



Dear Rotary Family,

As I write this month's message, I am returning from New Orleans and the Rotary Zones 30 and 31 Institute. It was an incredible few days of learning, fellowship and connecting with Rotary leaders from across our two zones.

One experience that stood out was having the opportunity, on two different occasions, to hear Rotary International President-elect Larry Lunsford read a children's book. It was a simple but powerful reminder as we enter September, Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Month.

Creating lasting impact doesn't always require a large or complicated project. Sometimes it begins by opening a book and reading to a child.

We were reminded of that impact this past week with the passing of Dolly Parton. While the world knew her for her music and entertainment career, one of her greatest legacies may be the millions of books placed into the hands of children through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. What began in 1995 as an effort to provide books to children in her home county grew into an international literacy program that has provided more than 330 million books.

Rotary also creates opportunities for young people in countless ways. Throughout District 6080, our clubs provide books, support scholarships, partner with schools and mentor students. We invest in tomorrow's leaders through RYLA, introduce young people to Service Above Self through Interact, and help students experience other cultures and build international understanding through Rotary Youth Exchange.

We may never fully know where those opportunities will lead.

Creating opportunities also means inviting others to experience Rotary.

Since July 1, District 6080 has welcomed more than 50 new Rotarians. That is something worth celebrating! At the same time, we have lost around 30 members. Growing Rotary requires us to continue inviting new people while creating clubs where our current members feel connected, engaged and excited to stay.

Last month, I challenged each of us to invite someone to experience Rotary. Let's keep asking. Invite a friend to a meeting. Bring a coworker to a service project. Tell someone why Rotary matters to you.

It starts with an invitation.

Finally, I hope you will join us Nov. 6 in Columbia for our District Conference. We are planning a day of fellowship, learning and hands-on service. It will be a wonderful opportunity for Rotarians from across District 6080 to connect and put Service Above Self into action.

Whether we are placing a book in a child's hands, developing tomorrow's leaders, welcoming a new Rotarian, or serving together at District Conference, each action contributes to something much larger.

That is how we Create Lasting Impact.

One opportunity. One invitation. One act of service at a time.

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



Learn About the Ignite App During Upcoming Sessions

The folks at DACdb have created an app called Ignite that makes life easier for Rotary clubs. District 6080 has purchased Ignite for ALL clubs in the district to use. Download it to your phone to see the features Ignite offers. No more taking attendance at meetings or service projects on paper; simply click after the name of each person in attendance. When you save the information, it will automatically appear in your DACdb records. Ignite does this and so much more!

If you want to learn the fastest and easiest ways to maximize your personal and club use of Ignite, plan to attend one of these upcoming sessions. Patrick Prenger and Erik Janeczko will give a quick update on the newest and most useful tools inside Ignite, along with several tips and tricks to make your club life easier. This open forum is intended to answer any and all questions you have as well.

Ignite Chief Revenue Officer Patrick Longano and DCo 6080 Erik Janeczko will walk you through a brief, high energy, overview of key features and functions you need to know. Multiple duplicate sessions are being offered to accommodate as many Rotarians as efficiently as possible, so you only need to attend one of the three sessions offered.

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Sept. 9, 2026 04:30 PM Central Time

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Sept. 12, 2026 09:30 AM Central Time

Register Here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/55kOvBhsSA-y2hj-1-Ig5Q>

The graphic promotes the IGNITE Mobile App by DACdb. On the left, four red circular icons with white symbols represent the app's features: a bell for notifications, a calendar for events, a shield with a dollar sign for invoices, and a clock for service hours. Each icon is followed by a blue bar with white text. Below these are two QR codes for downloading the app, labeled 'APPLE' and 'ANDROID' in white text on a dark blue background. On the right, a smartphone displays the app's interface. The screen shows a greeting 'Hi Katherine!' with a profile picture and a message count. Below this are eight tiles for various functions: Prospective Members, My Service Hours, Messages (with a red notification badge), Calendar, Upload Service Selfies, Find Club Members, Pay, and Foundation.

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ANDROID

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Hi Katherine!
You have 1 new message.

Prospective Members

My Service Hours

Messages

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International Convention to be Held in Barcelona



The Rotary International Convention will be held in Barcelona in June, and members who've visited the city along the sea or who live there can hardly contain their excitement. They want other Rotary members (yes, you!) to experience the energy, culture, and renowned landmarks of the city they love.

Speaking of landmarks, the timing of the June 26-30 convention is perfect for visiting Barcelona's signature attraction, the Sagrada

Família basilica. Under construction for more than 140 years, the Antoni Gaudí masterpiece reached a milestone after workers finished its final, tallest tower earlier this year.

The 2027 RI Convention takes place at the [Fira de Barcelona Gran Via](#) venue. Registration opens on Sept. 17, with a special promotional discount of \$595 per person available through Sept. 21 when it increases to \$795 and eventually to \$895. Housing options will be available in September 2026 through bnetwork, Rotary's local housing partner. The event was relocated from its original venue in Dubai due to regional security uncertainties.

Experience global connection in Barcelona

Connect with people of action from around the world at the 2027 Rotary International Convention in Barcelona, Spain.

Share innovative projects, exchange ideas, and form connections that open new perspectives. Through interactive breakout sessions, influential speakers, and meaningful exchanges with fellow changemakers, you'll explore fresh ways to Create Lasting Impact in your community and beyond.

In Barcelona, Rotary's global family will come together for an exceptional experience focused on learning, collaboration, and discovery. From the energy of the convention floor to the Host Organization Committee's Signature Events, the city itself becomes a convention feature, offering iconic architecture, rich artistic culture, and the relaxed charm of the Mediterranean coast.

There will be General Sessions and so much more, such as:

House of Friendship - The House of Friendship will be much more than an exhibition space. Conceived as an international meeting point, it will bring together culture, gastronomy, social projects, networking and shared experiences, offering an immersion in the identity of Barcelona, Catalonia and the Mediterranean. Above all, it will be a place of fellowship, where Rotarians from all over the world come together.

Host Hospitality Night - An evening where Rotarian clubs from across the country share the best of their regions through food, wine and culture, hosted for Convention attendees in a celebration of Spanish hospitality and Rotary fellowship.

Curated Tours - From half-day city highlights to multi-day journeys across Iberia — every experience is curated by the Host Organization Committee.

Join us in Barcelona, Spain, June 26-30, and be part of a shared experience that drives lasting change — in the world and within yourself!

District 6080 Conference Coming in November

Save the Date

Nov. 6

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture
Community Welcome Center

\$50 for members and \$25 for Rotaractors

Rotary
District 6080



DISTRICT 6080 CONFERENCE

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NOVEMBER
6, 2026

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM



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Enroll Your Pet in Kennel Klub and Help Eradicate Polio

About the Rotary PolioPlus Society Kennel Klub

The Rotary PolioPlus Society Kennel Klub is a worldwide community of Rotarians, animal lovers and beloved pets united behind one important mission: helping Rotary end polio forever.

Kennel Klub members make an annual donation to Rotary's PolioPlus Fund in honor or memory of a pet. Through their membership, photos, and stories, these animals become ambassadors for polio eradication—raising awareness and inspiring others to support the cause. Although dogs inspired the Kennel Klub name, animals of every kind are welcome. Our [Facebook Group](#) has over 500 members.



District Governor Brad Martens and his dog, Emery.



Mollie, the original Kennel Klub member

How the Kennel Klub Began

The Kennel Klub began with Mollie Owen, the dog of Rotarians Greg and Valerie Owen. Several years ago, a Long Beach Rotarian saw a photograph of Mollie wearing her red End Polio Now bandana and asked permission to turn it into a flyer.

The flyer shared Mollie's commitment to give up \$10 worth of treats each month to support PolioPlus and invited others to join her. That simple message inspired more than 100 new PolioPlus Society members. Before long, the Rotary PolioPlus Society Kennel Klub was born.

From One Pet to a Global Movement

What began with one photograph and one simple invitation has grown into an international community of compassionate people and their animals.

In July 2026, the Kennel Klub celebrated its 400th member. At that milestone, the Klub included pets and their humans across 13 countries and represented 15 different kinds of animals—from dogs, cats, and horses to tortoises, owls, hummingbirds, alpacas, and more. Ten additional Kennel Klubs had also formed or were in the process of forming in Rotary districts around the world.

Each member demonstrates how a small act of generosity can grow into meaningful action. By sharing the Kennel Klub's mission, inviting others to participate, and supporting PolioPlus, members are helping Rotary move closer to a world where no child suffers from this preventable disease.



Susan Haralson, Polio Plus chair for District 6080, with her kitty, Winnie the Poo

How to Join

Joining the Kennel Klub is a simple two-step process:

1. Commit to donating \$10 per month or \$100 per year to Rotary's PolioPlus Fund until the world is declared polio-free. Make your tax deductible donation at <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate> and select the **PolioPlus** fund
2. Complete the Kennel Klub membership form with information about the participating pet and its human. Go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqooESLnAfH6cO5F9VaKB2KnEILZTkV-DxzqtOs657CqRfWQ/viewform>

Members receive a **free End Polio Now bandana** and Kennel Klub membership pin so their pet can proudly represent the fight to end polio.

A membership may be created:

- In honor of a current pet
- In memory of a beloved pet that has passed
- As a gift honoring a friend or family member's pet

Members are encouraged to share photographs and stories on social media using **#PPSKennelKlub** to help introduce more people to Rotary's polio-eradication efforts.

Through the Kennel Klub, pets lend their names, personalities, and very photogenic faces to the fight against polio. Their pawrents commit at least \$100 annually to PolioPlus, and each animal member receives a red End Polio Now bandana as a symbol of their support.

Their photographs in red bandanas do more than make people smile. They start conversations, introduce new audiences to Rotary's work, and remind people that everyone can play a part in creating a polio-free world—even our pets.

Starting a local Kennel Klub can make PolioPlus fundraising more engaging, involve members' families and friends, and create new opportunities to share Rotary's story within the community.

When Rotarians and their animal companions work together, we can move closer to the finish line—one club, one member, and one paw at a time.



District Secretary Mary Ann Beahon's three dogs: Cooper, Theo and Bentley



Assistant Governor Devra Leach's dog, Missy.

Rotary's 'Service Above Self' Takes Many Forms



Columbia South Rotarians Teri Walden, Susan Mckarns and Beth Thompson prepped for Meals on Wheels meals out of the new Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (CCUA) kitchen.

Fulton Rotarians (plus two grandsons) provided dinner for their neighbors at Open Table on Aug. 20.

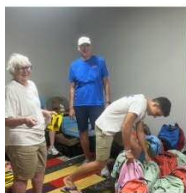


Columbia Metro Rotary's longest running Community Service Project is its Partnership In Education with the Columbia Public Schools' Title 1 pre-school program. This program began in 2003, and the club has donated over \$30,000 to purchase books and other literacy aids for CPS schools as well as establishing a library at the district's Center for Early Learning-North. In addition to the monetary donations, many club members routinely volunteer to read in the classroom.

Columbia Metro Rotary hit the streets to pick up trash and somehow managed to turn a little hard work into a LOT of laughs, great conversation and fellowship.



Jefferson City Rotarians from several clubs volunteered at the Building Community Bridges Back-



to-School Event. Volunteers helped distribute more than 200 backpacks filled with much-needed school supplies to local students. BCB provided not only 200+ backpacks full of needed supplies but helped with other services such as free haircuts.



Table Rock Lake Rotary participated in the Stone County School Readiness Fair, handing out school supplies to more than 500 students.



Columbia Rotary Collaborates with Other Groups

By Walt Lantzy, past co-president, Rotary Club of Columbia

Columbia Rotary joined forces with four other civic organizations—the Lions, Kiwanis, Optimist and Cosmopolitan clubs—to serve the Columbia community. In celebration of America's 250th Anniversary, they organized a patriotic window-painting contest with local businesses.



As businesses signed up to participate, the clubs reached out to volunteers to bring the project to life. Among those who answered the call were the talented children of Camp

Como Kidz, one of whom is shown here painting windows. These young volunteers are enthusiastic, creative, and proud to take part in something that brings people together.

The first project these five organizations completed together was cleaning Cosmo Park, a project that received attention because it marked the first time in 50 years that the local civic clubs had united for a community effort.

Since then, they have continued working together on projects that improve Columbia and support the people who call it home. In one memorable effort, they helped build a house with Habitat for Humanity. The five clubs plan on doing more together on an annual basis.



Clubs like the Cosmo, Lions, Kiwanis, Optimist and Rotary remain part of the backbone of our community. Their members sponsor programs, support local needs, improve parks and public spaces, encourage youth activities, and help make Columbia a stronger, kinder, and more connected place. The impact of their work is easy to overlook because it is woven into everyday community life.

They remind the community that service still matters. They support organizations that help neighbors in need, contribute to parks, playgrounds, soccer fields, and youth programs, and create opportunities for people of all ages to stay active, connected, and involved.

Now, more than ever, the community needs people who are willing to give their time, share their talents, and be part of something larger than themselves. Joining a local civic club is a meaningful way to make a difference, build friendships, and help shape the future of Columbia.



Donations from Rotary Clubs Help Scouts & Troops



Rolla Lunch Rotary received a Certificate of Appreciation for its support of Mason Hirtz's Eagle Scout Project of the Military Working Dogs Monument in Rolla Veterans Memorial Park.



IMPACT Rotary of Columbia sponsors Scout Troop 60, and scouts enjoyed summer camp activities.



Springfield Rotary Clubs Receive Award for Project

The Rotary Clubs of Springfield have been selected to receive the 2026 Toast to Tourism Impact Award for their work on Birthplace Plaza. This recognition is a great example of Rotary in action. By bringing together Rotary clubs, community partners, businesses and local leaders, Rotarians helped transform an important piece of Route 66 history into a destination that will welcome visitors, strengthen the community and help build the local economy for generations to come. Read more about Birthplace Plaza and this special recognition: <https://rotary6080.org/rotary-clubs-of-springfield-to-receive-2026-toast-to-tourism-impact-award/>



District 6080 Rotarians Take “Rotary On the Road”



Columbia Metro Rotary enjoyed good friends, lots of laughter, and some delicious Mexican food at Delia's on Stadium.

Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary toured the new Jefferson City Early Childhood Center, created to serve the city's littlest learners—offering Pre-Kindergarten, Early Childhood Special Education and Parents as Teachers for free.



Springfield Metro Rotary took Rotary on the Road to Mid-West Family Marketing - Springfield, MO. Kelley Lace, sales manager, showcased all the things Mid-West can do for clients. They're more than 4 top radio stations and the regional podcast network, they offer digital marketing solutions that help grow local businesses. Kelley then took Rotarians on a tour of the stations and the guitar hallways (signed by favorite artists), with special recognition to one signed by Dolly.

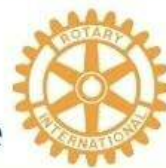


Fulton Rotarians celebrated the Fourth Friday as a social at William Woods University, listening to the fantastic 60s and 70s music of C Rock City.



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Join us for the 17th annual benefit golf tournament—
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many others.



→ **MONDAY**
SEPTEMBER 14TH

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SHOTGUN START AT 9 AM

\$200/GOLFER

\$800/TEAM

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