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District 6080 Monthly Newsletter

Notes from the Governor

November is Foundation month and our Foundation is about to celebrate its 100-year anniversary. What an amazing tool we have at our finger tips. With all of us contributing a few hundred dollars a year, we can truly make the world a better place.

I personally don't have the resources to send a Vocational Training Team half way around the world or the \$40,000 it takes to fund a scholarship or even the money to save families who are living off the garbage piles in Ethiopia. With the Foundation, I can not only do one of those projects, I can even be a part of them all at the same time in the same year.

When you see a need and you want to help, you don't have to walk on by because you don't have the resources. You have the Foundation behind you. So dream big, follow your heart, and know that all of us together have your back. A little bit from all of us every year is all it takes.

Where else can you turn \$10,000 into \$35,000? Just as an example, if your club or group of clubs can raise \$10,000 for a project, that \$10,000 is matched by the District with funds from the Foundation dollar for dollar so your \$10,000 just became \$20,000. Then the Foundation will match the money from the District dollar for dollar so \$20,000 becomes \$30,000. But we're not done yet. The Foundation will then match the clubs original \$10,000 .50 cents on the dollar so

\$30,000 then becomes \$35,000.

Locally, in our District, money comes back to the clubs from the Foundation to do local projects based on the amount of money a club contributed to the Foundation three years ago. For example, a club that contributed \$12,000 to the Foundation 3 years ago would be eligible to receive approximately \$3,000 as a matching grant.

The club picks a \$6,000 project and if it matches up with one of the six areas of focus and is approved, then the club simply matches the \$3,000 from the Foundation with \$3,000 from the club and the locally community gets a \$6,000 project.

Help us make the world a better place by supporting the Foundation this month.

David Bixler





Harrisonville Club Hosts Annual Casco Picnic

The Rotary Club of Harrisonville hosted the annual Casco Picnic on September 21. The Casco Area Workshop serves Cass County residents with disabilities and provides them the opportunity to work and increase their independence. Each September, the Rotary Club serves up hot dogs, baked beans, and potato salad during an afternoon of fun for the Casco employees at North Park Activity Center in Harrisonville. In lieu of our regular meeting, Rotarians give of their time to set up and serve lunch and interact with the Casco workers. The Harrisonville Rotary Club has sponsored this event for 30+ years. Pictured are the Rotarians who worked at the event this year and a representative from Casco presenting a card signed by all the employees.

Casco2 - Harrisonville Rotarians Gabe Sweitzer & Jason Winter man the grill at the Casco Picnic.

Casco3 - A representative from Casco and Harrisonville Rotary President Shauna Stephenson.

Casco4- Harrisonville Rotarians work as a team to fill plates for the picnic.

Casco5 - The card.



Branson-Hollister Celebrate 75th Anniversary

Branson, MO – On the evening of September 28, over 160 community members came together to celebrate one of the oldest civic clubs in the region as the Branson-Hollister Rotary Club celebrated 75 years. Serving the Branson/Lakes area for over seven decades, its members have contributed well over one million dollars in funding and tens of thousands of volunteer hours.

Held at the Branson Convention Center, the evening began with a cocktail hour, followed by the ringing of the Rotary bell, a rendition of “America (My Country Tis of Thee)” by members of Boxen, leading of the Pledge of Allegiance by a dozen members of Cub Scout Troop 93--which the Branson-Hollister Rotary Club has sponsored for over 50 years--and prayer by longtime Rotarian Bill Budnick.

Distinguished guests included District Rotary Foundation Chair Raymond Plue, District Governor David Bixler, Past District Governor Joe Beltz, Springfield Assistant District Governor-elect Paul Reinert and District Treasurer Steve Montgomery. Many of the charities that the Rotary Club has funded were present, including Bryan and Amy Stallings from Jesus Was Homeless, David Lermy from Gift of Hope, Kenn Tilus from Faith Community Health, Stoney Hays from Boys & Girls Club, LaDella Thomas from Tantone Industries and Dignity Now, as well as representatives from Taneyhills Library, Branson MO CERT and Barnabas Prep. Also in attendance was the Club’s German Rotary Youth Exchange student, Ulrich Krischtan, who is living in Branson for the 2016-17 school year.

After dinner, the program consisted of awards and video clips woven together to capture the true spirit of the Rotary motto, “Service Above Self”. With a nod to nostalgia, video clips of longtime members Edd Akers, Barry Dautrich, Shawn Pingleton, Karen Hall,

Richard Bottorf, Arno Wehr Jr. and Arno Wehr III were featured where they shared stories highlighting the history of the club, its members’ passion for service, a little light-hearted fun and hopes for the future. Three influential past members, Dr. M. Graham Clark, Steve Harris and Jim Langham, were also honored in an “In Remembrance” piece.

Acknowledgements were made for Outstanding Attendance, as well as the awarding of twenty-four Paul Harris Fellows medals. To become a Paul Harris Fellow, a member must have contributed at least \$1,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation, whose global initiatives include work in polio eradication, poverty, illiteracy and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Three special awards were given to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Branson-Hollister Rotary Club. The Legacy Award was given to Arno Wehr Jr., a past president who has been a member of Rotary for over 45 years. He has led many community improvement initiatives, is a dedicated Paul Harris Fellow and continues to engage and excite new and continuing members.





Branson's 75th Anniversary (continued)

Mr. Wehr and his family exemplify the standard of Rotary. The Spirit Award was given to Janet Akers. She has served as past president, but in the Branson-Hollister Rotary Club her greatest impact is felt on a personal level by everyone with whom she comes into contact. Always a welcoming smile to new members and visitors, no one is a stranger to Ms. Akers. The Service Award was given to LaDella Thomas. She is an active participant in most service projects throughout the year and gives her time above and beyond expectations. She has been Rotarian of the Year and is very creative, using her skills to plan club events, design club marketing materials and rarely says no to anyone who asks for help.

The Branson-Hollister Rotary Club is excited for the next 75 years of service to the Branson/Lakes area and globally through the initiatives of the Rotary Foundation.

For more information on the Branson-Hollister Rotary, visit www.branson-hollisterrotary.org.

Pictures:

(L-R) Rotary Club President Jeff Bilberry, Spirit Award recipient Janet Akers and LaDella Thomas

(L-R) Rotary Club President-elect Becky Harmon, Legacy Award recipient Arno Wehr Jr. and President Jeff Bilberry.



SAVE THE DATE!

CELEBRATE TOGETHER IN ATLANTA, USA

Join us in the birthplace of
The Rotary Foundation, as we toast
100 years of doing good in the world.

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
10-14 JUNE 2017**

Visit the Atlanta convention booth in the Palm Foyer





October 23, 2016, Branson, Mo. – The Branson-Hollister Rotary hosted a Rotary Youth Exchange service project Saturday, October 22, 2016. Eighteen exchange students from all over the world took part in the weekend which coincided with the Rotary Districts 6080 and 6110 Conference which was held October 21-23 at the Branson Convention Center.

Friday evening the students enjoyed a complimentary show at Pierce Arrow Theatre. On Saturday the exchange students packaged 10,192 meals and donated them to Christian Action Ministries for distribution.

Currently Christian Action Ministries serves over 1,000 families a month with a four-day supply of food.



Branson-Hollister Hosts Youth Exchange Project



This service project event was sponsored by Branson-Hollister Rotary Club, L & J Plumbing, The IMAX Entertainment Complex and the First Presbyterian Church of Branson and made possible by the Pack Shack of Rogers, Ark. through their *Feed the Funnel* program. For more information about the Pack Shack visit: <mailto:http://www.thepackshack.org>.

“This was the best service project ever and the highlight of my week,” said Amy Jammeh, Rotary District 6080, Youth Exchange, In-Bound Chairperson.

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The Elizabeth J Upton Foundation was established to promote the program and assist both inbound and outbound students of Rotary District 6080. Elizabeth went abroad to Lyon, France, 2013/14, her junior year of high school. The year changed her life and outlook on the world. In honor of her memory and desire to give others the opportunity to live in another country, a 501(c)3 foundation was established to further these international exchanges between high school students.

<http://www.elizabethjuptonfoundation.com/>



Foundation started for Youth Exchange Students

Elizabeth Jane Upton, of Columbia, died early Sunday morning, May 3, 2015. She was 18.

Her parents are Gary and Marilyn Upton. Marilyn is a member of the Columbia Northwest Rotary Club.

Elizabeth was a Youth Exchange Student from Columbia Northwest. She was killed in an auto accident after her return. Her mother was so impressed by the effect that the exchange had on her daughter that she started the foundation to support exchange students.

The foundation supports both inbound and outbound students.

For information about the foundation see the **attachment**

[Elizabeth J Upton Foundation](#)

To read how the Youth Exchange Program changed Elizabeth go to

[How RYE Changed Me – Elizabeth – France 2013-2014](#)



District 6080

Inbound Youth Exchange Students



Left to right:

Ryu from Japan, Rotary Club of Columbia Northwest

Jesus, from Chile, Rotary Club of Columbia South

Bei-Hao (Howard), from Taiwan, Rotary Club of Rolla Breakfast

Ariel, from Brazil, Rotary Club of West Plains

Frands, from Denmark, Rotary Club of Warrensburg

David, from the U.S.A., Rotary Club of Springfield Metro

Suiya (Sumo), from Thailand, Rotary Club of Harrisonville

Jeanne, from Belgium, Rotary Club of Jefferson City Breakfast

Alejandra, from Colombia, Rotary Club of Jefferson City Downtown

Sofia, from Italy, Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise

Millia, from Brazil, Rotary Club of Columbia Downtown

Not pictured: Ulrich, from Germany, Rotary Club of Branson/Hollister



Harrisonville Rotary Hosts 6th Annual Trunk-or-Treat

More than 1,000 children enjoyed a night of trick-or-treating at the annual Trunk-or-Treat on the Square event sponsored by the Harrisonville Rotary Club and the Harrisonville Parks and Recreation Department.

The Trunk-or-Treat event, now in its sixth year, brings out thousands of community members for a safe night of fun on the Sunday before Halloween. Participating "stops" decorate their trunks, dress in costume, and pass out candy or trinkets to children who attend.

The Harrisonville Rotary Club's foreign exchange student, Sumo, hands out candy at the club's Trunk-or-Treat event.

In addition to hosting the event, the Harrisonville Rotary Club also hosted a "stop" at the Trunk-or-Treat, complete with Minecraft costumes.



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Rotary Serving Humanity

Rotary District 6080 Accessible Playground Equipment For Wonderland Camp

Wonderland Camp provides campers ages 6-106 of all ability levels the fun of Summer Camp. The camp provides all types of activities, like swimming, fishing, boating, archery, BB guns, arts & crafts, tie-dying and so much more.

Wonderland Camp sits in the Heart of District 6080.

Club Participation helps qualify for the Presidential Citation and the Governor's Recognition Award. *

TRF matching points available to help achieve Paul Harris Fellow.
(\$1,000.00 contribution = 1,000 points)

Naming Rights Available.

"Rotarians are people touching people's lives."

-PDG Jerry W. Franklin

Wonderland Camp Programs:

Rotary Week at Wonderland Camp (6 days)

Summer Resident Camp (6 Days)

Weekend Camps (Halloween, etc.)

Family Camps (Come as a Family)

Rental Groups



We Need Your Help!

We need your contributions to help provide District 6080 accessible playground equipment for the Rotary Playground at Wonderland Camp.

Please mail contributions to lead club at:

- Warrensburg Rotary Club Charitable Association
- PO Box 1237
- Warrensburg, MO 64093

**Rotary name and logo will be
permanently displayed**

Dedication for Rotary Playground

May 7, 2017

At Wonderland Camp



Resources

District Governor (2016-2017)

PDG/Foundation Chair

PDG

Wonderland Camp

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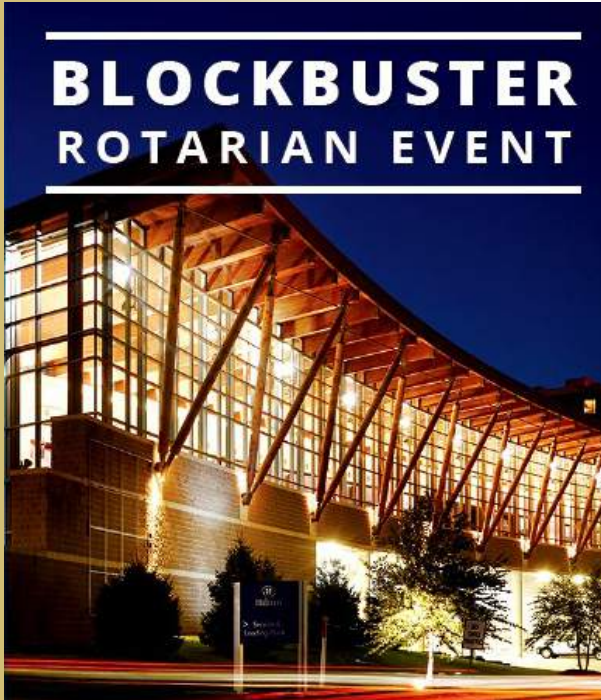
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District Conference It was EPIC!

- BRANSON, MO – The Rotary clubs of District 6080 in Missouri gathered in Branson Oct. 21-23 for their district conference. Held at the Hilton Branson Convention Center Hotel, the conference was a joint meeting with District 6110, which encompasses the corners of four states, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas.

District 6080 Governor David Bixler of Springfield and District 6110 Governor Don den Daas of Tulsa presided over the conference, which attracted nearly 400 Rotarians.

In addition to numerous awards presentations, Rotarians heard from four guest speakers: Alina Lehnert of Springfield, an expert in leadership and strengths development; Larry Lunsford of Kansas City, former Rotary International director; Tom Krause of Boonville, motivational speaker; and David C. Forward of Medford N.J., author and founder of International Children's Aid Foundation.

During the District 6080 business meeting, Steve Dulle, immediate past district governor, presented awards to Rotarians and Rotary clubs in his district for service during his year.

- The Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise received the Significant Achievement Award, which recognizes a club whose project has addressed a significant problem or need in their community. The club has a partnership with the Ashley House, a program which provides residential treatment for abused and neglected teenage girls with the goal of building relationships with them and being a positive influence in their lives.

Several clubs were recognized with the Presidential Citation at various levels. Achieving gold level were Springfield Sunrise, Springfield Southeast and Columbia Metro. At the silver level were Springfield Metro, Jefferson City West, Columbia Sunrise Southwest, Springfield North and Bolivar. Bronze level recipients were Jefferson City Evening, Rolla Breakfast and Pulaski County. Rotaract clubs in Springfield, Jefferson City and Columbia also received Presidential Citations.



Earning the Governor's Citation were Springfield Sunrise, Springfield Metro, Jefferson City West, Rolla Breakfast, Thayer-Mammoth Springs, Springfield, Branson Hollister, Boonville, Columbia South, Mountain View, Laurie Sunrise Beach, Warrensburg Early Bird, Willow Springs and Centralia.

Membership awards were earned by Table Rock Lake, Springfield Southeast, Rolla Breakfast, Thayer-Mammoth Springs and Boonville.

District Service Awards for work to achieve Foundation goals were presented to Susan Hart, Columbia Metro; Rowland Geddie, Springfield Sunrise; Michael Brady, Springfield Metro; Raymond Plue, Columbia South; Sherry and Larry Biron, Laurie Sunrise Beach; Jim Libey, Jefferson City Evening; Jon Smith, Mountain View; David Handly, Warrensburg Early Bird; Jim Stock, Columbia Metro; Bill Keeney, Belton-Raymore; Paul Reinert, Springfield; David Compere, Springfield Southeast; Donn Ladd, Columbia Sunrise Southwest; Warren Prost, Jefferson City West; Glen Cameron, Branson Daybreakers; Seth Bryant, Thayer-Mammoth Springs; Terris Cates, Rolla Breakfast; Wade Robson, Branson-Hollister; Mel Davis, Springfield North; and David Nanneman, Willow Springs.

Major donors achieving new levels of Foundation giving were recognized. They were Glen Cameron of Branson and Melvin Platt of Columbia, level one; Steve and Diane Dulle of Columbia, level two; Duane and Pat Sterling of Warrensburg, level three; and Raymond Plue of Columbia, level four.

Six Rotarians received awards for service to the district in 2015-16: Raymond Plue of Columbia, Mary Ann Beahon of Fulton, Dick Mazanec of Rolla; Don Alberti of Jefferson City, Bob Smith of Columbia and Joe Beltz of Mountain View.



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Award presentations at District Conference



Melvin Platt of Columbia received the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, which is presented to Rotary members who have been actively involved in service activities related to the Rotary Foundation. Among his many accomplishments, he served as a member or chair of the district scholarship committee for 23 years, interviewing 171 applicants and sponsoring 35 Ambassadorial and Global Scholars, two Rotary Peace Fellows and three Sterling Scholars. The value of the grants totals more than \$1 million.

Bob Smith accepted Dr. Blair's award on her behalf. Dr. Trish Blair of Columbia received both the District Rotarian of the Year Award and the Rotary Alumni Global Services Award for Zone 31. Blair is the founder of A Call to Serve (ACTS) International, which creates and nurtures "partnerships for peace" with the country of Georgia, a former Soviet republic. Most recently she led the effort to "Breathe Life into Georgian Babies," training doctors and nurses in lifesaving techniques.



Past District Governor Joe Beltz presented the District Service Award to Tom Smith of West Plains Sunrise Rotary for the work he did to revitalize his club.



PDG Jerry Franklin
Receives the Rotary
Foundation Distinguished
Service Award



The Distinguished Service Award is an internationally competitive award granted annually to a maximum of 50 Rotarians who have exhibited exceptional active service to The Rotary Foundation. Financial contributions to the Foundation, however notable, are not relevant to this award. To qualify, the recipient must demonstrate a broad range of service over an extended period of time with substantial activity in the past two years.



