



District 6080 Rotarians,

Rotary's theme for March is water, sanitation and hygiene ("WASH"). As RI President Stephanie Urchick said in her message in the March *Rotary Magazine*, WASH is an area where Rotary projects can have a transformative effect on those benefited by a project. Rotary clubs across the world, including those in District 6080, have helped with WASH projects in lesser-developed countries. While some of the WASH projects are small enough for one club—or a few clubs—to fund, larger projects can benefit with help from The Rotary Foundation. Not just WASH projects, but projects in any of The Foundation's

seven areas of focus.

District 6080 Rotary Clubs can take advantage of funds from The Rotary Foundation in a variety of ways. The simplest is to use funds that come back to the District from the Foundation for a club project. The amount allocated to a club generally reflects what the club donated to the Foundation three years before. These projects are generally smaller and local.

A club can also sponsor a Global Grant for a project in one of Rotary's seven areas of focus—including WASH projects. The Foundation will match funds from the District 80 cents on the dollar. The District awarded two scholarships for graduate students to study abroad next year, and The Foundation will provide matching funds for both scholarships. The District also uses Foundation funds to help fund Global Grants, polio eradication projects, disaster relief and Vocational Training Teams. The Rotary Foundation was established "to do good in the world," and it does precisely that.

The Foundation needs contributions to accomplish its purpose, including WASH projects, throughout the world. Therefore, I encourage each of you to contribute to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation. I would like to see each Rotarian in the District contribute at least \$25 (and preferably more) to the Annual Fund this year. Don't forget that contributions of at least \$100 will be matched with points up to a maximum of 500 points. Donations have to be made by May 31, and only Rotarians who are Paul Harris Fellows+4 or lower are eligible for a match. Work with your Club Foundation Chair to obtain the match. Let's continue to support The Rotary Foundation so that it can continue to do good in the world.

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

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.](#)

NOTE: If you are not a president-elect or nominee, you can still attend PETS by paying the \$200 registration fee, which includes all meals. If you'd like to just attend the Friday evening dinner event when Rotary International President-elect Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo speaks, that is an option. The dinner cost is \$75.

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 as 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.

Student Government Day in Jeff City to be Held April 9

The Jefferson City Rotary Club has hosted Student Government Day since 1955. It is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jefferson City Local Community Foundation. Rotary Clubs throughout Missouri invite local high school juniors and seniors to come to Jefferson City for one day to learn about state government. A Rotarian chaperone(s) from each club provides transportation to and from Jefferson City for the students chosen by each club. Each club may sponsor up to six students. Student Government Day is scheduled for April 9.

Space is limited to 200, so reservations will be on a first-come first-served basis. Students will have opportunity to observe the legislative process and meet with their Representative and Senator. Please fill out and return the attached registration form for your club.

The schedule for Student Government Day is highly flexible. The Jefferson City Rotary Club arranged for the various options and your group can decide specifically what to do:

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Registration in the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda – 3 rd Floor.
8:30 to 11:45 a.m.	House of Representatives/Senate Chambers Tours of Missouri State Capitol Attend Legislative Committee Hearings Meeting with Local Representative/Senator
9, 9:30, 10 & 10:30	Supreme Court tours, limited to 60 people per tour
11:45 a.m.	Lunch at Capitol Plaza Hotel - Speaker: TBD
1 p.m.	Adjourn

REGISTRATION FORM

_____ Rotary Club will attend

_____ Number of Chaperones attending _____ Number of Students attending

_____ TOTAL attending X \$20 per person = \$_____ (Make checks payable to the Rotary Club of Jefferson City. Payments may be brought the day of the event.)

Contact Information for the Club's Lead Chaperone (include email & cellphone number):

Your Missouri House Representative is _____

Your Missouri State Senator is _____

We will notify your Representative and Senator that you will be touring the Capitol on April 9, 2025 and provide them an agenda so they can plan accordingly.

RETURN REGISTRATION FORM BY APRIL 4 TO:
Arvids V. Petersons at arv.petersons@gmail.com
Rotary Club of Jefferson City, PO Box 193, Jefferson City, MO 65102

Please call Arvids "Arv" Petersons, cell 573-680-5670, if you have any questions.

Service Projects Take Many Forms in District 6080

Springfield North Rotary helped pack Senior Boxes for delivery to senior adults. Together with volunteers from various other Springfield organizations they packed 720 senior boxes containing 18,420 meals weighing 22,104 pounds.



Branson-Hollister Rotarians picked up trash at Stockstill Park.



Springfield Metro Rotary will mark 14 years as a club on March 11 and plans to celebrate by spreading

joy to local children. They are turning their birthday into "a party with a purpose" by supporting Wish I May - a volunteer-run organization that provides birthday supplies to underprivileged children and their families. The club is collecting birthday party supplies, such as cake mix and icing, candles, birthday cards, party plates and napkins, gift bags and tissue paper, and age-appropriate toys and books.



Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary, in partnership with **Jeff City Evening Rotary**, helped plan, shop, cook and serve breakfast or the evening meal for the homeless staying at Room at the Inn.

Club members who participated in the project include: Stephen Stark, Matt Tolksdorf, Bob Asahl, Bob Sfredo, Ed Martin, Lance Stegeman, Don Neumann, Suzanne Luther, Kit Freudenberg and Steve Dinolfo.

Fulton High School Interact and William Woods University Rotaract teamed up to volunteer at the Callaway Senior Center Valentine's Dance on Feb. 12. They danced with the seniors and assisted with clean up.



Fulton Rotary & Rotaract Provide Support for CASA

It's heartbreaking but true that children entering the foster care system are often made to carry their belongings in trash bags when they move from home to home. **The Rotary Club of Fulton** knows these children deserve better than that.

With a \$2,000 grant from Rotary District 6080 and \$3,650 from its own charitable fund, Fulton Rotary is partnering with Heart of Missouri Court Appointed Special Advocates (HOM CASA) and Foster Love to provide 70 Sweet Case Duffel Bags to foster children in Callaway County.



CASA advocates with duffel bags for foster children provided by Fulton Rotary.

"Many if not all foster children assigned to Callaway County arrive without any possessions, spare clothing or personal items," Jacque Cowherd, Fulton Rotary president, said. "Hence, this project was chosen to facilitate each child's transition to their new home. We believe that children in foster care deserve dignity, respect and support."



William Woods University Rotaract members (left to right) Crystal Ruden (president), Ashley Strode, Elena Parr, Justus Yates and Isiah Craighead welcome other WWU students to a service project decorating duffel bags for foster children.



The custom-designed duffel bags are meant to be decorated and filled with essentials to ease the transition and provide comfort during what is a challenging time for foster children. **The William Woods University Rotaract Club**, under the direction of Fulton Rotarian Haley Gilmore, sponsored a university-wide Duffel Bag Decorating event Feb. 13. About 80 WWU students helped out.

The grant also is intended to honor and increase the number of paid advocates. In addition to purchasing duffel bags, funds will provide CASA advocate training and recognition and advocate mileage reimbursement. Fulton Rotary hosted about 25 advocates at a pizza party and recognition event Feb. 26, as part of its commitment to the organization.

"Rotary chose to support CASA as their service project this year, and I suggested Foster Love's duffel bag program as a way to support foster children in our community," Suzanne Guerrant, Callaway County program director for the Heart of Missouri CASA and a member of Fulton Rotary, said.

According to Guerrant, there are 32 CASA volunteers in Callaway County currently advocating for 59 children/youth. These bags were distributed to advocates to give to their children.

"We are grateful to Rotary for choosing CASA as their service project and we are grateful to the Foster Love organization for making the bags available for children in need," Guerrant said.

HOM CASA was established in 2005 with the primary functions of recruiting, screening, training and supervising volunteers to serve as non-attorney officers of the court who advocate for the best interests of children in foster care in the 13th Judicial Circuit.



CASA advocates Shelley Knight and Pamela Johnson gather bags for their foster children.

Rotarians Keep Busy with Lots of Worthwhile Activities



Centralia Rotary (left) presented a check for \$3,000 to Troop 90 Scoutmaster Zack Lewis. The troop will use the funds to offset costs and expenses associated with camp and other leadership building activities. This donation is possible because of the troop's work in the concession stand and all of the Panther faithful who support Rotary.



Ozark Rotary (right) donated \$500 to the GGP Thrift Store and "Let us be your fairy godmother, annual Free Prom dress" event.



Pulaski County Rotary (above) completed their Period Equity Project by providing Pulaski County Rural schools with emergency period products for students. The Rotary Club utilized a matching grant from Rotary District 6080 as well as dessert auction funds to provide Richland, Laquey, Crocker and Dixon schools with 875 individual period hygiene kits, divided equally between the schools.

Rotary Youth Exchange students and Kit Freudenberg spoke at a meeting of the **Rotary Club of Columbia**. Kit spoke about the Rotary Youth Exchange and introduced Cedric of Germany and Sarah of Brazil who gave informative presentations and answered many questions about their favorite food, why they picked the United States, and what surprised them about the United States.



Springfield Metro Rotary took Rotary on the Road to Wonders of Wildlife in February. They got a behind-the-scenes look at this world-class facility while spending time with fellow Rotarians and guests.

Rotary Clubs Sponsor Various Fundraising Events

Branson Daybreakers Rotary held its Annual Chili Cook-Off and **Hollister Rotary** took 1st place in the People's choice and Judges Choice in the service club category. A special thanks to contestants in the food service industry, sheriff's office, fire departments, first responders, service clubs, and nonprofits who participated.



Salem Rotary held a Pancake Breakfast for the first time since Covid in 2020. They served roughly 250 people between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. In addition to selling pancakes, they sold spots on the placemats. Student volunteers (left to right) who helped with setup, serving and cleanup: Trista Dooley, Colleen Montoya, Savannah Nash, Kylie Parks, Amber Norris, William Garner, Cole Crocker and Max Schloemer.



Marshall Rotary held its annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament and chili supper. The 50/50 raffle winner, Sahara Rice, donated her winnings back to the organization in support of the sponsored charities.

Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary will present Winterfest 2025 on March 29, with the theme "It's Magic." The event benefits more than 40 charities.

Ticket and sponsorship information is available at daybreakrotary.org or winterfest2025.givesmart.com OR follow the QR code to the right.

Sponsorship levels start at \$600 up to \$5,000. Tickets for \$125 include plated dinner, entertainment, live and silent auctions.

March 29, 2025

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District 6080 Rotarians Enjoy Variety of Social Events



Springfield Sunrise Rotary (left) met at Bellacino's on South Glenstone for their monthly "Rotarians Favorite Lunch Spots" social.

Lebanon Rotary (right) held a Valentines social and fundraiser at Boat Town.



Springfield Southeast Rotary (right) enjoyed a fellowship event, Bingo at Metro.



Rolla Lunch Rotary (left) celebrated its 90th anniversary.



Springfield Rotary (right) attended the Missouri State University men's basketball game Feb. 26. Central Bank of the Ozarks sponsored and treated the Rotarians like VIPs in their suite.



Expand Rotary's Reach With Public Image Resources

Promoting Rotary's public image is essential. It helps communities better understand Rotary and the difference members make.

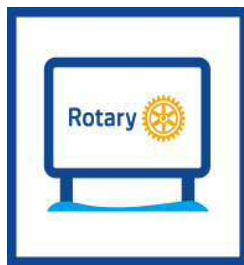
There are a number of Rotary resources available to support clubs in this vital role. Make use of these promotional tools to help build your club's public image and expand Rotary's reach. Click on each box to access the information:



Brand Center resources



Learning Center resources



Club leadership goals in RCC

Brand Center resources: A new marketing campaign featuring videos of members sharing how Rotary helps them further their passions and professions recently debuted. The campaign's initial rollout highlights three U.S. members, but moving forward, videos showcasing members from around the world will be added. [Download these videos from the Brand Center](#) to use on your club websites and social media channels to introduce potential members and participants to the value they can find in Rotary.

Also in the Brand Center, you'll find a [customizable template to create promotional flyers](#) for events, such as fundraisers or social gatherings.

Learning Center resources: Explore learning plans and courses in the Learning Center, especially "[Building Rotary's Public Image](#)," "[Our Logo: Representing Rotary](#)," and "[The Rotary Brand](#)." We encourage you to take these courses, which have been specifically created for you and your role. Encourage your club members to explore Learning Center courses as well.

Club leadership goals in RCC: Check in with your club leaders about the goals you and your club set for public image in [Rotary Club Central](#). You will need to be signed into your My Rotary account to access the Learning Center and Rotary Club Central.

Tell us about your experience using the Brand Center to find the tools you need to help tell the Rotary story. Please contact us at PR@Rotary.org with thoughts or questions.

Sincerely,

Nancy Davidson
Rotary International Marketing Manager

Rotary Club of Hollister, MO FUNDRAISING EVENT

Trivia Night

\$200

TEAM OF 4

INCLUDES TACO BAR BY EL PATIO, NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, & ENTRY INTO PRIZE DRAWING FOR EACH PLAYER.

Door Prizes

Silent Auction

Cash Bar Available



THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Trivia 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Branson Airport

4000 Branson Airport Blvd

Hollister, MO 65672



REGISTER by April 18

<https://rebrand.ly/pobk2ys>



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

(Sponsorship deadline April 7)

Presenting Sponsor \$1,000

(One Available)

- (2) Teams
- (8) Door prize entries
- Recognition on social media
- Logo on all printed advertisement
- Recognition throughout the event
- Banner displayed at the event (must provide)
- Mentioned in all non-print advertising
- Speak at the event (2 minutes)
- Present at an upcoming Rotary Meeting

Trivia Sponsor \$750

(Three Available)

- (1) Team
- (4) Door prize entries
- Recognition on social media
- Logo on all printed advertisement
- Recognition throughout the event
- Banner displayed at the event (must provide)

Category Sponsor \$500

(Eight Available)

- (1) Team
- (4) Door prize entries
- Recognition on social media
- Recognition during one round

Table Sponsor \$250

- (1) Team
- (4) Door prize entries
- Recognition at event

Friends of Rotary \$100

- Recognition at event



For questions or more information:



rotaryclubofhollistermo@gmail.com

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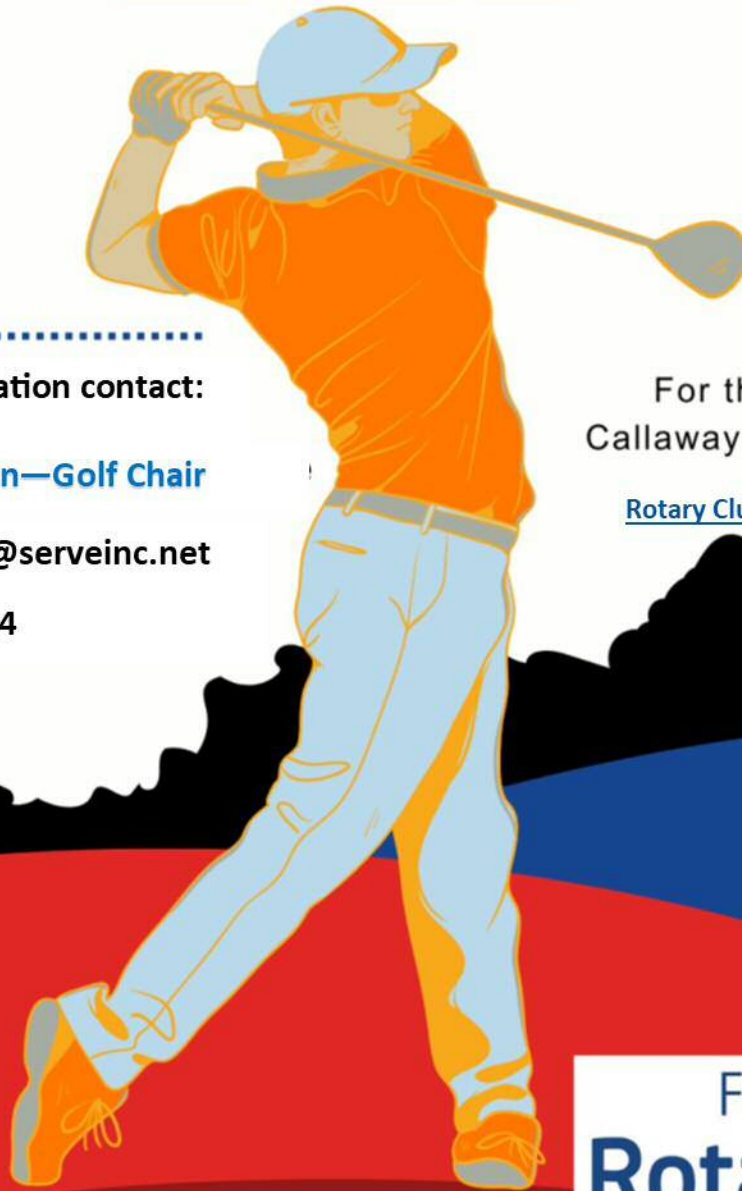
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Cell: 573-821-8414

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