



District 6080 Rotarians,

January was a sad month for District 6080. We lost two outstanding Rotarians, PDG Jacqueline “Jacque” Howard and PDG Duane Sterling. Jacque was District Governor in 2020-21 and was currently our Rotary Exchange Youth Protection Officer, as well as the District Peacebuilding Chair. She will be missed by all that knew her sweet, caring personality. Duane was District Governor in 1987-88, GM of The Rotary Foundation, Aide to RI President Ray Klinginsmith, and multiple other important roles at the RI level. A true gentleman, Duane too will be missed.

February is Rotary’s Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month. As Rotarians, let us all try to create an environment of peace and harmony in our communities and around the world. By supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, we can address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, education and mental health issues.

As we start to get closer to the end of this Rotary year, I’d like to remind all Rotarians of three district initiatives. First, membership—with strong, active members, Rotary clubs can make a significant difference in changing our communities! I think we hear the phrase “Give the gift of Rotary” quite a bit. What does it mean to you? I believe many Rotarians think about it in regards to The Foundation, which I do think is every Rotarian’s obligation. But to me, giving the gift of Rotary is simply an introduction of Rotary to someone who is a person of goodwill, lives the four way test and wants their community and world to be a better place.

Secondly, The Rotary Foundation should be the obligation of every Rotarian. I listened to a presentation by one of the Foundation directors and he pointed out that the directors never decide where to spend funds; only Rotary clubs have the ability to decide how we use the Foundation to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment and alleviating poverty. How many other charitable organizations can say they let donors direct where 100 percent of the funds are utilized?

Lastly, I was personally thrilled when I heard RI President Elect Gordon McInally talk about his initiatives for next Rotary year. One of those is focusing on mental health. He said Rotary members should offer hope to those affected by mental health challenges and Rotary should work to improve mental health services next year and beyond. This goes along with District 6060 to assist young girls by bringing awareness, support, treatment and prevention of mental issues.

Please save the date for the District 6080 Conference May 5-6 in Springfield. Also, it is not too late to sign up for the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. Thank you for all you are doing in our communities and the world!!

John Horton
DG 6080 2022-2023
Springfield Southeast

Send your news items and photos to District Secretary Mary Ann Beahon at beahon.rotary@gmail.com



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hope.**



Rotary Districts 6040, 6060 and 6080 are partnering with Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls®, which provides new shoes and socks to orphans and vulnerable children in the United States and throughout the world.

Through a year-long project, Rotarians will donate new shoes to put children on the path to health, education, hope and opportunity.



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**



Kick-off will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 23, during PETS. All attendees are asked to each bring a NEW pair of shoes for children or teens (no open-toed shoes).



Registration Open for Summer RYLA Academy

The Missouri RYLA Academy (MO RYLA) is a four-day/three-night service leadership academy that introduces Rotary's "Service Above Self" philosophy. The curriculum, developed and administered by professional educators, includes a personality self-assessment, team building activities, and a two-day service project simulation. Our program is recognized by Rotary International as one of the model RYLA programs in the world.



We will be hosting two academies on the campus of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg for summer 2023: **Session 1:** Sunday, June 25 thru Wednesday, June 28 and **Session 2:** Sunday, July 9 thru Wednesday, July 12.

Rotary clubs have the opportunity to promote the academy and sponsor their local high school students to attend. There is not a cap or limit on the number of participants a club can send. Students are allowed to select their own preferred academy session date, with each session maxed at 100 participants. The registration fee is \$500.00 per student.

The program is designed for incoming high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. We do not accept incoming freshmen. There is no GPA requirement and family members of Rotarians, such as children or grandchildren, are eligible to attend.

We strongly recommend that you do not delay selecting and registering students. Many families make their summer plans months in advance, and we find that is the number one reason why selected students must decline the opportunity to participate. Due to the success of the academy, spaces fill quickly. The official registration link for the 2023 sessions went live on the www.missouriryala.com website January 1st, 2023.

The most common question from clubs is how do clubs find and select students to attend? Many clubs work with their local high school guidance counselors to find the right kind of students. What does that mean? We are looking for students who have a heart for service.



2022 Session 1 participants



2022 Session 2 participants

It is important to take note of the following deadlines:

January 1, 2023: Sign up/registration for both sessions opened

April 30, 2023: Sign up/registration for both sessions closes

May 22, 2023: Last day for \$475 club refund if your student withdraws

January-May 22, 2023: If your club has a student withdraw before May 22 and your club does **NOT** want a refund, you can sign up a replacement with **either** gender.

May 23-June 5, 2023: If your club has a student withdraw after May 23, you can sign up a replacement with a student of the **same** gender.

Missouri RYLA Academy website: www.missouriryla.com

Rotary Club Selection Tips: <http://www.missouriryla.com/helpful-selection-tips>

Rotary Club Student Sign Up Instructions: <http://www.missouriryla.com/stepbystep-instructions-to-electronically-sign-up-a-student>

Rotary Club Student Sign Up Link: <http://www.missouriryla.com/rotary-club-sign-up-form>

A letter to school educators and counselors:

<http://www.missouriryla.com/letter-to-school-counselor-educator>

Marketing Fliers:

<http://www.missouriryla.com/modern-promo-flyer>

<http://www.missouriryla.com/traditional-promo-flyer>

Read what MO RYLA grads are up to: <http://www.missouriryla.com/rylarian-graduates>

After Rotary clubs have registered and paid for their selected students, I will work with your club, students and their families directly to finish their registration process.

Please feel free to check back to the web site from time to time to see our updates and learn more about this internationally acclaimed Rotary International youth program!

I look forward to working with you and your club. For any questions, please contact me at 816-673-6818 or missouriryla@gmail.com.

Valerie Anderson, Executive Director



Rotary Service Abounds Around District 6080



A new Scout troop was organized in Columbia as a joint venture between Columbia South Rotary and Impact Rotary. The charter for Troop 60 was presented from the Scouts of America on Dec 13. Both Rotary clubs contributed financially to start the troop and members of both clubs serve on the troop committee and in Scout adult leadership roles.



Left: Impact Rotary President Heather Hargrove accepts a plaque from Alan Hillard, charter representative of Impact Rotary, and Aaro Froese, Scout District Executive (Great Rivers Council). Above (left to right): Heather Hargrove, Aaro Froese, Alan Hillard, Scoutmaster Mike Colvin and Columbia South member Willis Kohler.

Rose Bowl Parade—Nick Rackers of Jefferson City Evening Rotary helped assemble Rotary International’s parade entry, which won the Princess Award. Rotary’s connection to the Tournament of Roses Parade dates to 1923 when the Rotary Club of Pasadena entered this float. Today, the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee heads up the effort. Members, clubs, and districts donate all the money for the floats, which over the years have depicted Rotary’s efforts to eradicate polio, commitment to service, and various programs.



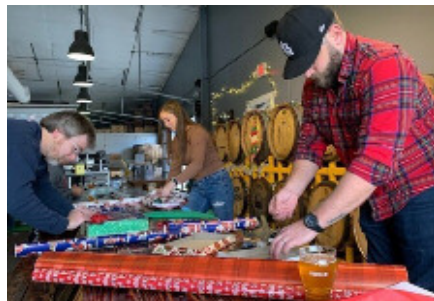
Branson-Hollister--The Taneyhills Library has made good use of the 2022 Flavor of the Ozarks grant money. The first shipment of books has arrived.



Springfield Sunrise: Service and Camaraderie



The Third Annual Springfield Sunrise Rotary Christmas Wrapping Social in December provided gifts for two families, including seven children. The event combines a club social with a community service project. Partnering with CASA of Southwest Missouri to fulfill the children's Christmas wish lists, Sunrise Rotary members donated over \$1,000. They say shopping and delivering the Christmas presents to the children fills everyone's hearts with joy.



Postcard challenge—Springfield Sunrise Rotary Club Sergeant At Arms Anthony (AKA: Sarge) Roberts has done an excellent job of both entertaining and keeping members engaged through his postcard challenge at club meetings. During the first six months of Anthony's service as Sarge, he asked the Sunrise Rotary Club members to send him postcards from their travels.

This was a unique way to build stronger relationships between members and to enhance meeting participation. Anthony displays photos of the postcards and shares the postcard messages, generating a quick Q & A session from the members about the traveled adventures. Judy Hadsall, dubbed "the Traveler," added fun to the challenge by sending a series of postcards anonymously with hidden clues for Anthony to unravel. At times, Anthony was perplexed but he stayed persistent by using his investigative skills to eventually expose Judy as "the Traveler."

Anthony has received over a 100 postcards. He has enhanced his postcard challenge by encouraging members to not only to keep sending him postcards, but to also send postcards to other Sunrise Rotary Club members. Anthony wants to share with the membership the joy he feels when he receives a postcard in his mail. He has secretly selected 10 members within the membership as star postcard recipients. The member who sends the most postcards to a star recipient receives grand recognition from the Sarge.

This is just one example of the many ways the Sunrise Rotary club membership continues to work on building internal relationships to strengthen the club's camaraderie between new and veteran members. Whether it is participating in a service project, social club event, or attending other area Rotary club meetings, securing the internal relationships between club members is one of the key elements of outreach success to increase the club's membership and community engagement opportunities.

Annual Metro Rotary Trivia Night

Presenting Sponsor: Tom Rose

5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2023

**Annual fundraiser benefits Boy Scouts Great Rivers Council and other
Metro Rotary charities!**

A \$35 single ticket or \$275 table of 8 includes:

- dinner buffet catered by Big Daddy's BBQ
- beer, soft drinks, set-ups and,
- Most importantly - Trivia!
- 50/50 Raffle
- Tickets are available and from any Metro Rotarian, or
- email Les Borgmeyer: les.borgmeyer@gmail.com
- email Shane Winter: swinter@midamerica.net
- <https://columbiametrorotary.org/trivia-night/>

Doors open at 5:30; Dinner at 5:45; Trivia at 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall 2525 N Stadium Blvd. Columbia, MO 65203



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February 11, 2023
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Doors Open at 5:00pm
Dinner at 5:30pm
Raffle begins at 6:30pm

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The Rotary motto is "service above self".



Marshfield Rotary club was founded in 1968 and has provided community service for 46 years.

Rotary Days at the Zou!

Columbia South Rotary has arranged a terrific outing for Rotarians to enjoy exciting Mizzou basketball at a great price – AND half of the ticket price goes to charity!



One game or two - it's your choice!

Here's the deal:

- Come fill Mizzou Arena when Coach Pingeton & her Tigers host Mississippi State on **Thursday Feb 16, 7 pm.**

- Then join Coach Gates and the Tigers as they face the Texas A&M Aggies on **Saturday, Feb 18, 5 pm.**

One game or two at a price you can't beat. **Tickets just \$10, with \$5 coming back to Rotary to support worthy causes.**

This is **open to all Rotarians, family or friends**, so spread the word - no limit, although recently MU mens' games have sold out.

Simply click on this link, select the game(s) you choose, follow the prompts, and the tickets come directly to you electronically.

<https://offer.fevo.com/rotary-club-of-columbia-fundraiser--d4f555d>

Let's rock Mizzou arena and support the Tigers AND a worthy cause.



UNO Tournament

Fun for the
whole family

Feb. 17 at 6 p.m.

Benefiting youth projects of Jefferson City Evening Rotary

Get your group together for a night of fun
at Grace Episcopal Church, 217 Adams St.

Space is limited. Get your tickets at:

<https://jefferson-city-evening-rotary.square.site>

\$15 per person—includes **chili and chili dog supper**
and one “Really Wild” Uno card. Additional “Really Wild”
UNO cards available for purchase. There will be only
ONE winner!

Jefferson City Evening
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Branson-
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mini-GOLF Tournament

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SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

SHOTGUN START @ 1PM

TEAM OF 4: \$50 - FAMILIES WELCOME!

HOLE SPONSORSHIP: \$100 (INCLUDES TEAM OF 4)

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CONTACT JEFF LONG FOR INFO AT A1JLONG@AOL.COM

The Rotary Club of Fulton Missouri
invites you to attend its
Centennial Celebration Banquet
on **March 15, 2023**
(the anniversary of our club's chartering in 1923)

at the **Brick District Playhouse**
613 Court Street, Fulton, MO 65251

Cocktail Hour 5:00-6:00

Banquet 6:00

Honoring 100 years of service to our community
with a **1920's Great Gatsby Theme**

(feel free to dress for the era)

Tickets can be purchased for \$30 each at the link below through

March 1

<https://givebutter.com/8f08BU>

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