

# Rotary

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6080



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## MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR STEVE

We started the year with service as our emphasis and let us end the year in the same manner. If you recall, in July 2015 we began our Rotary year with the District 6080 Food Fight where nearly 80% of our clubs participated in helping the poor have access to food. Service above Self means caring for others through local community service projects such as this one, and making contributions to the foundation so we can help serve people in need locally and globally. Our Rotary Foundation is one of the most efficient charitable organizations with 90% of contributions going to the causes it supports, and it was ranked as the fifth best and most impactful charity to contribute funds to this year by CNBC.

Within this edition you will see that we have chartered two new Rotaract clubs and one new Rotary club recently. Many thanks to the sponsor Rotary clubs for making this happen. I am proud that we are bringing Rotary values to more within our communities through Rotary affiliation.

With only two months to go in this Rotary year, let's finish strong by having fun, completing service projects and increasing membership and our contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Please remember the words of John Wooden "You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you." Thanks for all you have done this year and will continue to do, and for Being a Gift to the World.

Sincerely yours in Rotary,  
Steve Dulle

## ROCK'N RIBS 2016



*Flags of organizations benefiting from Rock'n Ribs*

The 16th annual, mouthwatering, Rock'n Ribs Festival, was held April 22 and 23, at the Ozark Empire fairgrounds to the tune of over 30,000 participants. Organizers of this Springfield Rotary Clubs' event say that unseasonably, summer-like temperatures, made the event close to perfect. There were over 80 barbeque cook teams, 11 hours of live music from 23 local bands, a Texas Hold'em tournament, a



*Rock'n Ribs volunteers and participants*

Kids Zone and literally tons of tasty chicken, pork and beef barbeque that was happily consumed by the public. Rock'n Ribs is a Kansas City BBQ Society sanctioned event.

Julie Conway, one of the event organizers, says that the Rotary Clubs of Springfield raised over \$140,000 for seven children's charities.

The proceeds will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters, Harmony House, Ronald McDonald House, YMCA, Great Circle, Boy Scouts and the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch.

David Bixler says “ Rotary’s Rock’n Ribs is a glowing example of Rotary being a force for good in the world. When all the clubs in Springfield work together to achieve a common goal, anything is possible, and I can’t think of a better common goal than impacting the lives of our kids in the Springfield Community.”

## COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS ROTARACT CLUB



*Branson Daybreakers Club co-sponsor Inez Gibbs, Rotaract President Tiffany Lyle and College of the Ozarks Executive Vice President Fred Mullinax.*

The College of the Ozarks Rotaract Club, sponsored by the Branson Daybreakers Rotary Club, had its final meeting on Tuesday, April 26, for the Spring semester. Graduating Club President Tiffany Lyle received an award in recognition of her two years of service to the club and Vice president Leah Rungaitis received her award in recognition of four years of service to the club. The club has recently had service projects at Golden Living Nursing Home, the Branson Daybreakers Chili Cookoff and helped with the Revive 65 roadside cleanup in Hollister.

## COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY HELD ITS 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER



*Winners of Columbia Metro trivia Night---Metro Rotarians Win Burggraaf, Norm Benedict, Szasz Benedict, Ibby Burggraaf, Cathy Scroggs, Kathy Unrath, Bob Unrath and Stuart Scroggs*

On February 5, Columbia Metro Rotary held its 9th annual Trivia Night fundraiser. After greeting, networking and enjoying a great dinner supplied by Sam Bennett, 320 Rotarians and friends, divided by tables of 8, battled each other through 10 rounds of 10 questions each to find the overall winner. A portion of the over \$15,000 in funds raised will go to help the work of True North, a comprehensive domestic and sexual violence victim service program headquartered in Columbia.

## ROTARY CLUB OF BRANSON-HOLLISTER HOSTING TWO EVENTS

On **May 12th** the Branson-Hollister Rotary Club is hosting FOTO (Flavor of the Ozarks) which is comprised of spectacular entertainment, a quality silent auction, wine-tasting by Stone Hill Winery and taste-testing a number of top-notch restaurants.

**June 10th** they are hosting their annual Golf Tournament with all proceeds helping five local non-profits.

## FAYETTE ROTARIAN PUBLISHES BOOK

Charles Thompson, Past President of the Fayette Rotary Club, recently published a book, Shovels and C-Rations, about his experiences with the Seabees in Vietnam, 1968-1969.

## ROTARY SCHOLAR SHARES HIS EXPERIENCES WITH THE PULASKI COUNTY ROTARY CLUB



*Pulaski County President Jim Standfast and Cpt. Bryan Lee.*

On April 5, Cpt. Bryan Lee shared his experiences in Singapore as one of Rotary International’s Ambassadorial Scholars with the Rotary Club of Pulaski County. In 2009 Lee, a San Francisco native and West Point graduate, was commissioned as an Aviation officer and was named a Rotary international scholar. He spent two years in Singapore working for the State Department’s Office of Defense Cooperation based out of the U.S. Embassy, while pursuing a master’s degree in international studies at Nanyang Technological University’s Rajaratnam School of International Studies. A Black Hawk pilot, Lee deployed to Afghanistan in 2013 and to Liberia in 2014.

He recently completed the Engineer Captain's Career Course at Fort Leonard Wood and will move with his family to Hawaii in July, where he will serve with the 25th Combat Aviation Brigade at Wheeler Army Airfield. Lee thanked all Rotarians for their contributions, which allowed him to experience Singaporean culture. Your Foundation contributions at work!!

## FULTON ROTARY COMPLETES SERVICE PROJECT FOR CARDV

The Rotary Club of Fulton put the finishing touches on its yearlong service project for the Coalition Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV) this week, mulching around the new playset purchased by the club and staining a new gate.

The Rotary club contributed \$3,600 raised during the 2015 Callaway Cup Mouse Races toward helping CARDV and these funds were matched by Rotary District 6080, resulting in a \$7,200 contribution toward purchases for the domestic violence organization.

The donation allowed Rotary to furnish two "advocacy" rooms, where victims of domestic violence meet with an advocate, identify needs, develop individualized actions to meet those needs, and create a safety plan; completed improvements to the backyard playground (purchased new equipment), patio, and fencing, creating a safer place for children to play outside while their parents are meeting with an advocate, counselor, and/or in a support group environment.

Rotary had partners who helped with the project. The men's basketball team from William Woods University and the youth group from Heartland Nazarene Church helped stain and repair the fence, stain the side porch, install the locking gate, and haul the old play equipment and other miscellaneous items to the curb for trash pick-up. The new Rotaract club at William Woods stained the new gate.



*Mallory York and Baylie Borman, members of the new Rotaract club at William Woods University, stain the new gate.*

## IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES

**May 14** **Club Leadership Training**, Springfield, MO at the Relics Event Center, 2015 W. Battlefield, Suite E. Coffee and donuts at 8:30 and meeting from 9:30 to 3:30. For all 2016-2017 Club officers and committee chairpersons and AG's. Register at DACdb Calendar.

**May 15** Deadline for submitting the application for your 2016-2017 District Simplified Grant. Project starts no earlier than August 5, 2016. Project completion by March 1, 2017. Final Report deadline is March 15, 2017.

**May 29** Rotary International Convention, Seoul, Korea

**June 27** District Governor Inauguration @ 425 W. Walnut in Springfield, MO 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

## ELIZABETH J. UPTON FUNDRAISER

Elizabeth J Upton was a Rotary Exchange student to Lyon, France in 2013/2014. Her life ended tragically in 2014 in a car accident after her return to Columbia, Missouri. Her mother, Marilyn Upton, a member of the Columbia Northwest Rotary Club, asked that those wanting to contribute funds at the funeral direct these funds to the District 6080 Rotary Youth Exchange for scholarships of our exchange students not able to afford this program. Over \$11,000 was contributed from generous donors at that time. Now, Marilyn has established the Elizabeth J Upton Foundation with the same purpose in mind. The foundation is holding a fundraiser on May 22 from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hoss's Market at 1010 Club Village Drive in Columbia. All donations are tax deductible and will be used in the District 6080 youth exchange program for those needing financial assistance. Please support this wonderful cause. If you are unable to attend and want to donate, send your tax deductible donations to The Elizabeth J Upton Foundation, 1704 Brookfield Manor, Columbia, MO 65203

What did Elizabeth think about the youth exchange program?

"I used to think that the sky only stretched on for as far as I could see. And then where my vision became blurred, the world ceased to exist. But that was before. Before I packed my faith in a suitcase, and my fear in a carry-on, and boarded a plane. I've only been abroad for eight months and fourteen days. But I feel I've lived a lifetime. And as for home, I know now that it hasn't just one name."

- Elizabeth J. Upton

## BUFFALO INTERACT CLUB



*Buffalo Interact Club*

The Buffalo Interact club was chartered on March 8th and has 23 charter members. Their peanut butter drive was a great success as they collected over 2000 jars of peanut butter to be distributed to fellow students who struggle with enough food to eat. They are working towards their upcoming international awareness project and they are working towards increasing self-esteem, being a friend to others, and acknowledging acts of kindness. For Valentine's Day, they had a field trip to the senior citizens home Colonial Springs and gave Valentine cards to residents. The Club also hosted Arrive Alive @25 for area teens in the month of March.

## PRESIDENT-ELECT TRAINING



*Columbia Leaders for 2016-2017: Rollie Hausmann (Asst Governor), David Nivens (South), Cale Kliethermes (Northwest), Sarah Read (Metro), Nadej (Rotaract), John Baker (Downtown), Don Ladd (Sunrise)*

Annually the president-elects and secretaries for Districts 6080, 6040, and 6060 come together for training in Jefferson City in March or April. This year they met for training on April 1st and 2nd and over 150 clubs were represented. The training was excellent as were the speakers: Rotary International Director Karen Wentz, Past District Governor and polio survivor Ann Lee Hussey and Floyd Lancia, Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator. David Bixler, District Governor - Elect led the training for district 6080.

## ROTARY DISTRICT 6080 HOLDS MILLION DOLLAR DINNER



*John Hawthorne (Springfield Sunrise), David Bixler (Springfield Metro) and Duane Sterling (Warrensburg)*

Rotary District 6080 held a Million Dollar Dinner April 23 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, in honor of the late Mike Beahon, past district governor. Leading up to the dinner, more than \$2 million was raised, which will help fund Rotary's final efforts to eradicate polio, a disease that once paralyzed more than 1,000 children worldwide every day. More than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries have been immunized and only two endemic countries remain. So far this year, only nine polio cases have been reported in the entire world. Raymond Plue, past district governor and current Rotary Foundation chair, organized the event and Ray Klingensmith, past president of Rotary International and current chair of The Rotary Foundation, was the speaker. The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs.

## BRANSON DAYBREAKERS PRESENT CHECKS TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



*Curtis Fudge, president of Branson Daybreakers, presenting check to the Women's Crisis Center*

At the April 28th meeting of the Branson Daybreakers Rotary Club a check was presented to the local DAV chapter for \$1,800. This brings to over \$5,200 that the Daybreakers have raised for the year for the DAV. Also, at

the April 28th meeting a check was presented for \$3,000 to the Women's Crisis Center of Taney County. This money was raised at the Daybreaker's annual chili cookoff in February.

## **WILLIAM WOODS (FULTON) ROTARACT CLUB CHARTERED**



*District Governor Steve Dulle with the William Woods Rotaract Club*

The Rotaract Club of William Woods University received its charter April 20. Steve Dulle, governor of Rotary District 6080, presented the charter to the president, Baylie Borman. Twenty five students are members of the club, which was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fulton.

The new club has already undertaken several service projects. They assisted Fulton Rotary with the Callaway Cup Mouse Races to raise money for community needs; helped stain the fence at the Coalition Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV); planted a tree at William Woods in celebration of Arbor Day and Earth Day; and helped at the Fulton Soup Kitchen.

## **NEW ROTARY CLUB IN COLUMBIA CHARTERED**

The Rotary Club of Columbia Evening was chartered recently with 30 charter members. The club meets Monday evenings from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. at the Grand Cru restaurant. Mary Ropp leads this energetic group as President.



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