



District 6080 Rotarians,

The Rotary theme for February is Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention. That ties in neatly with one of Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick's goals for 2024-25: positive peace. As many of you have heard, positive peace is a concept of the Institute for Economics and Peace. The IEP defines positive peace as "the attitudes, institutions and structures that create and sustain peaceful societies.

It also came up with the concept of eight pillars to support positive peace: well functioning government, sound business environment, low levels of corruption, acceptance of the rights of others, high levels of human capital, good relations with neighbors, free flow of information and equitable distribution of resources.

Rotary has partnered with the IEP to create a Rotary Positive Peace Academy. I encourage you to take the online course, which is located at <https://www.positivepeace.academy/rotary>.

District 6080's Rotary clubs, as strong as we are, cannot bring about world peace. We can, however, participate in projects that support positive peace. Consider doing a project that will support one or more of the eight pillars of positive peace, whether a local project or an international one. One step at a time, we can help make our world a more peaceful place.

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



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# Plan to Attend President-Elect Training in Columbia

**Preparing the Next Generation of Rotary Club Presidents  
Friday, March 28, & Saturday, March 29**

**Holiday Inn Executive Center – Columbia, MO**



Are you a club president-elect or president-nominee? Or are you someone who wants to learn more about Rotary? Plan now to attend PETS. Show Me Rotary is one of Rotary's first and premier incoming Presidents and Presidents-Elect training programs, but any Rotarian can attend. For Over 40 years, Missouri Rotary leaders have convened to hear the message and priorities of our senior leaders and incoming District Governors.

## **About PETS**

Show Me Rotary PETS is where you will meet with your fellow class Presidents-elect and President-nominees. At PETS you will have time to network, share ideas, and learn the important role you have as Club President. [CLICK HERE](#) for information about Show Me Rotary PETS.

## **Schedule**

Your days at PETS will be packed with a variety of learning experiences. General and district sessions as well as break out sessions provide you with the best and most up to date information.

[Show Me Rotary Training Schedule](#)

[President-Elect \(President 2025-26\) Training Specific Schedule](#)

[President-Nominee \(President 2026-27\) Training Specific Schedule](#)

## **Register for PETS**

Registration fee for Presidents-elect and Presidents-nominee has already been billed to your club. You simply need to fill out the online registration form and make hotel reservations. All other Rotarians will pay \$200. [Members of 6080 CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)

## **Hotel Reservations**

Hotel reservations for Show Me Rotary are separate from registration for the meeting. You need to do both and the earlier the better, since the hotel often sells out. The last date for discounted hotel rates is **March 2**. They will honor the rate after the cutoff date as long rooms are available. The Holiday Inn: Executive Center-Columbia Mall (2200 I-70 Drive SW, Columbia) is holding a block of rooms for our group code "Show Me" but will release the hold approximately one month prior to our meeting. If your club has a sales tax exemption letter from the State of Missouri, be sure to discuss this arrangement with the hotel prior to your arrival to be certain you bring the proper documentation with you. PLEASE CALL [573-4458531](tel:573-4458531) to make your hotel reservations, and be sure to tell them that this is for Show Me Rotary PETS.

# Dynamic Rotary Speakers Announced for PETS

Comprising three Rotary districts (6040, 6060 and 6080) from across the state working cooperatively, the Show Me Rotary Leadership Institute (PETS) is in its 45th year of providing training for future Rotary Club presidents and club leaders in Missouri. This cooperation makes it possible to attract senior Rotary leaders from around the nation and world to enlighten and entertain the attendees.



**Mário César Martins de Camargo**, 2025-26 President of Rotary International, will be the keynote speaker at Friday night's dinner. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil. Mario was president of Gráfica Bandeirantes and has been a consultant to the print industry in Brazil. He has served on the board of Casa da Esperança (House of Hope), a hospital sponsored by his Rotary club that serves 150,000 children with disabilities every year. He studied in the U.S. and Germany and holds degrees in business administration and law. He was a Youth Exchange participant to Minnesota in 1974-75, which inspired a lifelong commitment to the program. A Rotarian since 1980, de Camargo served as his club's Youth Exchange Officer in 1981, at age 24.



**Drew Kessler**, Rotary International Director, 2022-24, and a member of the Rotary Club of North Rockland, New York, will speak Friday morning. Drew is Senior Vice President of the Commercial Real Estate division at M&T Bank, where he manages a large loan portfolio of real estate and commercial ventures with major businesses in the New York City area.. He joined Rotary in 2001, at the age of 20. He went on to serve as President of the Rotary Club of North Rockland at age 25 and District Governor at age 32, proving you don't need to be retired to be a DG.



**Brian Hall**, Director-Elect, Rotary International, 2025-27 and a member of the Rotary Club of Covington, Louisiana, will be the Friday luncheon speaker. He has served his club and district in many positions, including as District 6840 Governor in 2014-15. Brian is chair -elect of the board of the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group and board member and past chair of the Past District Governors Fellowship. Brian is also serving as chair of the Joint Rotary International/Rotary Foundation Technology committee. Brian worked as a CPA for several years before changing careers to become a computer programmer. He later merged his backgrounds and began consulting with companies regarding business and financial systems.



**Martha Peak Helman**, Trustee of The Rotary Foundation Trustee 2022-26, will speak during Saturday's lunch. Marty spent her career as a writer for business executives and as a magazine editor at McGraw-Hill and the American Management Association. Later, she served as president of the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, a nonprofit that has helped build schools in developing nations, provided scholarships for at-risk youth, and supplied humanitarian aid to Holocaust survivors, among other initiatives. The Walter Foundation partnered with The Rotary Foundation to fund the new Rotary Peace Center that will be located at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

# Rotarians in District 6080 Provide a Variety of Services

## Springfield Rotary Clubs

During January, the Rotary clubs of Springfield competed in the annual Rotary Blood Drive for Community Blood Center of the Ozarks. **Springfield Metro Rotary** won the All-City Blood Drive for the second year in a row. The final results are in, and here's how the competition stacked up:

- 1 1st Place: Metro (32%)
- 2 2nd Place: North & Southeast (tied) (21%)
- 4 4th Place: Rotaract (15%)
- 5 5th Place: Sunrise (9%)
- 6 6th Place: Downtown (5%)

The results are based on the percentage of members who donated—not the total number of donors.



**Jefferson City West Rotary's** District Simplified Grant project will bring two gazebo-style picnic table shelters to Rotary Service Park on Missouri Boulevard, providing cover for tables installed by the club five to six years ago. Three Rivers Electric Cooperative donated equipment and labor to drill the footings for the shelters, saving

hours of manual labor. Tim Haas and his son, Carter, carefully prepped the site, built steel rebar cages, and set forms for the concrete footings. Concrete was poured on Dec. 24 after days of detailed prep work. The gazebo kits are ready, and volunteer build dates will be scheduled soon, weather permitting.



**The Rotary Club of Springfield** (left) volunteered at the Council of Churches CrossLines Food Pantry Jan. 8, helping to feed 50 families in the community.

**Clinton Rotary** donates the leftover meals from their weekly meetings to The Warming Center at the First Baptist Church Annex. If there is more than they can use, it is shared with other entities of need in the community.

**Columbia South Rotary** member Chris Adejo and his wife, Kelechi, were honored at the Columbia Values Diversity breakfast for their community involvement and contributions to welcoming immigrant families and promoting African culture. The annual CVD breakfast, which started in 1994, celebrates the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and the awards recognize those who exemplify King's values.



*Mayor Barbara Buffaloe, a member of the Rotary Club of Columbia, presents the award to Chris and Kelechi Adejo.*

The Adejo family came to Columbia in 2011 from Nigeria. Chris Adejo makes his impact through photography and other community involvement, including the board of Be the Change and volunteering with Heart of Missouri United Way and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

# Jeff City Breakfast Rotary Celebrates Global Grant

By Connie Mihalevich, Bulletin Editor, Rotary Club of Jefferson City

After a year and half of tireless efforts of the Rotary Club of Jefferson City and the Rotary Club of Panama, a successful application for a global grant to the Rotary Foundation was approved to transform lives through education and the promotion of peace. The approved grant promises to bring positive and lasting changes to schools in Loma Cova and Burunga, Panama, offering teachers and students the tools necessary to overcome challenges and achieve their academic goals.



The schools will be utilizing a proven program **Education Ensures Success**. ESS employs a collaborative approach involving stakeholders from the educational community and society. This program has been used successfully in more than 30 schools in Panama. It has been recognized as a valuable instrument to enhance student's overall adaptation,

foster school retention and improve performance. Programs such as this also aim to mitigate violence by addressing its root causes through improving access to education, promoting social stability, and breaking the cycle of poverty.

The support underlies the commitment of both rotary clubs to the educational development and well-being in the region.

## How Rotary Dollars Support this Project

This initiative includes activities throughout the school year, including project management, TAMAI testing (pre and post), printed materials and supplies, training based on implementation guidelines, monitoring and follow-up workshops led by college students from Universidad Especializada de las Americas (UDELAS) specializing in psychology or special education, peer-to-peer interactions among students, collaboration with teachers and parents and systematic result measurements.

Partnership agreement between host and international sponsors includes assisting the Panama Club with administration and reporting for the grant.

Select members of the club will travel to Panama this summer during the delivery of the training to observe and assist when appropriate.

# Rotary Clubs Make Generous Donations to Causes

**Columbia South Rotary** provided new uniforms to the Missouri High Steppers. For the past 30 years hundreds of Columbia students have been movin' and groovin' to a unified and powerful beat. High Steppers perform contemporary precision dance, flavored with military drill maneuvers, marching steps and percussion accompaniment.



**The Rotary Club of Springfield** donated \$1,627 and 188 pairs of socks to Isabel's House, which provides immediate refuge to children ages birth to 12 whose families are experiencing crisis.

**Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary** donated funds to help support enhancements to Laurie's Patriot Rock. Ray 'Bubba' Sorenson II finished the painting on the 6' x 10' x 3'

boulder last fall. It commemorates and honors all veterans and emergency responders. Plans call for completing the pavilion to help protect the Patriot Rock. Additional features will include flagpoles displaying flags of each main military branch, an exhibit of the names and the rank of veterans from this area, as well as the efforts of grounds beautification to draw spectators to enjoy the Laurie Patriot Rock.



*Mark Shellenberg, the organizer for the Patriot Rock project and part of the enhancement committee, accepts a check from Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary community service chair, Angela Lee.*



**Rotaract of William Woods University** sponsored a Teddy Bear Toss between the school's men's and women's basketball games Jan. 30. More than 100 stuffed animals will be donated to the Super Sam Foundation:

Fighting Childhood Cancer, a local non-profit created after the death of a 6-year-old boy. The foundation was founded to fund the major research gap in pediatric cancer, raise awareness and support

families in the fight. The bears collected will go in Super Sam Comfort Packs provided for Heroes in the Fight and in Ava's Avengers Sibling Support Packs (Ava, Sam's twin sister, came up with the idea for Sibling Support Packs because "Cancer is a Family Fight!"). Feb. 15, International Childhood Cancer Day, is a reminder that 46 children are diagnosed with cancer and seven will gain their angel wings each day in the U.S.

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## Socials Provide an Opportunity for Club Fellowship



**Lake Ozark Rotary Clubs** (left) joined together for a Power of Four social at the Branding Iron Jan. 30. The four clubs are Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary, Camdenton Rotary, Lake Ozark Rotary Club-Noon and Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary.

**Springfield Rotaract** (right) attended a Missouri State Lady Bear Basketball game and what a game they saw. A 3-point buzzer shot tied up the game, ending in an MSU win.



## Rotary on the Road – Clubs Get Out in the Community



**Columbia South Rotary** (left) toured True North of Columbia, which provides safety, shelter, education and transitional support for those who have been affected by domestic and sexual violence.

**Springfield Metro Rotary** (right) went to Central Bank's ProsperU Jan. 28 for their January Rotary on the Road.



## Mountain View Rotary Revives Local Interact Club



**Mountain View Rotary** has been working to revive the Interact Club at Mountain View Birch Tree High School. Amanda Hollis, the advisor, has helped bring this vision to reality.

The Interact officers attended the Jan. 9 Rotary meeting, where they learned firsthand about the incredible work Rotary does locally and globally. Rotary members shared powerful presentations on the organization's core values and its dedication to community service and leadership.

The students left inspired and ready to bring these principles back to our school and community. Interact is a student-led club dedicated to serving others above themselves. Recently, they successfully organized a fundraiser to support the Angel Tree program during the Christmas season.

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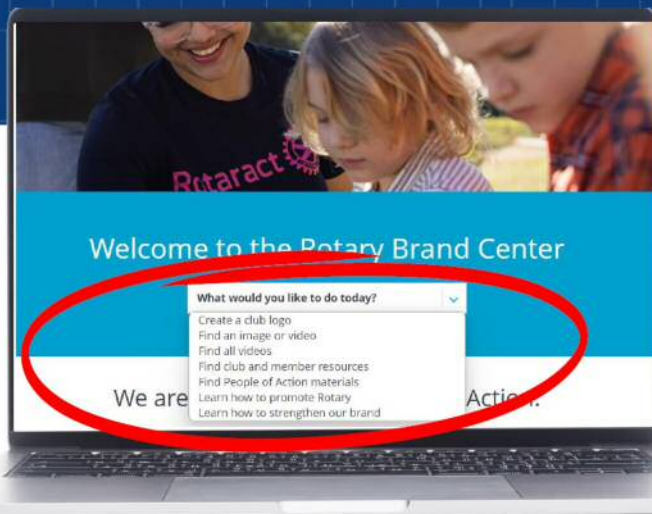
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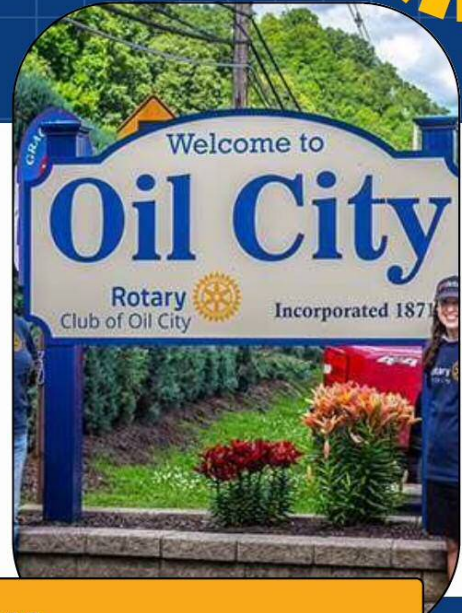
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