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**District 6080 Monthly Newsletter**

## **Notes from the Governor**

**Someone ask me the other day, “Why did you join Rotary.”** I wanted to be able to say that I had this altruistic idea of helping make the world a better place, but the truth is that I joined Rotary to make connections with other people, hoping those connections would lead to a more successful business. Low and behold it worked. However, it took a whole lot longer than I was planning on—fifteen years longer to be exact.

Building relationships in Rotary takes an investment of time. Showing up to meetings, taking part in projects, making social events a priority, volunteering to take on a leadership role all lead to meeting and getting to know more people. The more people you get to know, the more opportunities you have to get to know more people. Before you know it, your world gets bigger and bigger.

This person asked a second question, **“Is getting to know other people why you’re still in Rotary.”** It gave me pause for a few minutes to really stop and think about why I stay in Rotary. I came up with 3 reasons. First, I cherish all the relationships I have now all over the world.

They have become a very significant part of my life. Second, I do like the idea that working with others in Rotary I can make a difference in the world. How cool is that. Finally, the opportunities that Rotary has given and continues to give me for personal growth and development as a leader and more importantly as a human being are immeasurable. The more I invest the more this organization gives back to me in exponential quantities. My wish for you is that you take advantage of the opportunities that Rotary has to offer so that you can experience the difference between living well and a life well lived.

**David Bixler**





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# Out of Africa, in to Kansas City



**JUNE 16 & 17, 2017**

**KANSAS CITY AIRPORT EMBASSY SUITES • KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

## **Join us**

... as Rotarians from Africa and the USA come together to enjoy fellowship and celebrate the centennial of our dynamic Rotary Foundation.

Rotarians from Kansas City area districts will host African Rotarians, providing transportation and companionship to our guests during this celebratory weekend.

## **Friday ... Get acquainted!**

An evening reception at the Embassy Suites will allow us all to become acquainted – a great way to build friendships and relationships.

## **Saturday ... Explore our city**

Hosts and guests will tour local attractions of our guests' choosing. Midday the Rotary Club of Kansas City will host a luncheon at the beautiful Rotary Youth Camp.

## **Saturday night ... Celebrate**

A banquet and program will celebrate The Rotary Foundation's 100 years of helping Rotarians advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, education and alleviation of poverty.

## **Book your hotel now!**

Rooms at the Embassy Suites are available at the special rate of \$119 per night. To make your reservation, call or go online.

- Call 1-800-362-2779 from the USA or 1-816-891-7788 if calling internationally. Specify "Rotary" or the code "ROT."
- Go to <http://rotary13.org/page/outofafrica>, and select the "Hotel Info" page.

## **Register now!**

And it's easy to do online! Your registration of \$75/person includes both receptions and lunch and dinner on Saturday.



<http://rotary13.org/page/outofafrica>  
Check here for full details



## Nominations for District Governor for 2020-2021

Dear Rotarians,

We are now accepting applications for District Governor for Rotary District 6080 for the Rotary year 2020-2021. The deadline for submittal is June 15, 2017 and the Governor Nominee Form is located on the District 6080 website at <http://www.rotary6080.org/district-forms/>.

The nominee must have been a club president. For more information contact **Joe Beltz (cell: [417-331-1128](tel:417-331-1128); email: [b4farm@centurylink.net](mailto:b4farm@centurylink.net))** or **Steve Dulle (cell: [573-268-4748](tel:573-268-4748); email: [sdulle.rotary6080@gmail.com](mailto:sdulle.rotary6080@gmail.com))**

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## **Celebrate with us in Atlanta**

It's just a few months until we'll be together at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta - 11-14 June - celebrating The Rotary Foundation's 100th anniversary, networking with old and new friends, and enriching our Rotary experience. If you haven't registered yet, there's still time, and you can save if you register by 31 March. If you've already registered, be sure to invite your Rotary friends.

**Register at: [RIConvention.org](http://RIConvention.org)**



## Refugees Need Food. Can You Help?

Lindsey Robison of the Springfield Southeast Rotary has traveled several times to Erbil, Kurdistan, in northern Iraq. Through his friends in Erbil and other relief organizations, he has been able to arrange much needed help to thousands of refugees who have made their way out of war-torn Syria and Iraq. Southeast Rotary has contributed funds to help get two shipments to this area of the world. He is now in the process of arranging yet another shipment of 300,000 meal portions of fortified rice to Erbil.

This part of the world has experienced the largest dispersion of people from their homes and countries since WWII. As the success of coalition forces has pressed into formerly held ISIS strongholds, a huge population has been trapped, including thousands of orphans, needing help and aid. Lindsey, a Vietnam veteran, and another former Gulf War veteran will travel to Erbil in March to follow up on the shipments that have been sent and meet with city leaders about future collaboration that we might bring to this area of the world.

The photos barely tell the story. I have attached a link that shares more current video about the devastating circumstances that these unfortunate people are dealing with <http://www.bringhope.info/blog/videos>. Food and aid are distributed without regard to ethnic origin or religion. I hope you will consider partnering with Lindsey and The Messiah Project with a special donation. The food is provided by Convoy of Hope and Mr. Robison is raising money to cover the cost of shipping, which is approximately \$8000 USD.



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## Harlem Ambassadors Coming To Fulton

FULTON, MO—Hoops and hijinks are coming to Fulton on Jan. 15 when our very own local challengers, the Callaway Hoopsters, take on the Harlem Ambassadors in a comedy basketball show the whole family will enjoy. The show starts at 3 p.m. in the Westminster College gymnasium and will last about two hours, with an autograph session afterward.

The event is hosted by the Rotary Club of Fulton, Fulton Kiwanis and SERVE, with proceeds benefiting community projects.

"We have scoured the region for skilled – and sometimes unskilled – players to take on the powerful Ambassadors," said Jennifer Books, president-elect of Fulton Rotary. "What our team lacks in skill, they make up for in heart. Buy your tickets today and you'll be able to witness how our enthusiastic local talent stacks up against the Ambassadors. It's going to be a match-up we won't soon forget."

The Callaway Hoopsters will be coached by Charlie James, a Rotarian who is better known for his baseball skills as he played for the 1964 World Champion St. Louis Cardinals.

The Hoopsters team includes TJ Quick, Ashley Windmiller, Justin Gilmore, Sara McDaniel, Crystal Kent, Kirt Kleindienst, Logan Decker, Gabe Craighead, Kevin Coffelt, Talisha Washington, Kate Osborn, Gary Jungerman, Matt Gowin, Beth Houf, Katie Finley, Tim Borman, Kendal Brandt, Matt Miller, Heath Lepper and Jeremy Washington.

The Harlem Ambassadors' show features high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ball-handling tricks, hilarious comedy, music, dancing, games with kids in the audience and free autographs after the show. Children from the YMCA of Callaway County will be involved in the halftime show.

The Harlem Ambassadors have performed more than 2,800 comedy basketball shows as fundraising and community entertainment events for non-profit organizations, the U.S. military and community service groups since 1998. These events have helped raise over \$10 million for communities in 50 states and 20 countries.

The Ambassadors have appeared at Pearl Harbor, Bosnia, Kosovo, Sarejevo, Korea, Japan, the Marshall Islands, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Georgia, Mexico, Germany, England and Canada. Learn more about the Ambassadors' team, history and tour schedule at [www.harlemambassadors.com](http://www.harlemambassadors.com).

"We're proud to give communities quality family entertainment that parents, grandparents and kids can enjoy together and make memories that last a lifetime," Harlem Ambassadors president Dale Moss said. "Even people who aren't basketball fans love our show because it's two hours of fun and laughter for a great cause. Plus, where else can you see your neighbor, your co-worker, your granddaughter's coach, or your son's teacher play against professional athletes? This is an event you do not want to miss."

Advance tickets are \$7 for students/seniors and \$9 for adults. At-the-door prices are \$9 for students/seniors and \$11 for adults. Kids 4 and under are free. Tickets on sale at YMCA of Callaway County, American Midwest Insurance Group, Clothes Cupboard, SERVE, and from Kiwanis and Rotary members.

Community sponsors include Ovid Bell Press, IEC, Cunningham Farms, Peak Sport & Spine, Callaway Carriers, Central Bank, Baymont Inn & Suites, Farmers' Mutual of Callaway County, Westminster College, Fresh Ideas and 54 Country.

For more information, contact Jennifer Books (573.489.1431) or Mary Martin (573.826.0009).

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### CUTLINE:

Harlem Ambassador Patric Massey amazes the audience with his upside-down dunk. The audience will experience spectacular, high-flying slam dunks, hoops, hijinks and comic antics during the Harlem Ambassadors show at 3 p.m. Jan. 15 in the Westminster College gym.



## Fulton Rotary Sponsors Mouse Races to Raise Funds for Service Projects

FULTON, MO—Racing mice will help the Rotary Club of Fulton raise money to support service projects in Callaway County. The club will hold the second annual Callaway Cup Mouse Races starting at 6:30 p.m. March 11 at 54 Country, 400 Gaylord Drive, in Fulton.

Live mice will be coaxed to travel through a miniature racecourse at fast speeds. Spectators will be invited to make bets, with all proceeds going to support the club's charitable work in the community.

“We held our first mouse races a year ago and in addition to being a lot of fun, we raised \$4,200 and were able to help out the Coalition Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV) and other local organizations,” said Charlie Anderson, president of Fulton Rotary. “I hope the public will take the opportunity to come out, have a good time and support Fulton Rotary’s community service projects.”

Similar to a night at the dog or horse races, each person attending receives a program at the door with the mice running in each of the 10 heats. They can then go to one of the betting tables and place bets on the mouse they will run down the tube the fastest.

Along with racing, the night features Mouse Roulette where individuals buy a playing card for a minimal amount with the opportunity to win a large sum. The cards are placed in a circle with a mouse released in the center; the winner is the person with the card the mouse steps on first.

Single admission tickets for the event are \$20 and couples’ tickets are \$30. Each admission ticket comes with a raffle ticket. Purchase of a table of eight for \$150 entitles the participants to eight attendee tickets, eight raffle tickets and eight bottomless beer and soda cups.

Race sponsorships are available for \$100 per race and include two tickets to the event. Both table sponsors and race sponsors will be included in the race program. In addition, mice can be sponsored; the cost is \$10 per mouse. Mouse betting, a silent auction and raffles are planned. Food and beverages, including \$5 bottomless beer and soda cups, will be available for purchase.

For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Tammy Wickham at [twickham@naught-naught.com](mailto:twickham@naught-naught.com). To donate a silent auction item, contact Jennifer Books at [jenniferlbooks@hotmail.com](mailto:jenniferlbooks@hotmail.com). Tickets to the mouse races are available at Atlas Physical Therapy, Central Bank, Don Woodson’s State Farm or from any Fulton Rotarian.

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## Former outbound Youth Exchange Student to Peru is Nominated as District 6080's Global Scholar for 2017

Before departing on my Rotary Youth Exchange to Peru in 2012, I never imagined how impactful the experience would be on all aspects of my life. I was able to meet some of my best friends and make meaningful connections with people from all over the world, including my incredible host family. I learned a new language and was forced to grow up and make difficult decisions for myself. I discovered new passions and decided on a career path I had never considered before. These are just a few ways in which my life was influenced by that one decision to apply to the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. My experiences in Peru set me apart from the rest of my peers and assisted me in acquisition of a full ride scholarship at Saint Louis University. I now have innumerable things to talk about in interviews or when meeting new people. Recently, my association with Rotary has allowed me to attend graduate school at any international institution without having to worry about paying the high prices of many graduate programs. I was awarded the Rotary Global Grant Scholarship from District 6080, which will pay for my master's degree in Plant Taxonomy and Biodiversity. Rotary is an incredible organization that has impacted my life in more ways than I can mention and I will forever be grateful for the opportunities it has allowed me.



# Save the Date!

## May 7

### Playground equipment dedication and camp work day

**Who is invited:** Everyone. Bring the family and enjoy the day.

Come meet some campers, help us dedicate the new playground equipment, and work on some projects with fellow Rotarians from around the district.

Put your crew together and come join the fun at Wonderland Camp.

**PICNIC IN THE PARK:** District 6080 is sponsoring lunch, "Picnic In The Park", PDG Jerry W. Franklin and Wonderland Camp Foundation Board members will be grilling. **Must RSVP** for head count for lunch

**WORK CREWS:** Please **RSVP by Rotary Club** if you wish to participate in work activities, include number, include preferences, please identify any special skills such as grunt labor, carpentry, concrete finish, electrical, plumbing, etc. We'll match skills and interests to tasks in advance to be more efficient

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** Clubs and individuals may continue to contribute. Funds collected outside of the District Simplified Grant Match Funds will go to assist in the building of accessible restrooms next to the Rotary Playground. The Rotary logo will be on it as will the picture of the first Rotary Community Project: an outhouse in downtown Chicago. We've come full circle.

**RECONITIONS:** Clubs that were left off the last recognition or have since pledged or contributed to this project include: Boonville, Branson Daybreakers, Camdenton, Columbia Sunrise SW, Nixa and the lead club Warrensburg

**For more information or to register your team email :**

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