



Dear Rotary Friends,

April invites us to step outside, take a deep breath, and appreciate the beauty of world around us. As the seasons shift and new life begins to bloom, we're reminded that even the smallest acts of care can lead to meaningful growth.

This month, Rotary focuses on environmental sustainability—encouraging us to take action through community cleanups, conservation efforts, and mindful stewardship

of the spaces we share.

It's a natural reflection of the values we talk about so often:

### **Kindness Matters**

Caring for our environment is one of the purest forms of kindness. It's not just about today—it's about every person who will walk these paths, enjoy these parks, and call this community home in the years ahead.

### **Do Good Things**

Sometimes doing good looks like lending a hand at a cleanup event, reducing waste, or simply being more intentional in our daily habits. These actions may seem small, but collectively, they create something powerful.

### **You Get What You Give**

What we invest in our environment comes back to us tenfold—in healthier communities, stronger connections, and a shared sense of pride in where we live.

As we move through April, I encourage each of us to find one simple way to give back to our environment. Whether it's volunteering, planting something new, or helping keep our community clean, every effort creates a ripple.

Together, those ripples become lasting impact.

Let's continue to show up, care deeply, and do good things—for each other and for the world around us.

Kindly,

Andrea  
Andrea Brady, Rotarian  
2025-2026 District Governor  
District 6080  
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)

**UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD**



# Rotarian Officers-To-Be Acquire Leadership Skills



More than 300 Rotary Presidents-Elect, Nominees and Assistant Governors from across Missouri gathered for the 48th Annual Show Me Rotary Leadership Training March 20-21 at the Wyndham Executive Center in Columbia.

For over 40 years, Show Me Rotary Leadership Institute has been one of Rotary's first and

premier events dedicated to preparing and inspiring incoming club leadership. By uniting experienced Rotary leaders with incoming club officers, the seminar fosters knowledge sharing, equips attendees with crucial leadership skills, and helps clubs build more impactful community service projects.



*District 6080 DGE Brad Martens and DGN Will Cologna*

A premier training experience, Show Me Rotary Leadership Institute, hosted by Districts 6040, 6060 and 6080, has become one of the largest multi-district leadership events in the U.S. Offering dynamic speakers, informative workshops, and invaluable networking opportunities, the seminar aims to:

- Equip incoming club officers with practical strategies to lead effectively in their communities.
- Share insights from successful Rotary clubs to foster growth, service impact and member engagement.
- Highlight the life-changing work of The Rotary Foundation and how it empowers clubs worldwide.
- Emphasize the importance of Rotary in local and global communities.



*Rotary International President-Nominee Larry Lunsford inspires attendees.*



*Rotary International Director Brian Hall encourages membership growth.*



*Participants enjoy adult tricycle races, led by 6060 District Governor Ralph Zuke.*



*Representatives of District 6080 pose for a group photo.*

Rotary  
District 6080



# WONDERLAND CAMP WORK DAY

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 18

Calling all Rotarians & friends! Come serve, connect and help us get camp ready for the summer! Volunteer all day or just part of the day—every bit helps. Lunch is provided.

## Volunteer opportunities include:

- Powerwashing
- Mulching
- Painting/staining
- Planting flowers
- Blowing leaves
- Stocking cabins

For questions:

[kayc@caskeylaw.net](mailto:kayc@caskeylaw.net)

[jill@wonderlandcamp.org](mailto:jill@wonderlandcamp.org)



Rotary  PEOPLE OF ACTION

Can't attend? Scan the QR code to grant a wishlist item today!



WONDERLAND  
Camp EST. 1969

Want to learn more about Wonderland Camp and/or donate? Go to [wonderlandcamp.org](http://wonderlandcamp.org).

## Rotary Clubs Participate in Various Service Projects



**Springfield Sunrise Rotarians** (left) moved lots of dirt at Eden Village, which provides dignified housing and a loving community of hospitality for Springfield's chronically disabled homeless population. They also toured one of the houses.

**Springfield Sunrise Rotarians** (right) also volunteered their time to be present in the lives of students through Character Ed. These Sunrisers have shown up once a month this school year to Wilson's Creek Intermediate School to discuss and share their knowledge on different character traits.



**Springfield Southeast Rotarians** (left) joined the assembly line at Ozarks Food Harvest one Saturday morning. Julie Jones, Bill Saddler, Rex Johnson, Lori Johnson Murawski, Sal Agosta and Sal's wife, Christy, formed an efficient volunteer team. By noon, their collective effort had transformed into 623 packed boxes -- nearly 19,000 pounds of provisions -- that would soon become more than 15,000 meals for hungry families.



**The Rotary Club of Springfield** (right) volunteered at CrossLines food pantry on March 11.



**Jefferson City West Rotary** (below) made tie blankets for the Miracles 4 Margaret Foundation, a local nonprofit that supports individuals and families facing serious health challenges. One of the simple but meaningful ways Miracles 4 Margaret helps is by providing handmade fleece blankets to patients. The blankets offer warmth, comfort and a reminder that someone in the community cares. Since 2020, the organization has donated more than 14,000 blankets, reaching families and organizations across Missouri and throughout the country.





**Jefferson City West Rotary** members (left) also helped the Salvation Army bring a new educational family room to life—made possible through a Rotary District 6080 grant. They unpacked boxes, assembled shelving units and started setting up a space that will soon be filled with learning tools, toys, laptops, tables, chairs and more—all

designed to support families and children in the community. This is just the beginning. They'll have another opportunity soon to help decorate and fully move everything into place.

**Salem Rotary** (right) supported "Teen Maze," hosted by Dent County Health Department for 5th through 8th grade students for all schools. Some Rotary members (Ty Richards, Kendra Mobray, Catherine Wynn and Tod Kinerk) tried to help but were all put in jail after the event.. Rotarian Chris Hendrix of Wilson Funeral Services was a presenter, speaking about dealing with death and grief.



**Willow Springs Rotarians** (left) and guests put together books and bookmarks for 2nd graders. The club members planned to read to them and hand out books later in the month.



**Sedalia Rotarian** Kathleen Boswell (above) coordinated the club's annual Rotary Reads program. Thanks to her leadership, members of the Sedalia Rotary Club read to kindergarten and first-grade classes, helping inspire young readers and support literacy in the community.



**Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary** members (left) helped set up for the big ABLE Used Book Sale. Proceeds from the sale of used books supports literacy programs in the community.

## Rotary Clubs Enjoy Social Gatherings and Field Trips



**Columbia Metro Rotarians** attended the 42nd annual Columbia Public Schools Partner in Education breakfast. Metro has been a partner with the district's preschool program for 23 years.

**Central Missouri Rotary (Warrensburg)** recently transformed a mathematical constant into a community celebration, hosting a vibrant Pizza Party in honor of National Pi Day. The

event brought together members and guests to celebrate the world's most famous infinite number with some "infinite circles" of pizza and fellowship. The gathering highlighted the club's commitment to local connection, using the lighthearted holiday as an opportunity to strengthen bonds within the Central Missouri community. The celebration was made possible through the initiative of President

Sharri Carter and club member Alan Brandt. The duo proposed the project to the board, with Alan providing his signature pizza recipe for the occasion. Their vision turned a simple concept into a delicious reality that resonated with all in attendance.



**Springfield Sunrise Rotarians** (above) enjoyed a Wine and Whiskey Social at Haruno.

**Sedalia Rotary** (below) visited the Daum Museum Of Contemporary Art and hosted the Sedalia Business Women for this day trip. It was an inspiring day surrounded by creativity, collaboration and community spirit, a wonderful reminder of how art and service bring people together.



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**Fulton Rotary** went "on the road" and toured the city's Wastewater Treatment Facility March 25 in observance of Rotary International's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month.



**Springfield Metro Rotary** visited WellSpring School of Allied Health - Springfield for its monthly Rotary on the Road. WellSpring is the only accredited massage therapy school in the Midwest. The school trains massage therapists in either a 1-yr certificate program or an 18-month degree. It's great choice for people looking to switch careers. Plus, you can get a great massage by a student at a great price!



## Rotary Clubs Donate to Many Worthy Causes



**The Rotary Club of Springfield** donated \$2,000 for the water project at Litein Hospital in Kenya. The check was presented by Club President Eric Atkinson to Dr Elain Strid.

**Springfield Metro Rotary** celebrated the club's birthday by collecting items for Wish I May, to help ensure all kids can have a fabulous birthday.



**Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary** presented a check to Brande Studer, city clerk for Laurie, to help support the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Brande gave the club information about all the fun, family things going on in Laurie: Easter Egg Hunt, Inaugural Sip & Stroll (wine/beer/food), and the return of the good'ol fashion Hillbilly Fair.

**Laurie-Sunrise Beach** Rotarian Gerry Phillips, program chair and immediate past president, presented a donation to Jeff Green after the fundraiser for the Lake of the Ozarks STOP Human Trafficking Coalition.



**Buffalo Rotary** President Andy Hall presented a check to Tom Merriott, membership executive for Scouting America - Ozark Trails Council, in support of their efforts.

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# JEFFERSON CITY BREAKFAST

# ROTARY SPRING BBQ



**DATE: April 10, 2026 | 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm**  
**Knights of Columbus Tanner Bridge!**

**JOIN US FOR GRILLIN' & CHILLIN'!**

**\$15 PER MEAL**

- Pork Steak
- Chicken Breast
- All the fixings

**CHANCE TO WIN  
CASH PRIZES!**

**\$500, \$400  
or \$300**

Raffle tickets are  
**\$5/ticket**  
or **5 ticket**  
for **\$20**



Event proceeds to support  
local community organizations  
and Rotary Projects





# PERRYMAN'S KICKIN' CHICKEN **FRIED CHICKEN DINNER**

**Proceeds to Benefit:**  
Clinton Foster Closet  
The Samaritan Center  
The Clinton Animal Shelter

**FREE WILL  
DONATION**



**DINE-IN or  
CARRY OUT!**

**SAT. APRIL 11, 2026**

Rotary Buliding  
200 W Franklin St, Clinton  
5-7pm



## CHARLIE JAMES

### Golf Tournament

Presented by **Rotary**  
Club of Fulton, Missouri



### Date & Location

APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
TANGLEWOOD GOLF COURSE

### Schedule

9:00	Registration
10:00	Shotgun Start
11:30	Lunch Available
3:00	Awards

### Fees & Sponsorships

- Team: **\$440** (foursome)
- Hole Sponsor: **\$100**
- Team & Hole Sponsor: **\$525**
- Drink Sponsor: **\$1000 SOLD!**
- Food Sponsor: **\$1000**

### Contests

Closest to the Pin (men & women)  
Longest Drive (men & women)

\*Mulligans, Texas Tees & Raffle  
items available for purchase  
on tournament day\*

# REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## FORM & PAYMENT DUE BY APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to  
Fulton Rotary Club  
PO Box 733 | Fulton, MO 65251

## OR REGISTER ONLINE



Proceeds to benefit Fulton Rotary Service Projects

Kolby O'Dowd | kolby.odowd@centralbank.net

573-230-6011

# Rotary



Rolla Breakfast  
Rotary Club

## Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Event

**Sunday, April 19th, 2026**

5:00 pm to 7:30 pm



*Di Trapani's*

400 E 6th St,  
Rolla, MO 54401

**\$15.00**  
per person

## Coming in May

### **Rotary Club of Rolla Lunch Annual Golf Tournament**

May 18 at Oak Meadow Country Club, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

- All proceeds will be used to support LOCAL charities, scholarships and youth activities.
- 9 a.m. Registration, 10 a.m. Shotgun Start
- Lunch Provided. Catered by Mad Moose & Crew BBQ
- 3-Player Scramble. Hole-in-One Prize
- Contact Petra DeWitt, [histpet92@gmail.com](mailto:histpet92@gmail.com), or Shannon Reed, [sreed@fcnbc.com](mailto:sreed@fcnbc.com)



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.



**REGISTER by April 17th**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2026-hollister-rotary-trivia-night-tickets-1981355018196>



**Door Prizes**

**Silent Auction**

**Cash Bar Available**



**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

Doors open at 6:00 PM

Trivia 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Branson Airport

4000 Branson Airport

Blvd Hollister, MO 65672



For questions or more information:



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ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ROTARY  
CLUB OF HOLLISTER GRANT FUND

**50<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
ROTARY BENEFIT AUCTION**

*Unite for Good*  
TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**APRIL 24**



**2026**

**SEDALIA BEST WESTERN**

**TICKETS - \$20**

Your Donation Supports:  
Smith-Cotton JROTC Scholarships  
Sedalia Rotary Community Hope Chest

**5:30 Doors Open / 6:00 Silent Auction / 7:00 Live Auction and 50/50 Raffle  
FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED**

**For more information contact Scott Applegate 816-273-6526 or Leslie Wimer 573-819-4495**

# 3RD ANNUAL BUTLER ROTARY CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT



## SPRING FLING

*Come join us for good golf and a fun time!*

**9:00 AM FOUR - MAN SCRAMBLE**

**\$300/TEAM**

**LUNCH  
PROVIDED**

**CASH PRIZES**

**MULLIGANS  
\$20**

**CART RENTAL  
\$30**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3RD, BUTLER COUNTRY CLUB**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

**DAVID HILGENBERG 816-352-1431**

**JUSTIN SMITH 660-227-9773**

*Proceeds go to fund local scholarships*



# 5 Steps to Increasing Your Club's Facebook Presence

*By Melissa Ward, Rotary Club of Twin Bridges, Southern Saratoga, New York, and chair of the Rotarians on Social Networks Fellowship*

A Facebook page gives your club a voice on Facebook. With so much other “noise” on social media, there are several things you can do to raise your club’s page above the distractions.

1. Make good use of visuals. Your cover photo is prime real estate. Use a photo that really speaks to your club’s mission. Post fun, active photos.



2. Post regularly. Share your club’s next program, a photo of a project, create an event for your next fundraiser. For example, post your speaker every Monday. Share a photo every Wednesday. Share an article from [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org) every Friday.

3. Encourage club members to LIKE and SHARE posts from your Facebook Page. This is where the magic of social media kicks in. When members share posts onto their personal Facebook page, their connections can see it, like it and increase the club’s exposure exponentially. This is key to keeping your club’s posts in the newsfeed.

4. Tag other businesses and organizations you work with. Place the @ sign in front of the business name and their Facebook page should appear. Select it and it will be tagged in the post. That sends a notice to that business, and gives them the opportunity to share your post onto their page. Now you have even MORE exposure.

5. Have more than one person as a page admin. Our club page has three admins. Each of us is responsible for different aspects of the page. This prevents the page from being forgotten, or from getting lost. Add a milestone for your charter date and major events.

The above tips may seem like a lot, but you can do them over time. The most impactful activity is having club members like and share your club’s posts. This helps your club increase its reach and gain awareness in the local community. Using free tools like Hootsuite and [Canva](http://Canva.com) will make managing your page easier and more efficient.

**About the author:** Melissa Ward is a Past District Governor for District 7190 and was an Assistant Public Image Coordinator for Zones 28-29. She is a speaker and trainer at a variety of events throughout the year.

