rotary welcomed District Governor Jimmy Standfast for his official visit recently and showed off the shoes they had collected so far for District 6080's "Shoes for Orphan Souls." The club has collected about four dozen pairs of shoes to date, but they say they're just getting started!



From left: Jenna Giess, Jesica Junge, Kay Caskey, Judy Franklin, Brittney Sexton, Gov. Standfast, John Foster, Cindy Greenwell, Jon Taber, Larry Pfautsch, Jeanette Flanner and Jeff Kleinsasser.



Harrisonville Rotary's train was in the Homecoming Parade Sept. 8. Their Bright Futures Harrisonville classroom partner, Mrs. Jimenez's class, rode in the train. The club plans to make monthly visits to the classroom.

The Rotary Club of Salem provided lunch to the First Responders of Salem in memory of 9/11.

Meals were prepared by Vintage Apron Catering and delivered by Rotarians to the Dent County Sheriff's Department, the Salem Police Department, the ER unit at Salem Memorial Hospital and the local State Troopers serving Dent County. The Volunteer Fire Dept will be served at a later date during a training session.



The Rotary Club of Fulton also commemorated 9/11 with the presentation of its annual G.W. Law – Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award. Named for former Callaway County Sheriff George W. Law, the was established in 1998 as a means for Fulton Rotary to provide recognition to a law enforcement officer who demonstrates the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self" while serving the citizens of Callaway County.





Fulton Rotary's G.W. Law Award Chair Charles Anderson presents the award to Deputy Sheriff John Nielsen.











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