



Rotary District 6080 Newsletter

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December Blessings

In this instance I'm not writing about the blessings that come to each of us this time of year, but the blessings that we, as Rotarians, bring to others.

District 6080's Foundation Banquet was a roaring success and will help many scores of people. Over 125 Rotarians from around the district attended. We received an insightful and strategically important message from RI Past President Ray Klingensmith and over \$ 9,000 was raised during the celebration for The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

A University of Central Missouri faculty member was selected as one of only twenty-five people, world-wide, to participate in a three-month, World Peace Fellow symposium to be held at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand next summer.

6080's international project – to send clothing, books, sporting and ambulatory equipment to needy populations in Panama – was a roaring success. District volunteers packed up four pallets – 150 individual boxes – of requested items. The pallets await transport to a Navy freighter that will deliver the goods to Panama next spring.

A hearty group of explorers was chosen for the District's Group Study Exchange (GSE) trip to Central America in April 2013. A number of young scholars were selected and are being prepped for their year abroad through the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) program. And scores of projects were launched by Rotary clubs from throughout the District, representing such community efforts as Salvation Army bell-ringing, Angel Tree contributions, Buddy Backpacks, Shoe Boxes for Soldiers, food collections for local food pantries, and home heating projects.

I am proud to be Governor of a district that is doing so much for so many. I'm tempted to encourage you to keep up the good work, but I know you'll do so even without my further encouragement.

Because you're Rotarians.

Mark Pearce
Governor 2012/2013
Rotary District 6080



Four Young Professionals Selected for Rotary Exchange

Four young professionals from the fields of higher education and banking have been selected to represent Rotary District 6080 as part of a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team that will visit Central America in April. The team will travel to the four countries of District 4240 (Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and El Salvador) from April 1 to 29, 2013. Members of the team include:

Kim Greene is the coordinator for dual credit at Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield, where she also teaches public speaking. Greene is a native of Chilhowee, Missouri and a member of the Rotaract Club of Springfield. She was nominated for the GSE team by the Springfield Sunrise Rotary Club.

Charles Parker, Jr. is the coordinator of diversity programs at the University of Missouri – Columbia. While a student at Mizzou, Parker co-founded Project United, a student-led group that fosters cross-cultural dialogue among students. He is originally from St. Louis. Parker was nominated by the Rotary Club of Sunrise Southwest in Columbia.

Jimmy Stilley is the vice president of commercial loans at OakStar Bank in Springfield, where he has developed a specialization in international trade financing. Stilley is a native of Houston, Missouri and a member of the Rotaract Club of Springfield. He was nominated for the GSE team by the Rotary Club of Springfield.

Christine Sudbrock is an agricultural business instructor and outreach coordinator for the Darr School of Agriculture at Missouri State University. In her outreach role, Sudbrock educates the public about MSU research programs ranging from beef production to plant genetics. She is originally from Lexington, Missouri. Sudbrock was nominated by the Ozark Rotary Club.

The team will be led by Paul Reinert of the Rotary Club of Springfield, a Rotarian with significant experience lead-



Rotary International Convention and Heart of America Cruise

If you are attending the RI Convention, plan to arrive early. Saturday, June 22, there will be a 7 p.m. "Heart of America" dinner cruise. Tickets will be available soon.

What is the "Heart of America" cruise?

Have you ever felt lost in a crowd? This can happen at an International Convention. There are thousands of people, Rotarian from all over the world. Would you like to see a familiar face? The "Heart of America" comprises Rotary Districts up and down the Mississippi River. You will fellow Rotarians from Rotary District 6080. No Visa is required to enter Portugal, but you will need current passport.

There are two ways to obtain tickets:

1. Check by Mail—\$65 per person, make payable to Rotary District 6080. Mail to:

Frank Rycyk
406 Chestnut St.
Jefferson City, MO 65101

2. I will have tickets on hand at the February 23, 2013 District Leadership Conference at Scheppers Distributing in Jefferson City. I plan to arrive at the end of the meeting.

You still have time to beat the December 15 early registration deadline for the 2013 Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, June 23-26 2013. Discounts apply for early registration.

There are four ways to register:

Online at www.riconvention.org

- Fill out the writable PDF online and e-mail to: ri.registration@rotary.org
- Download the form and fax to: RI Registration Services, 1-847-556-2194
- Mail to: Rotary International, 14244 Collections Center Dr., Chicago, IL 60693 USA
- You may have to submit up to three forms:
 1. RI registration and ticket form
 2. RI hotel reservation form
 3. Host event ticket form (distributed with RI registration confirmation; to be sent to the 2013 Host Organization Committee)

You may call me at 573-636-2135 with any questions you might have.

Respectfully,

Frank Rycyk

District 6080 RI Convention Chair



Rotary Foundation Contributions

NOW IS THE TIME! With December the Rotary year is one-half complete. Current reports from The Rotary Foundation show that Rotary clubs in our District 6080 have contributed less than one-third the goal for TRF contributions. Recognize that the level of TRF contributions determines 3 years from now the amount of DDF from which all our favorite programs (District Simplified Grants, Matching Grants, Scholarships, GSE, PolioPlus, etc.) are funded. Your continued giving today will keep those programs alive in our District 3 years hence.

The donor process is simple and easy. For individual Rotarians go to Member Access at www.rotary.org, enter your e-mail address and your password and then click on contributions. You may select an automatic withdrawal from your checking account. Or at www.rotary.org type '123-EN' into the search box, complete that Form 123-EN and mail with your check. Rotary club secretaries use DaCdb, click 'Reports', then click 'Rotary Foundation Transmittal', click 'Word' in the upper right hand corner, enter the amount contributed beside each Rotarian's name, click 'Annual Fund – SHARE' at the bottom and mail with a check or checks.

Contributions received by 31 December will be recognized as IRS deductible; TRF will send the contribution statement by e-mail.

As with everything in life, our future ability depends to a great degree on our actions today.

God Bless your giving spirit.



By Raymond Plue
Rotary Foundation Chair

Announcing the Opening of Nominations for District Governor 2015 -2016

District Governor Mark Pearce invites Rotary clubs to submit their suggestions for nomination for District Governor for Rotary year 2015 - 2016. The nomination form will be found on the District 6080 web page under 'District and Club Resources - District Forms'. January 15, 2013 is the closing date for receipt of completed nomination forms. The form must contain original signatures and must be mailed to District Nominating Committee Chair Raymond E. Plue, 2805 Butternut Ct., Columbia, MO 65201.

Alberti Provides History of District 6080

Our District's Club support Director, Don Alberti, has compiled a condensed summary of District 6080's history and summary accomplishments. Don has been actively involved in event set-up, training, planning, implementing and concluding many of them, so I thought he would be the ideal person to tell the tale of District 6080.

Please take a few minutes to read our Districts fascinating history on our website at <http://www.rotary6080.org/district-6080-our-heritage/>

Mark Pearce
Governor 2012-13
Rotary District 6080



DON ALBERTI

Rotary Youth Exchange

District 6080 is well represented in the Youth Exchange program! This year, we have 16 Inbound students living across the District and enjoying their new American experiences with their Rotary club members, YEOs and counselors, host families, and schools and communities. We also have 15 Outbound students who are living in Japan, Turkey, Italy, Switzerland, France, Spain, Ecuador, Brazil, Colombia, Peru.

The District RYE Committee has just finished selecting 13 high school students to be Ambassadors for our District in the 2013-2014 academic year. It was very, very competitive this year with more applicants than outbound spots. And I thank the students for many the selection process tough this year as it means more students wish to take advantage of this exchange opportunity.

For all of you who make this possible, I thank you on behalf of the many students who have gone abroad and come here for this incredible year of a lifetime.

Kit Freudenberg
Rotary Youth Exchange Program Chair
District 6080



Inbound Youth Exchange student pose with Program Director Amy Jammeh and Kit Freudenberg.

Akis Kalaitzidis Named Rotary World Peace Fellow

Rotary District Governor Mark Pearce is proud to announce that a Missouri educator has been chosen as a Rotary World Peace Fellow, to study international peace and conflict resolution at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand during the summer of 2013.

Dr. Akis Kalaitzidis, associate professor in the Department of Government, International Studies and Languages at the University of Central Missouri, will join with twenty-four other professionals from a variety of nations and cultures, to explore historical and contemporary conflicts and discuss ways in which such differences might best be addressed.

The Rotary International Peace Fellowship is designed to bring together professionals who have a demonstrated commitment to international understanding, to examine and discuss problems that lead to death and dysfunction in the world, and to encourage fellowship participants to share their own perspectives and insights that might relate to resolving those issues.

Dr. Kalaitzidis has served as Associate Professor at UCM since 2004, teaching courses in international relations, comparative politics, international organizations, American foreign policy, global terrorism, and post-communist transitions. He has published four books on American foreign policy, international relations and immigration topics; and for several years he has been active in humanitarian assistance projects on behalf of underprivileged youth in Ghana, Africa.

Dr. Kalaitzidis is the second Rotary World Peace Fellow chosen from Rotary District 6080. The first, Margaret Carolla from Springfield, has completed a two-year World Peace Fellowship at the Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina. She is currently working for a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) focusing on South America.

Rotary District 6080 has supported the Rotary Peace Fellow program for several years by contributing District Designated Funds (DDF) to the program. Governor Pearce encourages Missouri Rotarians to be on the lookout for future Rotary World Peace Fellow prospects, saying "it's one more way that Rotary District 6080 can make the world better a better place."



AKIS KALAITZIDIS

New District Officers Named by DGE Ken Messer

The 2012-2013 Rotary year is nearing the half way point and planning is well underway for the 2013-2014 Rotary year in District 6080. Several district Rotarians will be joining the District Leadership Council for the first time or will be taking on new responsibilities. I am excited to be welcoming the following Rotarians into their new responsibilities and look forward to working with them and the entire District 6080 leadership team for the 2013-2014 Rotary year.

JOHN ADAM CARAN

John is adding to his Assistant Governor duties beginning immediately serving as District Membership Chair, completing the current Rotary year and then will continue to serve a new a three year term beginning with the 2013-2014 Rotary year. John, the Past President of the Lake Ozark Daybreak, is currently serving the district as Assistant Governor in The Lake Region working with Lake Ozark Daybreak, Lake Ozark, Camdenton and Laurie Sunrise Beach Rotary Clubs. John has distinguished himself as leader with special skills in membership growth when he served as president of Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary Club as he developed a program that resulted in significant membership growth and development. John proved himself as a polished presenter of membership growth and development ideas as he co-lead several breakout sessions during the Club Leadership Retreat in May and at District Conference in Branson in October. Call upon John to help your club grow and excite your members. John can be contacted at: phone-573-473-7033 or by email jcaran@sbcglobal.net.



MICHAEL POPE

Michael D. Pope, Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Fayette will be joining the District 6080 Leadership Council as Assistant Governor serving Area 3 which is presently being served by Terry Furstenuau. Michael will be working with Rotary Clubs in Fayette, Fulton, Centralia, and Boonville to help the club leaders to more effectively serve their communities and members. Michael comes to the District Leadership Council with a long career of leadership and service at Central Methodist University. Michael is looking forward to beginning his work at the district level in July and meeting many more great Rotarians who place Service Above Self. Michael can be contacted by phone at 660-248-6390 or by email at mpope@centralmethodist.edu.



NANCY LUCHEL

Nancy A. Luchtel, secretary of the Warrensburg Early Bird Rotary Club will be joining the District 6080 Leadership Council serving as the initial District Foundation Committee Treasurer in the 2013-2014 Rotary Year. Nancy is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Sustaining Member. As treasurer of the District Foundation Committee, Nancy will work closely with the Matching Grants Subcommittee in dispersing and accounting for the matching grants approved in District 6080. The position of Foundation Committee Treasurer is mandated by Rotary International for the administration of District Grants beginning with the 2013-2014 Rotary year. Nancy brings to the District 6080 Leadership Council a strong career history in financial services and banking operations. As the initial treasurer, Nancy will work to establish banking accounts, setup a chart of accounts and work closely with the District Governor, Foundation Committee Chair, and Grants Subcommittee we move to a new model of RI and District Foundation Administration. Nancy can be contacted by phone at 660-747-3171 or by email at nancy.luchtel@gmail.com.



Please congratulate and encourage these Rotarians as they embark on a fascinating journey in service to District 6080 Rotarians. Ken Messer, District Governor Elect.

District Disaster Coordinating Committee

Disasters can strike at any time. District 6080 Rotarians remember the disasters which hit Joplin, Sedalia, and Branson. We have seen and experienced first hand what a disaster can do. Therefore, a Rotary District Disaster Coordinating Committee (DDCC) was established in 2012 to coordinate Rotarian efforts to volunteer and to give contributions in the wake of a disaster.

Volunteer Service

When a disaster hits, Rotarians feel an immediate desire to volunteer to help, but are not always sure how, when, or where to do so. The DDCC was established to assist in the coordination of volunteers during a disaster. The Rotary District 6080 website has a link that Rotarians can visit to get up to date information on how to volunteer. The webpage will serve as the networking tool to keep Rotarians informed about what is happening, who to contact, and what efforts are being coordinated. Organized workdays and the appropriate contact person will be posted on the site so that Rotarians can join the effort.

Website :

<http://www.rotary6080.org/missouri-rotary-disaster-coordinating-information/>

Contributions

Rotarians are generous and desire ways to give financially when a disaster happens. The DDCC established the Rotary Emergency Relief Fund to facilitate giving. The Relief Fund is set up through the Community Foundation of Central Missouri so that Rotarians can contribute immediately following a disaster or at any other time. The account is controlled by a three member board comprised of the District Disaster Coordinator, District Community Service Chair, and District Governor who will decide on the allocation of the funds.

How to Give

All donations are tax deductible.

By Check

Make check payable to:

Missouri Rotary Emergency Relief Fund

Include the name of your Rotary club in the memo line

Mail check to:

Community Foundation of Central Missouri

P.O. Box 6015

Columbia, MO 65205-6015

To contribute online

Using a credit card: go to www.cfcfoundation.org

Click on "Donate Now" at the top right corner of the screen

Follow the link to the Rotary logo

District Disaster Personnel

The District appointed a Disaster Coordinator and five area coordinators to help in times of disaster. The Disaster Area Coordinator is responsible for contacting each of the club presidents in the affected area. Any information regarding the needs of the clubs in the disaster area will be relayed to the District Disaster Coordinator and the webmaster so that information can be dispersed district wide in a quick timeframe. Disaster Area Coordinators serve a three year term and report to the District Disaster Coordinator. If you would like your area coordinator to present a program with a PowerPoint to your club, check the website to determine which coordinator is assigned to your club and e-mail your request. [Please visit our webpage to obtain your coordinator's contact information.](#)

Panama Humanitarian Project a Success

AWESOME!

That's the word describing the Panama humanitarian project undertaken by District 6080 Clubs this year, according to Panama Project committee chair Jim Wieberg of the Jefferson City Breakfast Club.

Rotarians throughout District 6080 collected four pallets worth of clothing, sporting and ambulatory equipment and books to help destitute populations in Panama – that's 150 boxes of goods to make life better for needy families in Central America.

On Saturday, November 3rd, Rotarians from the Jefferson City Breakfast and Fayette Rotary clubs sorted, boxed and palletted the items for shipment to Panama. In the spring, the U. S. Navy will transport the pallets to Panama as part of their "Operation Handclasp" initiative. The Panama project committee has also raised \$1,500 necessary to transport the items to the appropriate Navy port.

"We have had such a great relationship with Rotarians in Rotary District 4240 – which encompasses Panama," said District Governor Mark Pearce. "It routinely amazes me as to how effective we can be when we're working together on an outstanding project. THAT – is the power of Rotary," Pearce also praised Jim Wieberg and the entire Panama Project committee for being proactive throughout the process and providing all the necessary logistics to make such a project possible.

"Rotarians – This is another instance in which you have done something outstanding for others in the world. I look forward to seeing what amazing things you'll be doing in the coming years. YOU are the example," said Pearce.



LEFT: Those pictured from the Panama Project "Packing Day" are (left to right) Rotarians Bob Sfreddo, Jim Wieberg, Terry Furstenau, David Linsenhardt, Don Alberti, George Kastler, Lou Thompson, Chuck Thompson, and Gale Schafer. Not pictured was Rotarian Nina Furstenau; and from PET incorporated Gary Moreau and Mel West. 150 boxes of clothing, books, sports and ambulatory equipment were sorted and made ready for delivery by the Panama Project team.

RIGHT: Boxes of clothing, ambulatory equipment, sporting equipment and books packed and ready for delivery to Panama. The items were collected by Rotarians in District 6080 and will be delivered to Rotarians in District 4240 for distribution next spring.



Club	Date	Day	Time
Harrisonville	5-Dec-12	Wednesday	Noon
Bolivar	9-Jan-13	Wednesday	Noon
Springfield Southeast	10-Jan-13	Thursday	Noon

District 6080 Calendar

December — Family Month

Hold your club officer elections for **2013-2014**

Submit list of newly elected officers for 2013-2014 to Rotary International: **December 31, 2012**

31 - Deadline to submit zone nominations to the Foundation for [The Rotary Foundation Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award](#)

January — Rotary Awareness Month

- **Submit SAR Report and dues** to Rotary International: **January 1, 2013**
- 13-19 [International Assembly](#) (San Diego, California, USA)
- **Nomination for DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2015 -2016** The nomination form can be found at www.rotary6080.org/district-forms .
- **Deadline for date of receipt of completed nomination forms is January 15, 2013.**
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- 25-27 - [The Green Path to Peace](#) (Honolulu, Hawaii, USA)

February — World Understanding Month

- 23 - Rotary's 108th anniversary, plan a party/celebration
- District Leadership Team Seminar: TBA
- **Deadline** to submit **Presidential Citation** is **March 31, 2013.**

Encourage members to go to www.rotary6080.org and www.facebook.com/rotary6080 for the latest news and information about District 6080 and its clubs.