



Dear Rotary Family,

As I write this month's message, I've had the privilege of visiting 14 clubs across District 6080 during my first month as your District Governor. Every visit has reminded me why I am so honored to serve in this role.

No two clubs are exactly alike. Some meet early in the morning, others over lunch or in the evening. Some have been serving their communities for generations, while others are embracing new ideas and finding creative ways to make an impact. One thing that made me smile was discovering there are still clubs that begin their meetings with song. Those moments remind us that Rotary is about more than meetings. It is about fellowship, friendship, and enjoying the journey together.

While every club has its own traditions and personality, I've noticed something they all have in common. Every club is filled with people who genuinely care about making their community a better place. Whether supporting local schools, mentoring young people, partnering with nonprofit organizations, or serving through international projects, the heart of Rotary is alive and well throughout District 6080.

During each club visit, I often ask members one simple question: "How did you become a Rotarian?"

Almost every answer begins the same way. Someone invited you.

A friend. A coworker. A neighbor. Someone believed Rotary would be meaningful for you and simply asked you to attend a meeting or participate in a service project.

For some of us, that invitation changed our lives.

It led to friendships we never expected. It opened doors to leadership opportunities. It connected us with people across our district and around the world who share a common purpose of Service Above Self.

One of our district's priorities this year is growing Rotary. Not because we're chasing numbers, but because every new member represents another person who can discover the same friendships, purpose, and opportunities that each of us has experienced.

Growth doesn't begin with a membership application. It begins with an invitation.

This month, I challenge every Rotarian to think of one person who shares Rotary's values. Invite them to join you for a meeting, a service project, or simply a cup of coffee to hear your Rotary story. Don't worry about asking them to become a member. Just open the door and let them experience Rotary for themselves.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received at every club I've visited. I look forward to continuing my travels throughout District 6080, hearing your stories, celebrating your successes, and working together as we Create Lasting Impact.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Brad Martens
District Governor 2026-2027
Rotary District 6080



Send your news items and photos to District Secretary Mary Ann Beahon at beahon.rotary@gmail.com

Susan Hart Selected as District Governor Nominee

Susan Hart, has been named District Governor Nominee for District 6080. She will serve as District Governor for the Rotary year 2028-2029.

Susan serves as president of Reinhardt Construction, a leading commercial construction firm serving Central Missouri and beyond. With more than three decades of experience in the construction industry, she has built a reputation for collaborative leadership, operational excellence and a strong commitment to community engagement.

She brings leadership experience to the District Governor role, having served as chair of the Board of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce and chair of the Board of Regional Economic Development Inc. (REDI). She currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Builders' Association, helping advance workforce development and industry excellence. She has served on numerous boards not for profit community organizations in Central Missouri.



A member of Columbia Metro Rotary since 1993, Susan served as club president in 1999-2000. In District 6080, she has held the position of Foundation Grants Subcommittee Chair since 2010. She is a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation, a Foundation Benefactor and a member of the Paul Harris Society.

With the addition of Susan, this is what the District Governor line looks like:



Andrea Brady

Immediate Past District Governor

District Governor 2025-26

Springfield Sunrise Rotary



Brad Martens

District Governor 2026-27

Columbia South Rotary



Will Cologne

District Governor-Elect

District Governor 2027-28

Springfield Sunrise Rotary



Susan Hart

District Governor-Nominee

District Governor 2028-29

Columbia Metro Rotary

Save the Date!

CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT

Rotary



Tuesday, August 18, 2026

6:30 PM (Zoom session)

45 minutes



Join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83623558610?pwd=vXUtZKa04Li6iuWCr0LZHJomLvea9v.1>

RI Zone 31 **“Team Missouri”** – The Rotary Foundation Seminar –



Districts 6040, 6060, 6080 Rotarians in Leadership –

DG line, Assistant Governors, District Foundation Chairs,
Membership and Public Image Chairs and teams.

Club Presidents and committee chairs.

All Rotarian's interested in learning more about
our Foundation and how to support the
Good Works of Rotary.



Why:

It's a new Rotary year. Start early and stay ahead!

Time to learn about Foundation history, past success stories,
establish goals for this year and discuss strategies for achievement.
And, learn why integrating Membership, Foundation and
Public Image is so important.

OUR 7 AREAS OF FOCUS



PEACEBUILDING AND
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



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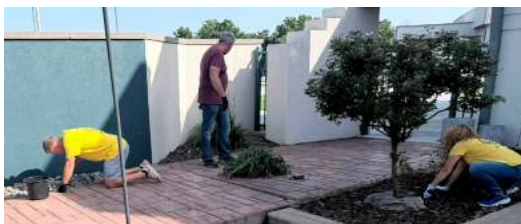
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Rotary Clubs Participate in Various Service Projects



Springfield Metro Rotary partnered with CASA of Southwest Missouri for a 5th Tuesday Service Project that included gardening chores and putting together new toys and equipment. They also toured the CASA Clubhouse, a safe space for visitations. In addition to the “living room” and media room, a stocked kitchen and laundry room are available to parents to use while spending time with their kids. Plus, they have a kids closet for items that kids and

their families need (and they get to pick out their birthday gift). Rotarians followed this night of service with fellowship at Ebbett’s Field.



Columbia Metro Rotary grabbed gloves and trash bags and headed out in the rain, determined to make the community a little cleaner. The club's trash pickups come with one very important (and highly competitive) tradition of the “Weirdest Find” contest. The winners this time: JD Moran and Shane Winter, who uncovered a bag full of stolen Walmart merchandise. Definitely not something they expected to find!



Jefferson City Rotary is once again welcoming new educators to the community by providing gift bags to 140 teachers beginning their careers in Jefferson City area schools. Now in its third decade, the club's annual Teacher Appreciation initiative recognizes the vital role educators play in shaping the future of the community and serves as a warm welcome to those dedicating their talents to local students.

This year's gift bags include classroom resources made possible through a partnership with Scholastic, along with financial support from Hawthorn Bank, Legends Bank and Mid America Bank. The collaborative effort reflects the community's commitment to supporting educators as they begin the new school year.



Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary hosted one of the 40 Red Kettle Relief Lemon Aid stands in support of the Salvation Army, serving lemonade and cookies July 25 outside the Hartsfield YMCA. The Salvation Army's goal was to collect \$10,000 in two hours. The collection total had not been announced as of this posting.

Fundraising Projects Result in Generous Donations



Table Rock Lake Rotary calls their recent Game of Thrones fundraiser their "crowning achievement," bringing in approximately \$7,000. Area businesses paid to have a toilet placed in front of another business. That business then had to pay to have the toilet removed. Nobody raised a stink about donating. The event also generated a massive social media following for the club, which gained more than 100 new followers and tens of thousands of views.

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Photo Caption: A business owner in Kimberling City participates in Table Rock Lake Rotary's Game of Thrones.

Boonville Rotary made a \$20,000 commitment to underwrite the new Library Circulation Desk. This pledge was fulfilled over a three-year period through a combination of the club's annual budget and reserve funds, demonstrating Rotary's long-term commitment to investing in projects that benefit the entire community.



In addition to this significant contribution, the club partnered with the Friends of the Library in the fall of 2025 to host the first Books & Brats fundraiser. Designed to increase traffic and engagement for both organizations, the event was a great success. Thanks to generous donations from Rotary members, including brats, chips, drinks, condiments and paper products, the club raised approximately \$1,200.

Building on the success of the inaugural event, Boonville Rotary and the Friends of the Library are now planning the second annual Books & Brats and look forward to continuing this partnership in support of literacy and community engagement.



Belton-Raymore Rotary donated \$1,500 to Care Package Inbound to fund emergency bags for children in foster care. The club supports the much-needed efforts of this organization through Happy Bucks.

Fayette Rotary sponsored a cart for Mobility Worldwide's Hearts for Carts fundraising event.

The cart will be shipped to a third-world country, providing life-changing mobility and independence to someone who doesn't have the use of their legs due to polio, a landmine accident or another cause.

Rotarian Chuck Thompson brought the club's cart to the meeting as an example of one project that creates a lasting impact. Thompson spearheaded the club's efforts to raise the sponsorship funds, prepare the cart for shipment, and decorate it for display at the Hearts for Carts event.



District Governor Brad Martens challenges Fayette Rotary to "Create a Lasting Impact" during his visit to the club's July 1 meeting. Fayette Rotary's mobility cart (in front of the podium) is an example of a project that does that.

Rotary Clubs Show Patriotism for Nation's 250th

Bolivar Rotary sponsored a Celebration of Freedom on July 4 at Southwest Baptist University, celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The event included a Kids' Bike Parade (sponsored by the City of Bolivar); food sold by local non-profit organizations; music by Nashville recording artists Karli & James; a Veterans' recognition program with featured speaker Retired Sgt. Dan Bunch, U.S. Army; Fireworks Extravaganza; and 250th Anniversary Commemorative Giveaways.

The four Rotary Clubs of Jefferson City created a Rotary-themed float for the Celebration Parade commemorating America's 250th anniversary. The clubs showcased Poppies to the Park, a community art installation honoring the nation's veterans on the Bicentennial Bridge leading to Deborah Cooper Park on Adrian's Island.



The float recreated the beautiful arches of handcrafted poppies that transform the bridge each year from Veterans Day through Thanksgiving, creating a vibrant and meaningful tribute to the men and women who have served the country.

The poppy is recognized around the world as a symbol of remembrance, sacrifice, and hope for a peaceful future. Those values closely reflect Rotary's mission of creating lasting

change through service—strengthening communities, improving health, expanding education, growing local economies, and promoting peace and understanding around the world.



Rotarians Enjoy Camaraderie During Social Gatherings



Springfield Southeast Rotary gathered July 9 at Patrick Harrington's home for its 55th annual John Simpson Memorial Shrimp Feed & Fireside Chat. Members shared the traditional meal of boiled shrimp, salad and garlic toast before breaking into small groups to take up a set of thought-provoking questions —

conversations meant to give the club's membership a direct hand in shaping Southeast's direction.



Belton-Raymore Rotary members gathered for a social hour at Peculiar Winery on July 29, the 5th Wednesday of the month.

Fulton Rotarians had fun during "wear a hat for Andy day" on July 1. During his installation as president, Andy Branson jokingly said he was going to "dictate" that members wear hats and sit in alphabetical order - so at his first meeting as president, the club members did just that.



Andy Branson



David and Sarah Backer



Tammy Wickham, Jennifer Stoker



Amanda Gowin and Melissa Siegel



Joan Morris and Steve Long



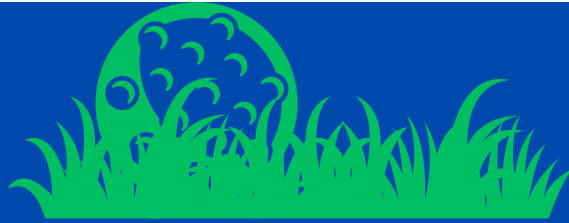
Left to right: Collin Clement and Haley Gilmore; Bob Sterner and Tim Stewman; Lucy Crain, John Bell and Kathy Scott.

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Club of
Belton-Raymore



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TOURNAMENT

Join us for the 17th annual benefit golf tournament--
Showcase your business and enjoy one of the finest
courses in the Midwest WHILE helping the Belton-
Raymore Rotary Club raise funds to support the
community! Over the past 17 years, this tournament
has raised over \$140,000 for beneficiaries such as
Operation BBQ, the Belton Educational Foundation,
the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation, and
many others.



→ **MONDAY**
SEPTEMBER 14TH

REGISTRATION AT 8 AM

SHOTGUN START AT 9 AM

\$200/GOLFER

\$800/TEAM

GOLF CLUB AT CREEKMOOR - RAYMORE, MO

The Golf Club at Creekmoor has
been rated one of the metro area's
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This scramble tournament includes:

- lunch
- hole-in-one prizes
- putting contest
- silent auction and 50/50 raffle
- ball drop & MORE!

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17th Annual Benefit Golf Ball Drop

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH
SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY
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Balls will be sold 3 for \$25 for the chance to win a cash prize of \$500. The morning of the tournament South Metro Fire Department will be dropping the golf balls, you do not need to be present to win. Use the QR code below to purchase.



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