



Dear Rotary Friends,

Each month, Rotary shines a light on a theme that reflects our mission of creating lasting change. For October, our focus is Community Economic Development—helping people and communities build the skills, resources, and opportunities they need to thrive.

At its core, community economic development is about people. It's neighbors lifting one another up, families working toward a brighter future, and entrepreneurs taking their first steps toward sustainable success. Rotary clubs play a powerful role by:

- Creating livelihoods through projects that encourage sustainable jobs and businesses.
- Building capacity by supporting community leaders and entrepreneurs with tools and training.
- Reducing poverty by reaching underserved communities, both locally and globally.
- Supporting learning for professionals who study economic and community development.

This theme is one of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus, which together remind us how deeply our work is connected: peace, health, education, water, environment, and opportunity all weave together to strengthen the fabric of a community.

As I reflect on this theme, I'm reminded of those three guiding pillars:

- Kindness Matters—because when we lead with kindness, we open doors for others and create ripples of hope.
- Do Good Things—because every action, big or small, can change the trajectory of a family or a community.
- You Get What You Give—because when we invest in others' success, the joy and fulfillment return to us many times over.

This month, let's celebrate the incredible work already happening in our clubs and continue dreaming bigger about what more we can do. Community economic development is about more than jobs—it's about creating dignity, possibility, and hope. And that is exactly what Rotarians do best.

With gratitude and Rotary spirit,

Andrea Brady, Rotarian  
2025-26 District Governor  
District 6080

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

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FOR  
GOOD**





# DISTRICT 6080 CONFERENCE

Innovation, ideas & service are shared  
at the 2025 District Conference

## One Day Event

October 18, 2025  
2809 N. Cedarbrook  
Springfield, MO  
9-10 am social  
10 am - 4 pm  
Conference



### About

### Our Conference

Experience Rotary beyond your club. A day of service, fellowship and fun.

BBQ lunch prepared by Rotarian Mike Peters. Mike has years of experience as a KCBS brand ambassador and KCBS competitor.

Event sponsorships available. Contact Andrea Brady or Lori Murawski for more information.

### Conference Team Members



**Andrea Brady**  
District Governor

**"Unite, inspire, and celebrate—because this district conference is where connections spark, ideas thrive, and fun is just the beginning!"**

- Andrea Brady



**Lori Murawski**  
Conference Chair

### Additional Committee Members:

Jeff Cumley, Bonnie Keller, Mathew Suarez, Padgett Smith, Allen Kunkel, Chad Courtney, Michael Brady, Riley Young and Allison Lutjun.

**REGISTER**



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# Cheat Sheet to Use New Ignite App From DACdb

**Digits** - if you click on your own photo at the top of Ignite, it will change to a QR code with your personal digits. You can share your contact information with others that way and you can collect their information in your Ignite Rolodex.

**Prospective Members** - you can easily refer a prospective member

**My Service Hours** - choose the project and add the hours you worked

**Messages** - 4 types

- Individual - 1 on 1 chat
- Group - can set up a group, i.e. for a committee chat
- Broadcast - will go to all Rotary members in your club
- Email - will send an email to all members or those you select

**Calendar** - same as on DACdb, click on for details

**Service Selfies** - take a photo and send it directly to your club's public image chair

**Find Members** - lists all Rotary members in your club and their titles and allows you to call, text, email or message the person. Also lists the person's home address and allows you to copy it.

**Pay/EZ Pay** - treasurer can invoice members directly and you can pay from the app with MC or Visa credit or debit cards. It also lists your payment history for the previous 14 months. Note: we do not currently have access to EZ Pay, which allows donations to the club. To add: \$44 set up; \$99 annually.

**Foundation** - shows your donor level and allows you to donate to TRF or transfer PHF points

**My Data** - your individual information

**My Club** - you can send an email to the club, access our website, look up meeting place, your Rotary club members and club leaders and club information, such as club number and charter date.

**My District** - includes the DG line, the area (assistant) governor and a listing of clubs in our district

**Shop - Rotary Licensed Vendors** - includes Russell Hampton and others

**RAGS and Fellowships** - lists those that have signed up with Ignite; more to come

**Rotary Resources** - links to Rotary.org, My Rotary, Rotary Foudation, End Polio Now, Brand Center, Club Search (international), RI Convention, Rotary Learning Center and Club Locator

## **Club Administration Screen**

**Add calendar event** - add event, date, time and location

**Add service project** - add project name, category, description, start and end date

**EZ Invoice** - don't have

**Password help** - allows password reset to be sent to you

**Attendance** - just click beside name for those at meeting. For additional months to show up in the attendance list on IGNITE, the meeting must be entered into Engagement in DACdb.

**EZ Leads** - shows prospective members, # of new members, # of terminated members and net

**Birthdays and Anniversaries** - lists birthdays and wedding anniversaries, as well as anniversary of when member joined your Rotary club

## **District Administration Screen**

**Clubs** - lists all clubs in district with meeting day and time

# Service Projects Take Many Forms in District 6080



**Springfield Southeast Rotary** spent an evening preparing supper for residents of the Ronald McDonald House at Mercy Hospital Springfield.

**The Rotary Club of Springfield** helped feed more than 30 families at

CrossLines Food Pantry on Sept. 10.



*Rotary helpers at CrossLines: Ram Nayar, Mike Bishop-Jones, Deanna Adams, Eric Atkinson, Melissa Briggs, Steve Atwood, Christian Carroll and Shelly Evans.*



*Left to right: Jim Millsap (Good Dads), Springfield Southeast Rotary President Jennifer Baker and members Doug McNeal and Dan Emrie.*

**Springfield Rotary and Springfield Southeast Rotary** are involved with Good Dads Strong Schools, a unique before-school breakfast program that brings fun, character-building and social capital to dads and their students. Good Dads is a non-profit organization focused on increasing responsible fatherhood. Each yearly installment of the Good Dads Strong Schools program contains eight low-tech, tactile activities intended to promote father-child conversation on a character-related theme.

"As a former educator myself and as the current president of Springfield Rotary Southeast, I am pleased to see our Rotary clubs supporting Good Dads Strong Schools, a once-a-month program for fathers and father-figures to have breakfast with their children at school," Jennifer Baker said.



*Pittman Elementary School kids and their dads*



**Jefferson City West Rotarians** rolled up their sleeves Sept. 13 at Service Park—located by Staples on Missouri Boulevard. They picked up trash, cleared the fence line, and trimmed back branches that were obstructing the walking path. After the work was done, they enjoyed donuts and fellowship under one of the park's beautiful pavilions.

Service Park is open to the public and makes a great spot to stop by for a quick lunch or a peaceful break. Be sure to check it out!

**Fulton Rotary** recognized Corporal Justin Bax and Deputy Gardner Pottorff of the Callaway County Sheriff's Department as law enforcement officers of the year, presenting them with the 27<sup>th</sup> annual GW Law Award. Both officers were severely injured during a shooting while attempting a traffic stop.



*Fulton Rotary President Amanda Gowin, Deputy Gardner Pottorff, Corporal Justin Bax and GW Law chair Charlie Anderson*



**The Rotary Club of Columbia (Downtown)** gathered at The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri for their monthly service project, rolling up their sleeves to help fight hunger in the community. Club members spent two hours in the volunteer room repackaging food. Together, they processed 4,600 pounds of corn on the cob, ensuring it will soon be distributed to families across the region.

Volunteer service is at the heart of The Food Bank's mission, and for the club, it's an opportunity to put Rotary's values into action. By showing up each month, members not only strengthen their bonds as Rotarians but also contribute directly to meeting critical needs in the community. The Food Bank relies heavily on volunteers to prepare and distribute millions of pounds of food each year. The Rotary Club of Columbia (Downtown) is grateful for the chance to serve regularly and encourages others in the community to get involved.

"The time we give may be small, but the impact is huge," said Mark Hargen. "We're proud to stand alongside The Food Bank to support our neighbors."

**Columbia South Rotary** volunteered for the Midwest Transplant Network at the Mizzou Homecoming Blood Drive, the largest student-run blood drive in the world.



**Columbia South**

**Rotary** also had a fun afternoon at Columbia Agriculture Park making Sno Cones for the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture's Harvest Hootenanny Sept. 20.

**Marshall Rotary** joined with other civic organizations for a community-wide food drive to help neighbors who are struggling.



**Harrisonville Rotarians** put up flags at businesses all around Harrisonville for Labor Day.

**Harrisonville Rotarians** also had a great time at the first Bright Futures Harrisonville Classroom Partner get-together of the year with Mrs. Jimenez's 4th Grade Wildcats at McEowen Elementary School. They introduced ourselves and Rotary to the class.



Then, they talked about community service and had fun with a couple of activities. First, they threw a ball of yarn around the room while sharing how they've helped someone else. It formed a web which demonstrated that we're all connected when we help others. Then, they traced their "helping" hands and wrote one way to help someone at school this year.





**Harrisonville Rotary** also served breakfast at the city's Wings and Wheels event.

**Rolla Breakfast Rotary** cleaned up its adopted street, Lions Club Drive.



**Salem Rotary** gave the benches at Healthy Dent County Fitness Center a fresh new look.

**Jefferson City Evening Rotary** is compiling poppies that will be displayed at Adrian's Island. For the last several years Evening Rotary has partnered with

Parks and Rec to display crocheted poppies created by many, many volunteers to honor our veterans on Veterans Day.



**Fulton Rotary** observed Literacy and Basic Education Month during September by donating about 130 books to Our House: Caring for Callaway's Homeless. Service Chair Jan Finke delivered the books.

In addition, McIntire 2nd grade teacher Jonna Neterer presented a program on the science of reading on Sept. 17.



*Jan Finke, Fulton Rotary service co-chair*

Then on Sept. 24, Robin Westphal, executive director of the Daniel Boone Regional Library, spoke about her first year at DBRL at Fulton Rotary's last meeting of Literacy and Basic Education Month. Robin is a member of Columbia Metro Rotary and said she applies Rotary's Four-Way Test to her job at the library.



*McIntire teacher Jonna Neterer*



*Robin Westphal*

**Fulton Rotary** also works to alleviate food insecurity in the community. Rotarians challenged Fulton Kiwanis and Fulton Breakfast Optimists to see which organization could collect the most food or money for SERVE's food pantry during the month of September. In addition, members volunteer to prepare and serve meals at Open Table (a local soup kitchen) each month.



*Marcia Lamons and Haley Gilmore*

## Rotaract and Interact Provide Community Service

**William Woods University Rotaract** kicked off a new year of service at Open Table, which provides meals for anyone in need. Members also observed Literacy and Basic Education Month by volunteering at McIntire Elementary School.



**Mountain View Rotary's Interact Club** of Liberty High School gathered to work on a courtyard beautification project. They cleared weeds/brush from the flower beds and cleared leaves from the sidewalks. This will be an ongoing project throughout the year. They also cleaned and organized the student needs clothing closet in preparation for a winter coat drive they will be sponsoring.



**The Rotary Club of Columbia (Downtown)** members Stacey Preis, Kelley Upham and Walt Lantzy helped the Interact Club of Hickman High School sign up new members. Interact President Rose Maledy (center) is looking forward to another great year.



## West Plains Sunrise Packs Food for Kids



**West Plains Sunrise Rotary** began its 14th year of the Weekend Food Backpack program on Sept. 11. This program provides food to 130-140 children ages 5 to 11 who might otherwise go without food during the weekend. During this packing session, the club was fortunate to have two different groups from the community to help in this effort.

Three young men and two of their mentors from the Whetstone Boys Ranch unpackaged over 500 cases of food in preparation for packing. Members of the West Plains School District administration along with their school board president and superintendent and the young men from Whetstone then packed over 1,200 bags of food. The food is distributed to children at five different schools; West Plains R-7 Elementary, Fairview, Howell Valley, Glenwood, Junction Hill and South Fork.



# International Service Projects Foster Good Will Abroad



**Fulton Rotarians** Andy Branson and Bob Hansen led a team to Northern Tanzania in July to dedicate the Endepesi Preschool that was built with donations from Rotary clubs in District 6080. They also monitored other Rotary-funded projects, including the ERIPARE Sewing Center that makes washable/reusable menstrual hygiene products, the Oltepeleki Preschool, a number of solar and clean water projects, and the clean/safe stove initiative that has now installed over 400 stoves that replace open fires in traditional Maasai huts.

If your Rotary club is interested in getting involved with future projects in Tanzania or if you're interested in going on a future trip, contact Bob Hansen, bobhansenwc@gmail.com. There's always more to do!



Andy Branson and Bob Hansen attend a traditional wedding.



Andy Branson and Bob Hansen visit a new health clinic.



Bob Hansen shares photos from his 22nd trip to Tanzania.



Wildlife like this can be seen during moves between villages.



Andy Branson, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Fulton, poses for a picture during his first trip to Tanzania.



Agness, a Humanity for Children team member, hands out pencils to the Maasai children who attend Rotary-funded preschools. A 2nd grader from Sycamore, Ill., after hearing about how these children don't have school supplies, set a goal of collecting 2,000 pencils at his school — he collected 12,000.

## Rotary Clubs Raise Funds with 'Pickles,' Pancakes, Etc.



**Table Rock Lake Rotary** hosted the annual Great Pickle Race 5K and Pickleball Tournament on Sept. 13 and participants had a “dill-lightful” time. The event drew a lively crowd to Wolf Pack Park in Reeds Spring, where more than 20 pickleball teams competed across three skill levels, while

runners and walkers took to the scenic wooded trails for a 5K. Proceeds from the event will be used by the Rotary Club to award grants to local nonprofit organizations, continuing the club’s mission of giving back to the Stone County community.



**RepMo Rotary**, a new Rotary club in Republic, held its "Flip for a Cause" Pancake Breakfast fundraiser Sept. 27. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Republic Youth Sports Equipment Library, a program that provides free access to quality sports gear for local children participating in youth sports with the Republic Parks Department. Equipment is loaned out to coaches for players to use during the various seasons.

According to David Burton, president of the RepMo Rotary Club, programs like the sports equipment library are vital because they help remove one of the most common obstacles to youth participation—affordability. When kids can play without worrying about whether they have the right gear, they gain more than just physical activity. They build friendships, learn teamwork, grow in confidence, and stay connected to caring adult mentors. That kind of inclusive community spirit is something we should all get behind.

**Laurie Sunrise Beach Rotary Club** partnered with Captain Ron's for their Inaugural Cannonball Run in August. This is a week-long, multiple-event fundraiser, benefiting lake area charities. Super Cat Fest is a contributing organizer for this event. Some of the events included, silent/live auctions, water olympics, sandcastle building contest, a modified poker run, car show and timed car races at Ozark International Raceway.

The club was able to purchase a new 2024 Yamaha Waverunner at a huge discount from Surdyke Yamaha & Marine. A trailer was donated by B&M Haul Right Trailers. Club members sold \$20 raffle tickets for about six weeks. On Aug. 24, the drawing was held and Rotarian Kathy Hofer won the waverunner and trailer.

The club cleared \$13,900 after expenses. These funds will be distributed to the charities the club supports in the community. Club member Nancy Rogers was the top ticket seller, selling \$2,400 worth of tickets.

Club members volunteered their time for many events during the Cannonball Run week. The club will also receive a donation from the Cannonball Run committee for its help. This will allow the Rotary club to give more grant funding to local charities.



*Kathy Hofer, winner of the waverunner and trailer, with her husband, John, and Ron Duggan, a founding member of Laurie Sunrise Beach Rotary Club and owner of Captain Ron's Bar & Grill.*

# Donations From Rotary Clubs Support Communities



**Springfield North Rotary** donated \$1,000 to the Springfield-Greene County Park Board to help purchase a new van for their special needs recreational program. This van is special-equipped to handle participants with mobility issues, including wheelchairs.



According to Park Board officials, it increases the accessibility of their transportation fleet by 250 percent in their accessible-recreation program that has over 1,000 participants. It allows them to transport and program for individuals that have more severe disabilities. Due to the size of the van, it can be driven without a CDL license, which allows any of their employees to drive it.



**Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary** awarded three new teachers with a check of \$100 each to help get their classrooms ready for the new school year. The recipients were Abigail Thomas (L), 2nd grade teacher at Moreau Heights, Sydney Jordan (R), 3rd grade teacher at Cedar Hill and Paige Ayers at South School (not pictured).

**Clinton Rotary** members recently made 32 no sew, tie blankets to donate to the Foster Kids Closet. Tammy and Bruce Woirhaye are very involved in the foster program and accepted them on behalf of the closet. They are shown with President Wes Hilton and Rotarian Ashley Wareham.



**Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary** donates to multiple community service organizations across Camden and Morgan Counties, including the SafetyNet Program and the Ivy Bend Food Pantry.

The SafetyNet Program provides needed support and financial assistance to the spouses and children of local law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, EMTs, and correction officers who have lost their lives performing their duties.

The Ivy Bend Food Pantry is more than just a place for food; it's a central hub for community support in Stover, Mo. The pantry hosts a weekly Katy Trail Community Health Clinic to bring medical care closer to home. Seniors can enjoy a weekly meal, and they offer supportive programs like AA/NA meetings and the Walk-with-Ease exercise class.



# Socials Provide an Opportunity for Club Fellowship



**Springfield Rotary** held a social event on the opening night for the Springfield Symphony, Sept. 13. The program was Don Juan and the Symphony was conducted by Kyle Pickets, a Rotary Club member.

## **Springfield**

**Southeast Rotary's** first SER Greatest Hits Tour was a fun opportunity for fellowship and club highlights. The Fellowship Committee hosted a pool tournament afterwards at Billiards. Super evening to get better acquainted with new and seasoned members while celebrating club service projects in the community.



**Springfield Metro** took Rotary on the Road to 4x4 Brewing in Fremont Hills.

**Fulton Rotary** enjoyed a dueling pianos social and dinner Sept. 12 at Canterbury Hill Winery.



**RepMo Rotary**, a new Rotary club in Republic, received its official charter in May and simultaneously did a ribbon-cutting with the local Chamber of Commerce. It is a once-a-month club with a monthly service or social event. David Burton is the charter president. The club is on Facebook at RepMo Rotary.

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 5**

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  
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NOVEMBER

**27**

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## Branson Gobbler Cup Challenge!

- Sign up as a Team of 5 or more and compete to see who will take home the Branson Gobbler Cup of 2025!
- Teams competing in the Gobbler Cup average their time to get a team time.
- For every 5 team members you have, you can deduct 1 minute from your average time.
- The winner of the Branson Gobbler Cup has the honor to decide which local charity will benefit from the 2026 Branson Turkey Trot!

## REGISTRATION

**Early Bird Rates:**

(Now thru November 17th)

**\$30**

Adults

\$20 Youth (12 & under)

**Registration Rates:**

(November 18th thru November 27th)

**\$35**

Adults

\$25 Youth (12 & under)

**REGISTER ONLINE AT:**

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