



District 6080 Rotarians,

World Polio Day, Oct. 24, is fast approaching. I hope that every club in District 6080 is planning some event to raise awareness of the drive to eradicate polio or to raise money for the Polio Plus Fund of The Rotary Foundation. Polio remains endemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan, with 40 cases reported by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative as of Sept. 28. That's an increase from last year, so we have to continue our efforts to vaccinate children across the world to prevent this crippling disease.

Consider one or more of these ideas that were provided in an e-mail from Susan Haralson, our District 6080 Polio Plus Chair:

- Host a Club presentation by doctors or health experts or a District leader;
- Set up a booth in a shopping mall, farmers market or other public space, with members wearing End Polio Now t-shirts;
- Organize a walk or bike ride with other clubs;
- Establish a fundraiser on Facebook;
- Collect loose change during October during Club meetings'
- Have a bake sale close to October 24<sup>th</sup>; or
- Hold an auction of a donated item—a painting, tickets to a sporting event, a great bottle of wine, etc.

Whatever your event, don't forget to publicize it on social media and beyond. Also, register your event at <https://www.endpolio.org/register-your-event>. Let's continue to show support for Rotary's top service project and End Polio Now!

We will hold our District Conference right after World Polio Day and I hope you will join us Saturday, Oct. 26, at the DoubleTree in Springfield. See the flyer in this newsletter for registration information. In addition to RI Director-elect Brian Hall, we'll have speakers about The Rotary Foundation, international service projects, youth exchange, membership and more! PDG Jimmy Standfast will present Foundation awards to Belton-Raymore, Boonville, Branson Daybreakers, Branson-Hollister, Central Missouri Warrensburg, Clinton, Columbia South, Columbia-Metro, Fulton, Jefferson City Breakfast, Jefferson City Evening, Springfield, Springfield Metro, Springfield North, Springfield Southeast, Springfield Sunrise, Thayer-Mammoth Spring, West Plains Sunrise and Willow Springs. You won't want to miss this opportunity for training and fellowship.

Rowland Geddie  
District Governor 2024-25  
Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise



Send your news items and photos to District Secretary Mary Ann Beahon at [beahon.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:beahon.rotary@gmail.com)



# ELECT TO ATTEND

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## THE 2024 ROTARY DISTRICT 6080 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

*Saturday, October 26 - 9 a.m.-9 p.m.*

*Doubletree by Hilton, Springfield*

*Book by Oct. 11 to get discounted hotel rate of \$139 plus tax. Reservations:  
<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/sgfdtdt-rd6-00aa8971-bd87-42a3-90d5-49af536886ee/>*

*To book over the phone, call 417-831-3131 and use the group code RD6*

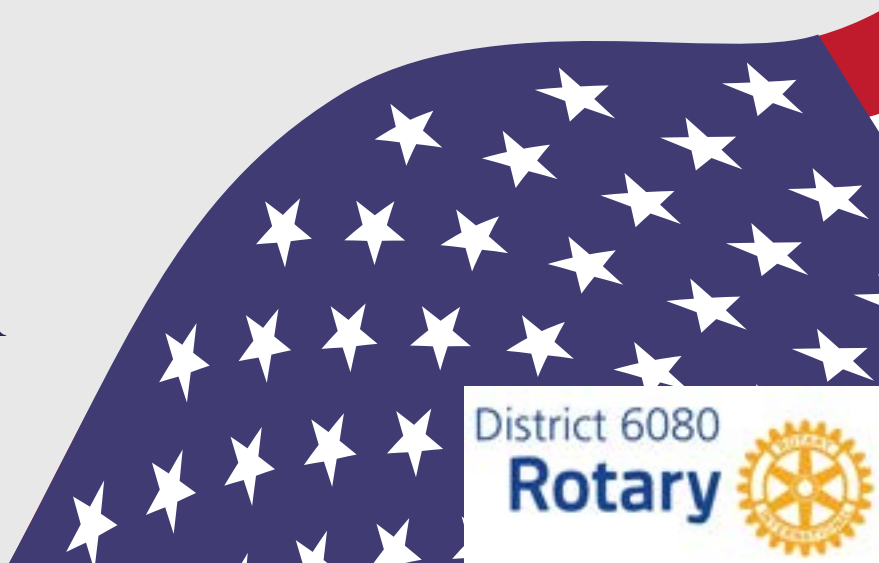
*Conference registration cost is \$90, including breakfast, lunch & dinner*

*To register: <https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77787202>*



FEATURED  
SPEAKER  
BRIAN HALL  
RI DIRECTOR

2025-27



District 6080  
**Rotary**



# District 6080 Honored at Zones 30/31 Training Event

District 6080 was recognized at the recent "Where Stars Align" training conducted by the Heart of America Rotary Zones 30 & 31 in Huntsville, Alabama, Sept. 5-8.



"The efforts D6080 Rotary clubs contribute are tremendous and certainly are a driving force in Rotary International Zones 30/31, also known as the Heart of America," Jimmy Standfast, Immediate Past District Governor 2023-24, said.

Zones 30/31 have 31 districts in 13 states, and there are 1,509 Rotary clubs with a membership of over 67,000 Rotarians.

Standfast added, "It is my great pleasure to share this information with my fellow District 6080 Rotarians, showing you that your efforts do get noticed, and to you these honors are well deserved."

District 6080 is in Zone 31 and these are the awards that were announced for our zone.

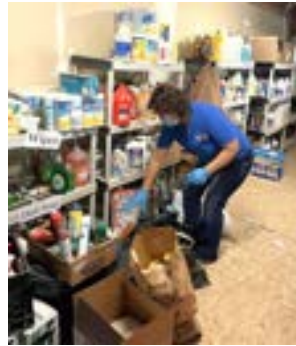
- \* Number 2 in Annual Fund giving, with \$377,450
- \* Number 1 in Total Annual Fund Per Capita, with \$172.43
- \* One of 15 districts recognized as PolioPlus Society Districts
- \* One of 14 districts recognized for contributing at least 20 percent District Designated Funds (DDF) to Support Polio
- \* Number 3 in Total Giving, with \$502,371
- \* Recognized as one of seven districts Sponsoring Global Grants
- \* Tied for Best District Website
- \* Honorable Mention for Best Use of Social Media



Top left: Rowland Geddie leads a session at Zone.  
Bottom left: Rotarians from Missouri districts  
Above: 2025-26 Class of District Governors

# Rotary Clubs Contribute Hours of Community Service

**Boonville Rotary** members spent time at Second Chance organizing supplies, cleaning the warehouse space and checking expiration dates on medications, supplies and food for the animals.



**Branson Hollister Rotarians** and the Future Men helped prepare the new Honor Wall at the Memorial Veteran Gardens. They removed the block wall and the bushes in preparation for excavation.

**Springfield Sunrise Rotary** helped Harmony House prepare for their iCare campaign in October.



Maureen Darby



Wes Weber

**Rotary Club of Table Rock Lake** supported Dunk 4 A Cause and several Table Rock Lake Rotarians sat in a dunk tank to support two local nonprofits--the Food Bank of Christian Action Ministries and the Pathways Project Coalition of the Ozarks, which fights human trafficking. People donated money to see the Rotarians take dips in the tank.

# Rotary Clubs in 6080 Volunteer to Alleviate Hunger



**Warrensburg Rotary** volunteered at the Harvest of Hope food distribution in Warrensburg.



**Columbia South Rotary** members volunteered at The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri.



**Springfield Rotary Club** volunteered at the CrossLines Food Pantry.

**Columbia Rotary** provided a meal for veterans at Welcome Home and Marty Walker made his homemade spaghetti sauce.



**West Plains Sunshine and Noon Rotary Clubs** teamed up with school district administration to pack over 1,200 backpacks with weekend food for kids in need.



# Rotary Clubs Observe September as Literacy Month



**Rotary Club of Rolla Lunch** supports the Community Living Library, a book station at Ber Juan Park across from the movie theater in Rolla.

**Buffalo Rotary** relocated its Little Library from the courthouse to the Montgomery Senior Center. Patrons are encouraged to take a book and leave a book. Jason Holland utilized his woodworking skills on the project and then installed the Little Library at the new location.



**Fulton Rotary and the William Woods University Rotaract Club** celebrated Rotary's Literacy Month by donating books and reading to children at Head Start.



# Rotary Clubs Help Schools & Children in Various Ways



**The Rotary Club of Table Rock Lake** participated in the Stone County School Readiness Fair, which provided free school supplies to hundreds of students.

**Rotary Club of Springfield** and other volunteers helped out at Care To Learn, filling supply bins for local public schools.



**The Rotary Club of Springfield** created tie-blankets for The Child Advocacy Center, Inc. They combined this service project with their weekly meeting to ensure everyone got the chance to participate.

**Rolla Breakfast Rotary Club** received a \$500 donation from the Mercy Health Foundation to support the club's annual scholarship program, which helps deserving high school seniors from Rolla, Dixon, St. James and Newburg. Charlene Rioux, vice president of primary care at Mercy, spoke to the Rotary Club about how Mercy is transforming healthcare through Augmented Intelligence and predictive medicine.



*Left to right: Rolla Breakfast Rotarians Diane Elliot, treasurer, and John Denbo, president; Assistant Governor Janice Wilson; Charlene Rioux and Erik John, Rolla-Mercy manager.*

# Lake Ozark Rotary Clubs Active in the Community



**Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary** awarded its highest amount of grants to date with over 40 local charities receiving funding awards at the annual Charity Awards Dinner. The community's support of Winterfest and the Car Raffle raised over \$150,000 and will assist thousands of neighbors in the community: Alliance Food Pantry, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lake of the Ozarks, Boy Scouts Troop 21, Citizens Against Domestic Violence (CADV/VOC), Camden County Child Advocacy Council, Camdenton Schools, Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association, Children's Learning Center, Eldon Middle School Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Food for Morgan County, Community Foundation of the Lake, Kids' Harbor, Inc., Hope House of Miller County, Ivy Bend Food Pantry, Official Wonderland Camp, Lake Regional Health System, School of the Osage and The Changing Table.



**Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary** congratulates Greg Cicerelli, winner of the 2024 Viking Golf Cart. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and helped support Rotary's local charities.

In response to the sudden and tragic death of Officer Phylicia Carson, the **Lake Ozark Rotary Club** is donating its portion of the net proceeds from WingFest to Officer Phylicia Carson's family via the Chief Mason Griffith Foundation. Typically, the Rotary's portion of the WingFest proceeds goes to the Lake Ozark Rotary-Noon Club's general fund, which is dedicated to supporting numerous local charitable organizations and scholarships for local students.



# Rotary Clubs Donate Funds for Worthwhile Causes

**Springfield North Rotary** members donated \$6,000 to fund the Preschool Reading Program at Ozarks Literacy Council to help develop a love for reading early. This program strives to make kids' enthusiasm for reading expand beyond the classroom and into the child's home. Rotarians, along with other community volunteers, will spend time in classrooms reading and doing activities in the Springfield Public Schools District each quarter. Each child receives a copy of the book read to take home with them and activities for each visit are written to meet the developmental needs of the class.



Left to right – Emily Dake Inman, Cliff Buchannan, Paula Montgomery, Craig Steensland, and Dee and Jim Jenkins



Josh Hanley, past president of the Centralia Rotary Club, with Quilts of Valor representatives Donna Hoffman and Donna Yeager



**Centralia Rotary Club** attended the Quilts of Valor/Friends & Family Veteran Support Organization meeting this month. At this meeting four veterans were presented with their well-deserved quilts. In total their local chapter has presented 55 quilts this year, and Centralia Rotary donated \$500 to the cause.

QOV volunteers Jimmy and Donna Hoffman present a quilt to local veteran Randy Welch.



**Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary** presented a community service donation to the Sunrise Beach Fire Protection District. Receiving this donation was Rotarian, Fire Chief Joseph LaPlant.



**Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary** gave a donation to James Radford. He and his wife Kate are the founders of Kid's Cove Respite Home. Their mission is to provide short-term respite care for foster families in Central Missouri. The hope is to give the foster children a "retreat" away and the foster parents a chance to take a break and recharge. James and Kate have been working hard to renovate their home, so they can provide housing for up to eight children.



**Springfield Rotaract's** 8th annual fundraising event Double Dare is Oct. 3 at the Double Tree in Springfield. We are so excited for this years event and can't wait to see who the trivia winners and slime winners are! All of this helps @kvckids!! Doors open at 5 p.m., program and dinner starts at 6 p.m.

KVC Missouri is dedicated to providing a wide range of programs and services in Springfield to enrich and enhance the lives of children and families, ultimately transforming child welfare and mental healthcare in the state. With comprehensive offerings, including family strengthening services, foster parent licensing, foster care case management, children's mental healthcare, educational services, and more, they ensure that children can access the level of care they need as soon as they need it. From community-based support to intensive children's mental health residential treatment programs, they are committed to meeting the diverse needs of every child.



# COLOR *me* GRAPE 5k

## SATURDAY

## OCTOBER 12, 2024

### HOLLISTER CITY HALL START TIME: 9:00 AM

### RUNNERS & WALKERS

Ages 5 to 100

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION  
THROUGH OCTOBER 1ST

# \$30

### REGISTRATION

After October 1st - \$35

AGES 0-4 ARE FREE!

REGISTER YOUR DOG FOR ONLY \$10

Register by October 1st  
to be guaranteed a T-Shirt



# \$65+

Value!

Sponsored by:



Proceeds to benefit:



### HOLLISTER SCHOOLS FOUNDATION



## HOLLISTER

Area Chamber of Commerce



### REGISTRATION INCLUDES RUNNERS BAG WITH:

- Fritz's Adventure Ticket
- Bag of Color
- Sunglasses
- Raffle Ticket for the Grape & Fall Festival Prize Drawings (Over \$1,000)

P.O. Box 674 • Hollister, MO 65673-0674

[hollisterchamber.net](http://hollisterchamber.net) or 417.334.3050



# DOGS Gone Grape

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 12  
2024**

**\$20**  
REGISTRATION  
THROUGH  
OCTOBER 1ST

**\$25** AFTER OCTOBER 1ST

Proceeds Benefiting

**TIME: 11:00 AM**

**EACH PAW-TICIPANT WILL  
RECEIVE A GIFT BAG**

Paw-ticipants must be checked in at the  
Shepherd of the Hills Humane Society booth  
NO LATER than 10:30 am



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All Proceeds will go to  
PolioPlus to help  
eradicate Polio  
world-wide!



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**Double Elimination**

# **CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT**

sponsored by the

**Rotary Clubs of Fayette & Rocheport**

**Meriwether's Cafe**

**Rocheport, MO**

**\$25 per  
2-person  
Team**

**1 pm, Sunday, October 13**

Food and drinks will be available for purchase  
at Meriwether's Cafe

**\$50 cash prize to winning team.  
Traveling "Bragging Rights" trophy  
to winning Rotary Team.**

For more information or to register your team, contact  
Gale Schafer, 573-239-0491 or Erik Martinez, 817-480-3404.

Teams may also register in Rocheport between  
noon and 1 pm on Oct. 13.



# 19TH ANNUAL KIDS FISHING DERBY



PRESENTED BY: BRANSON DAYBREAKERS ROTARY CLUB

**SUNDAY, OCT 13**

**AGES 3-14 | \$2/CHILD**

For more information  
call 417-335-2368  
or visit  
[bransondaybreakers.org](http://bransondaybreakers.org)



**EISERMAN PARK**  
201 Compton Drive  
Branson MO 65616



Each age group fishes separately with weigh-in and prizes immediately following.  
Limit of 75 participants in each age group.

Register at:	Ages:	Fishing Time:
12:30pm	3-7	1:00pm-2:00pm
1:30pm	8-14	2:15pm-3:30pm



## Rotary Youth Leadership Academy

**Dates are:**  
**June 22-25, 2025**  
**July 13-16, 2025**



**\$600.00 per student**  
**University of Central Missouri**  
**Warrensburg**



# BOONVILLE ROTARY CLUB



## 100 YEAR *Celebration*

**OCTOBER 24, 2024**

HOTEL FREDERICK  
6:30pm Social  
7:00pm Meal & Program



Scan the QR code or  
click [here](#) to purchase  
your tickets today!