



Dear Rotary Family,

October was an emotional month, both personally and in my Rotary journey. The loss of Past District Governor Raymond Plue, a dear friend, mentor and someone I considered family, weighed heavily on my heart. His passing, along with loss within my own family, caused me to reflect on the relationships we build, the lives we touch, and the legacy we leave behind.

Raymond dedicated much of his life to Rotary. He understood that Rotary was more than a weekly meeting or service project. It was an opportunity to build friendships, develop leaders and make a difference that would continue long after our time here.

As I reflect on his life, I find myself asking a question worth sharing. When our time comes, what will our Rotary legacy be?

Will it be the friendships we created? The people we encouraged to join? The young leaders we mentored? Or perhaps the lives of people halfway around the world whom we never had the opportunity to meet?

Throughout October, I continued visiting clubs across District 6080, and each visit reminded me that the family of Rotary is truly one of our greatest gifts. Wherever we travel, we find people who share our values, welcome us as friends and are committed to making the world a better place.

As we enter November, we recognize Rotary Foundation Month. The Rotary Foundation allows us to extend our impact beyond our individual clubs and communities. Through our contributions, we support clean water, education, disease prevention, peacebuilding, and countless other projects worldwide. Our recent recognition of World Polio Day reminds us what is possible when generations of Rotarians remain committed to a common purpose.

As we prepare for our District Conference on Nov. 6 in Columbia, I hope you will join us. Through fellowship, inspiring speakers, and hands-on service, we have an opportunity to connect with the larger Rotary family and discover new ways to serve together.

Rotary has given me friendships and opportunities I could never have imagined when I first joined. This past month reminded me not to take those relationships for granted.

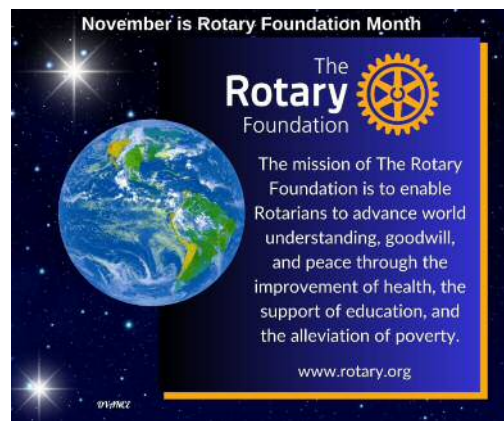
We may never fully know the impact we have on others, but through the relationships we build, the service we provide and our support of The Rotary Foundation, each of us has an opportunity to leave something meaningful behind.

That is what it means to 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
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Dynamic Speakers Highlight District 6080 Conference

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<https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77938650>

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

CREATE LASTING IMPACT

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**NOVEMBER
6, 2026**

9:30 AM – 4:30 PM



COLUMBIA CENTER FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE
COMMUNITY WELCOME CENTER
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Let's **CREATE LASTING IMPACT** together.



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TOGETHER, WE

CREATE LASTING IMPACT



ROTARY LEADERS.
STRONGER CLUBS.
IMPACTFUL COMMUNITIES.
A BETTER WORLD.

A Gathering of Remembrance & Celebration of Life



Honoring the Life and Legacy of Raymond E. Plue, DVM

December 4, 1944 – October 10, 2026

A Life Well Lived. A Legacy That Will Never Be Forgotten.

Please join us Nov. 14 in Columbia for a special gathering as we remember and celebrate the remarkable life of Past District Governor Raymond Plue.

Raymond lived a life filled with friendship, adventure, service, and a genuine passion for connecting with others. Whether traveling the open road on his motorcycle to attend Rotary events, enjoying his love of Corvettes, serving communities around the world through Rotary, or simply spending time with family and friends, Raymond embraced life and the

relationships he built along the way.

His kindness, generosity, and commitment to helping others left a lasting impression on countless individuals. The friendships he developed and the memories he created will continue to be treasured for years to come.

We invite family, friends, fellow Rotarians, Corvette enthusiasts, motorcycle friends, and everyone whose life was touched by Raymond to join us for an **informal, come-and-go gathering** in his honor.



Guests are welcome to stop by, view photographs, share favorite stories and memories, offer condolences, and reflect on a life that made a difference.



There will be no formal service or structured program, simply an opportunity to come together in friendship and remembrance.

Date: Saturday Nov. 14, 2026

Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: 404 Portland Event Center, Columbia, MO

RSVP Appreciated, but Not Required

To assist with planning, we would appreciate an RSVP from those who know they plan to attend. However, everyone is welcome, whether or not they have responded in advance.

Click Here to RSVP: <https://forms.gle/KLeRgzNzbuRJK6n29>

The roads Raymond traveled brought him to countless places, but it was the friendships he made and the lives he touched along the way that became his greatest legacy.



Service Projects are the Heart of Every Rotary Club



Columbia Metro Rotary participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

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 repacking food. Together, they processed 4,000 pounds of corn on the cob, ensuring it will soon be distributed to families across the region.



Springfield Sunrise Rotary cleared nearly two miles of trail at Fellows Lake with Ozark Greenways Oct. 15.

Belton-Raymore Rotarians helped with the City of Raymore's Hallo-Clean event, cleaning up Hawk Ridge Park Lake.



Rolla Lunch Rotary participated in Celebration of Nations, walking in the parade and handing out water to the community.



Rolla Lunch Rotary members also served breakfast to Rolla High School students for Senior Sunrise, celebrating the Class of 2026 as they begin their senior year.



Lebanon Rotarians volunteered at Fostering Hope Closet, a program of Live 2 Give Hope. The nonprofit provides free clothing, hygiene items, beds, and essentials to children in foster care to ensure kids have what they need when they need it.



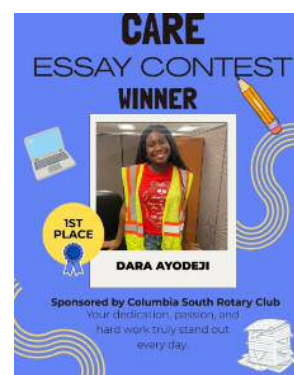
Springfield Metro Rotary

helped out at Least of These, Inc. food pantry in Ozark, sorting and date-checking over 1 ton (that's 2,000 pounds) of donated goods in about 30 minutes. Afterwards, Rotarians went to The Vineyard for food and beverages.



Columbia South

Rotary sponsored the City of Columbia CARE (Career Awareness Related Experience) Program's essay contest. The CARE program connects youth to paid work experience, mentorship, and real-world skill-building that prepares them for what's next. Essay contest winners were: First place - Dara Ayodeji, Second place - Chidinma Ugochukwu and Third place - Alaina Zamarripa.



Rolla Rotary is a sponsor for Heroes Marathon and **Salem Rotarians**, including past District Governor Jim Standfast, volunteer for the event, which will be held Nov. 21. in Rolla. All proceeds go to veteran's causes and MISSION22. Almost a quarter million dollars have been donated to veterans in its 10-year history. go to www.heroesmarathon.com to register, volunteer or sponsor.

Springfield Sunrise Rotary held a Trunk or Treat Oct. 29 at Maxon's. It was such a great evening with awesome trunks, fun activities and so many cute kiddos.



District 6080 Rotarians Put the 'Fun' in Fundraising



Fayette and Rocheport Rotary Clubs raised more than \$1,000 for PolioPlus with their annual cornhole tournament Oct. 11 at Meriwether's Café and Grill in Rocheport. Fayette Rotarians Pat Roll and Jamie Page won the coveted Bragging Rights trophy.

Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary will hold its Polio Bingo Night on Nov. 9, at the Knights of Columbus on Tanner Bridge Road. The fun starts

at 6 p.m. and continues through eight games of bingo, with prizes along the way. Tickets are \$30 for all eight games, with the cost counted as a donation to PolioPlus or The Rotary Foundation in your name. Your Rotary club will also receive credit for the donation. Extra bingo cards will be available for \$1 each.

Between games, there will also be an auction of donated Paul Harris points, giving Rotarians an opportunity to help others move closer to their next Paul Harris recognition level. The Breakfast Club will provide cocktail sandwiches and chips while supplies last, and attendees are welcome to bring a shareable snack. The Knights of Columbus bar will also be open. RSVP if you plan to attend so organizers can get a good head count.

Springfield Rotaract

held its 10th Annual Double Dare Fundraiser Oct. 15 to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks and their mission to ignite the power and promise of youth through one-to-one mentoring. Padgett Smith, Springfield Metro Rotary's president, won the slimming contest and was slimmed with a smile.



Springfield Sunrise Rotary raised \$6,045 with a bake sale for Harmony House. Seth Swafford was auctioneer and Bryant Young was "Vanna White."

Sedalia Rotary held Purple Pinky Doughnut Fundraiser, delivering 73 boxes of doughnuts Oct. 23.

Jefferson City West Rotary is preparing for its annual Trivia Night fundraiser on Nov. 13 at the McClung Park Indoor Pavilion. Doors open at 6 p.m., with trivia beginning at 7 p.m. The evening will feature team trivia, door prizes and a silent auction, along with plenty of friendly competition. This year's event happens to fall on Friday the 13th, giving organizers an easy theme to have a little fun with.



Fayette Rotary will hold its annual Trivia Night Fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 14, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Fellowship Hall on Highway 5 in Fayette. Doors open at 6 p.m., with trivia beginning promptly at 7 p.m. Teams of 8 to 10 players can register for \$125 per team. Questions will cover a variety of topics, giving everyone a chance to contribute to the team's success. Special "Dead & Alive" rounds will add a twist to the competition offering individuals a chance to win cash prizes. Cash prizes will go to the top three teams.



No one will go hungry during the evening. A free soup and chili supper, along with snacks, desserts and drinks, is included with registration. Set-ups will be provided, and participants are welcome to bring their own beverages. A 50/50 raffle will offer another chance to win while supporting Rotary's work.

The club will also be selling \$5 raffle tickets for a chance to win one of four framed prints featuring beautiful scenes from nature and the changing seasons. The collection includes "Winter Sunset" by Arnold

Alaniz, a winter scene by Audrey Casey featuring Door County, Wisconsin, "Spring Blossom" by Thelma Larry Butler and "Autumn Haven" by David Maass, featuring wood ducks in a fall setting. Tickets will be available at Trivia Night, and the final drawings for all four prints will take place that evening. Winners do not need to be present.

Proceeds from Trivia Night and the print raffle will support the Fayette Rotary Club's local service projects, including its support of the Fayette Senior Center, as well as Rotary International's effort to eradicate polio worldwide. To reserve a table for your team or get more information, contact Jamie Page at 660-728-2209 or pastorjamie@faith-family.org.

Clinton Rotary held a successful Chili/Soup Fundraiser Oct. 29.



Rolla Lunch Rotary and Young Riders 4-H teamed up for an evening of trivia,

costumes, and community fun Oct. 29, at the Phelps County Fairgrounds. Participants were encouraged to pick their favorite decade and dress the part. There were prizes for 1st place, 2nd place, and the Worst Team. Proceeds benefit the community.



Rotary Donations Lead to Community Betterment



Fayette Rotary presents two car seats to representatives of the Howard County Public Health Department.

Fayette Rotary donated two car seats to the Howard County Public Health Department's Car Seat Program. The program provides safe car seats for families who may not be able to afford them. In addition to providing the seats, the program educates and empowers parents and caregivers with important child passenger safety information and helps ensure that car seats are installed correctly through safety checks. The donation is one way Fayette Rotary is putting Rotary's focus on maternal and child health into action by supporting a program that provides both safety equipment and valuable information to local families.

Fayette Rotary delivered items purchased through the club's "Classroom Wishes Come True" project at Daly Elementary School on Oct. 14. Some of the fifth graders had prepared a thank-you sign to welcome the visitors and show their appreciation for the classroom purchases. The project was made possible by a \$1,440 District Simplified Grant from Rotary District 6080, matched by an additional \$1,440 from the Fayette Rotary Club.



With total purchases expected to approach \$3,000, the project is helping to meet a variety of classroom needs. Items purchased included books, classroom rugs, math manipulatives, reading tools, classroom organizers, and aprons and smocks for young artists and a variety of other items. The Classroom Wishes Come True project is just one example of how the Fayette Rotary Club partners with the Fayette R-III School District to support education, one of Rotary International's areas of focus. Earlier this month, the club continued another long-standing tradition by providing a dictionary to every third-grade student at Daly Elementary through its annual Dictionary Project.



Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary presented a donation check to DECA advisor, Erin Daniels, as a thank you for providing direction and guidance to the youth of Versailles High School. DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) is an excellent entrepreneur and leadership-based program across the country to prepare students for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

Breakfast Rotary of Jefferson City welcomed three new educators to the teaching profession by presenting each with a \$100 check to help prepare their classrooms for the new school year. This year's recipients were Indyen Givens, second-grade teacher at Thorpe Gordon (bottom); Alexis Henley, fifth-grade teacher at Belair Elementary (upper right); and Melanie Dunlap, fourth-grade teacher at East Elementary (upper left). The club recognizes the important role teachers play in shaping young minds and building a stronger community.



Harrisonville Rotary has announced plans for the Rotary Miracle Field of Harrisonville, a place where everyone has a chance to play, belong, and shine. This legacy project, planned to celebrate the club's 50th Anniversary in March 2027, calls for an all-inclusive baseball field and playground, built so that EVERY child, regardless of ability, can play, cheer, and belong. This will be more than a baseball field and a playground. It will be a place where barriers are broken, smiles are shared, and memories are made.

Belton-Raymore Rotary is matching its District Grant

to provide \$1,500 to each of the arts commissions in Raymore and Belton to install a new piece of public art for the community to enjoy. Melissa Harmer and Mike Ekey visited Rotary to share about the cities' Arts Commissions.



Belton-Raymore Rotary presented a check for \$681 for PolioPlus to District Governor Brad Martens during his visit to the club.



Left: Hurley Elementary School students hold their dictionaries with the school superintendent and Rotarian Doug Minton. Above: Rotarian Hillary Cherry looks through a dictionary with a third grader.

Table Rock Lake Rotary recently provided dictionaries to third-graders at all five public elementary schools in Stone County.

Social Events Keep Rotarians Engaged and Happy



Springfield Sunrise Rotary's Wine and Margarita club met at Show Me Chuy.

Springfield Sunrise Rotary held a lunch social Oct. 22 at Mcsaltys.



Jefferson City West Rotary members recently

traded their usual Friday meeting room for hay bales and a firepit during a club social at Binder Park Oct.



22. At least eight people joined the hayride, including several participants in the club's Rotary Youth Exchange program.

The evening included a wagon ride, food and time around the fire, giving members and exchange students an opportunity to relax, visit and build friendships outside the club's regular meetings. Tim Haas helped coordinate the event, with members pitching in by bringing food and supplies.

Bolivar Rotary had its family picnic at Prayerter Rotary Park Sept. 21, a time of playing games and fellowship.



Belton-Raymore Rotary celebrated the 5th Wednesday in September with an outing at Merle's Tavern.

Fulton Rotary held two socials in October. The first was at William Woods University's Fourth Friday celebration, with a live band and food trucks. The second was at the home of Rotarian Tammy Wickham, where members and guests played pickleball and enjoyed music, chili and hot dogs.



ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT



Presented by:
ROTARY
Jefferson City West



Friday, November 13, 2026
McClung Park Indoor Pavilion
6:00 p.m. - Doors Open | 7:00 p.m. - Trivia Game

Table Sponsor (includes 8 tickets with perks!) - \$500
Table of 8 - \$300
Individual Ticket - \$40

**8 Categories of Questions | Silent Auction |
Drinks (Bring Your Own Dinner)**

Proceeds Benefit:
JC West Rotary Service Programs and Projects

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or Tim Haas at tim.tandg@outlook.com or 573-291-1374*

November 14, 2026

Free Soup & Chili Supper

Snacks, desserts, water, soft drinks,
set-ups (BYOB)



Doors open at 6 pm. Trivia begins at 7 pm.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Fellowship Hall

Hwy 5, Fayette, MO

\$125 for 8 to 10 person team

***Dead & Alive Rounds, Fifty-Fifty Raffle
Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place***

***Proceeds will benefit Community Needs
Projects of the***

Rotary

Club of Fayette, Missouri



For more information or to reserve a table, contact Jamie Page
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