



## Rotarians attend Project Fair in Cali, Colombia

Sixteen representatives of Rotary District 6080 and two Rotarians from District 6110 flew to Cali, Colombia, in January to attend a Project Fair put on by the two Colombian districts, District 4271 and District 4281. The Colombia Rotarians were gracious and welcoming hosts, arranged sightseeing and even threw a Super Bowl party for their guests.

During the two-day project fair, 69 Rotary clubs (including some Rotaract and Interact clubs) made presentations outlining community service projects they wished to conduct in their communities and for which they were seeking additional funding. All of the projects aligned with one of Rotary's six Areas of Focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.

Representing Missouri, in addition to District Governor Paul Reinert, were Harry Beckett and Judy and Jim Elliott of Columbia South, Mary Ann Beahon of Fulton, Kay Caskey and Myron Ousley of Butler, Rowland Geddie of Springfield Sunrise, Jim Gorst, Sue Marshall and Linda Saturno of Springfield, Cathy and Jim Libey of Jefferson City Evening, Joyce and Larry Thomas of Rolla, and Marty Walker of Columbia. In addition, John Sawyer of Bixby, Okla., and Nathan Crowder of Rogers (Ark.) Downtown joined the group.

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# Memories of Colombia—Project Fair Presentations



Sixty-seven clubs from Colombia and two from Venezuela presented requests for funding for projects in Rotary's Areas of Focus.

# Memories of Colombia—Salsa Dancing Lessons



*Marty Walker*



*Linda Saturno*



*Paul Reinert*



*Judy Elliott*

# Memories of Colombia—The Food



# Memories of Colombia—Sightseeing



Cat Park - Parque El Gato De Tejada - A park with one large cat sculpture and 15 smaller ones, all painted by different Colombian artists. The park got its name from the creator of a giant bronze cat sculpture, Hernando Tejada. The giant sculpture, called El Gato Rio – the River Cat, was erected on the banks of Cali River in 1996.



Cristo Rey (Christ the King) is a statue 85.3 feet tall located in the Cerro de los Cristales (Hill of the Crystals), west of Cali, Colombia. The hill is so named because of the large amount of quartz that could be collected in the surrounding area.

The statue was inaugurated on Oct. 25, 1953, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of the War of a Thousand Days in which Liberals and Conservatives fought a bloody civil war. It is made of iron and concrete, with a mass of 464 tons. The site offers a spectacular view of the city of Cali.



As people ascend or descend the hill they can see the work of artist Carlos Andrés Gómez. This work is known as the biblical scenes of Golgotha. The figures, modeled with cement and clay, range from 19.6 inches to 16.4 feet high and extend over 3 miles.



*National Palace, administrative center*



*Iglesia La Ermita, built between 1930 and 1948*



*Cerro De Las Tres Cruces (Hill of the Three Crosses)*



(left) Street artist painting typical haciendas.



(below) Street vendor making lemonade from sugar cane and lemons. Also, a tour of the Sugar Cane Museum.



*Hacienda El Paraiso, known worldwide as the setting for the Latin American romanticism summit novel: María, masterpiece of Colombian writer Jorge Isaacs.*





Colombian DGs Ligia Gonzales Chavez and Maria Claudia Perez Lopez with Paul Reinert.



Harry Beckett joins Colombia musicians to entertain.



DG Paul Reinert meets travelers at the airport.



Enjoying time with other Rotarians during free time in Cali, Colombia



Far left, some of the entertainment at lunch Sunday at La Tinaja Restaurante y Bar.

Center, Paul Reinert receives a gift from Carlos Saavedra, chair of the project fair committee.

Left, Enjoying the Super Bowl in Spanish, Larry and Joyce Thomas of Rolla and John Sawyer of Bixby, Okla.



Current and former Rotary Youth Exchange students who helped with translation at the project fair. (left to right: Colombia to Slovakia, Colombia to Brazil, and Belgium to Colombia).



Saturday night dinner in Cali, Colombia. These are 10 of the 17 Missouri/Oklahoma delegates to the conference.

## Around the District



(left) **Butler Rotary Club** president Lee McLain presents a check for \$7,377.15 to Rotarian Ron Dunlap for the Salvation Army. Butler Rotarians rang bells at Walmart for three weekends and the Interact Club from Butler High School helped one Sunday.



**Three Columbia Rotary clubs** are conducting a successful youth mentoring program called Reach Out Metro ([reachoutmetro.com](http://reachoutmetro.com)), to help youth and young adults (ages 16 to 26 ) make the connections they need to move forward and succeed in jobs and in life. Sponsoring clubs for 2019-20 are Columbia Metro, Rotary Club of Columbia (Downtown), Sunrise Southwest and Rotaract. Rotary Resources include programs, job shadowing, field trips, service projects, career speakers and other opportunities to learn skills and connect with others in the community.

In December, volunteers trained 50 youth from three Columbia high schools in dialogue skills as part of a partnership with the district's gifted program. They also have done several training sessions with the Interact club at Battle, which has been designated as the student arm of the school district's diversity initiatives. Students from Interact have been serving as small group moderators for the district's new "Parent University" program and one of the Interactors was the moderator for that program's recent panel discussion, so the students are putting their training to good use.



**Marshfield Rotary Club** held a "Romance Raffle" Feb. 8 , raising quite a bit of money with a \$5,000 cash prize awarded to the grand prize winner.



**Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary** has the following upcoming events: Winterfest – Feb. 22 at 5:30 p.m. at Margaritaville Resort Osage Beach. Tickets are \$60 per person. Magic Dragon Car Raffle - May 2 at 5 p.m. drawing at the Magic Dragon Street Meet Nationals. This year they are raffling off a 2020 Camaro LT1. Tickets are \$20 each with a maximum of 2,500 to be sold.



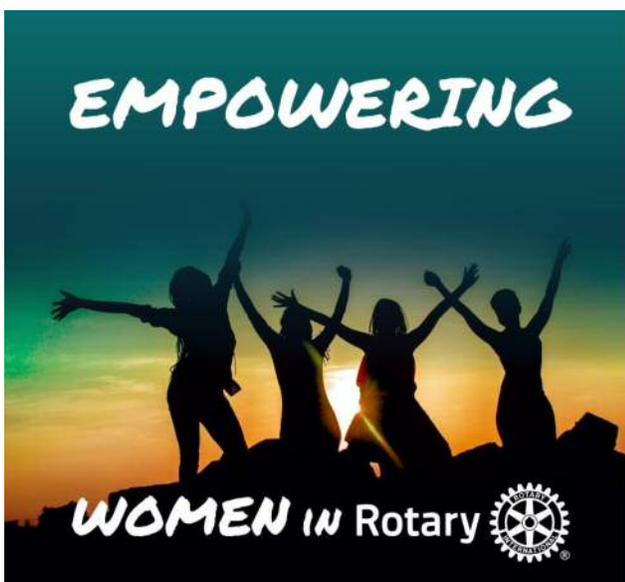
**Columbia South Rotary** member Judy Elliott and her husband, Jim, promoted literacy and good will by delivering three suitcases of children's books to disadvantaged children in Mexico. The books were donated by club members and Scholastic and were delivered at a Three Kings party. The Elliotts later attended a Zihuatanejo Rotary Club meeting.

**Columbia Northwest Rotary**, through Love, INC, purchased and delivered beds to the homes of families in transition, as well as participated in Heart of Missouri United Way's Day of Caring. Several members read to the children at West Boulevard Elementary School weekly, participate in their classrooms as adult mentors, go to field trips, participate in Doughnuts for Dads, Veteran's Day, Christmas and other celebrations. The club annually hosts the school's choir to a special Christmas lunch at the Country Club of Missouri where the choir is invited to perform. Club members also deliver Meals on Wheels.



**The Rotary Club of Table Rock Lake** will host Reeds Spring Cajun Days on Saturday, May 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the City Hall grounds in downtown Reeds Spring.

Cajun Days is an outdoor festival that features live musical acts, food vendors, and craft booths. Money raised from sponsors and vendor fees is used to fund the Rotary Club of Table Rock Lake's many community enrichment projects. For more information, contact Ben Fisher at [benfisher099@gmail.com](mailto:benfisher099@gmail.com).



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# District 6080 Rotary



Rotary Greetings to All of You!

As you will see from this newsletter, there continues to be a lot of activity in our Rotary District. Here are some of the highlights along with my sincere requests for action from each of you.

Applications are being accepted through May 15 for District Matching grants for the next Rotary year. District Governor-Elect Jacque Howard has completed the allocation of potential grant money to the clubs and again this year is offering the opportunity for additional funding from “flex” grants. These funds are made possible from contributions you made three years ago to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation. Your support results in an opportunity for direct funding to each club for projects in your community.

As we are in the last months of our Rotary year ending in June, now is the time to make a financial donation to the Annual Fund. My goal and expectation is that every Rotarian in our district steps up and considers a donation – the size is a personal matter, the act of donating is part of being a Rotarian. The District is still offering to match any cash donation that will enable you to reach the next level of Paul Harris Recognition status. Ask your President or Foundation Chair for more information.

Please plan on joining us in Springfield April 17–19 for our District Conference with a full schedule of fun, fellowship, great speakers and all in the beautiful Queen City of the Ozarks! District Governor-Elect Jacque Howard is hosting Club Leadership Training for incoming club officers and board members on Friday afternoon. We have special Rotary rates at the Doubletree (\$99/night) and registration is open on dac.db, Rotary6080.org or by clicking on [https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/S/SGFDTDT-RDC-20200417/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/S/SGFDTDT-RDC-20200417/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG). Register for the District Conference now and save \$30. Pay just \$120 until March 18; after that, it will be \$150.

Thank you for your contribution to Rotary and service to your community and the world. We really are making a difference as “Rotary Connects the World”!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Paul Reinert  
District Governor 2019 -2020