



# IMAGINE ROTARY NEWSLETTER

Julie Leverenz, District Governor 2022-2023

## ROTARY CLUBS AWARDED 2022-23 DISTRICT CAP GRANTS!

### WE ARE PEOPLE OF ACTION

Congratulations to Rotary Clubs throughout the District who will be leveraging our Foundation dollars to make their communities a better place. Just check out these projects .... and IMAGINE THE IMPACT! Kudos to:



- Rotary Club of **Arnold** which is supporting Brenden's Backpack program to reduce hunger.
- Rotary Club of **Bowling Green** is purchasing feminine hygiene products and adult diapers to distribute in their Happiness Pantry.
- Rotary Club of **Cottleville/Weldon Spring** is purchasing washable/reusable menstrual hygiene kits to St. Louis Middle and High School students, and a second project to purchase two infant CPR manikins and two child CPR manikins to support the St. Charles County Ambulance in heart health emergency preparedness training, and their third project will purchase coats for children for the New Hope Presbyterian Pantry.
- Rotary Club of **Crestwood-Sunset Hills** is purchasing hygiene products and clothing to support Northview Village Skilled Nursing.
- Rotary Club of **DeSoto** is purchasing 10 shopping carts for delivery of food from Gracelife Chapel Food Pantry.
- Rotary Club of **Dexter** is purchasing two park benches for Walking Trail in Dexter City Park.
- Rotary Club of **Festus-Crystal City** is purchasing two ADA compliant picnic tables for Twin Cities Park
- Rotary Club of **Forest Park** will purchase Heart Beat Bears for family comfort for life threatened babies at Catherine Cares. Their second project will purchase dental supplies for Give Kids A Smile Free Clinic.
- Rotary Club of **Hannibal** will purchase furniture, toys and paint for the room where foster children meet with parents at the Division of Child and Family Services.
- Rotary Club of **Jackson** will purchase comfort items for a Welcome Box for Options for Women.
- Rotary Club of **Kirkwood** will purchase sheets, pillows, personal care items and laundry supplies for low income students at College Kickstart Program.
- Rotary Club of **Louisiana** will purchase concrete game board and bench for Riverview Henderson Park.
- Rotary Club of **Montgomery County** will purchase a washer and dryer for Montgomery Co RII School for students that don't have clean clothes.
- Rotary Club of **O'Fallon** will purchase books, bedding, pillows, soap, Lysol, toilet cleaner, bowl brushes, brooms and dustpans for Grace Period for the Homeless.



# ROTARY CLUBS GRANTS CONTINUED!

- Rotary Club of **Paris** is purchasing a combo baseball and softball pitching machine for the community.
- Rotary Club of **Perryville** is purchasing industrial clothing racks and equipment to support Options for Women. Their second project focuses on purchasing acid free sleeves to preserve 7600 photographs for the Perry County Historical Society; and their third focuses on purchase and installation of security cameras for the Life Enrichment Center for Developmental Disabilities.
- Rotary Club of **Piedmont** will purchase flashlights and radios to improve communications at the Piedmont City Fire Department. Their second project will focus on purchasing picnic tables for the City Park.
- Rotary Club of **Poplar Bluff** will purchase beds, mattresses, pillows and linens for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.
- Rotary Club of **Reynolds County** will purchase benches for seating at ballgames for the Lesterville School District.
- Rotary Club of **Sikeston** will purchase tables, chairs, beds, mattresses and supplies for local Homeless Shelter.
- Rotary Club of **Southeast Missouri Service** will purchase 134 live wreaths to put on Veterans Graves at Christmas in the Russell Heights Cemetery; their second project will purchase food for the Meals on Wheels at the Jackson Senior Center.
- Rotary Club of **Spirit of St. Louis County** will purchase Spanish books for the Kratz and Marvin Elementary schools to support immigrant reading programs.
- Rotary Club of **St. Francois County/Bonne Terre** will purchase booklets, signage and furniture for Hidden in Plain View to educate parents on spotting drug use in children.
- Rotary Club of **Ste. Genevieve** will purchase trees, mulch and other supplies for the Progress Parkway Walking Trails.
- Rotary Club of **St. Peters** will purchase landscaping materials for four community living facilities.
- Rotary Club of **St. Louis** will purchase food and supplies for Gateway 180 Homeless Shelter.
- Rotary Club of **Vandalia** will purchase 16 aluminum college hurdles for track and field for Van-Far Schools.
- Rotary Club of **Webster-Groves** will purchase reusable menstrual pads for high school girls at Webster Groves High School.
- Rotary Club of **Wentzville** will purchase preservation boxes, archival storage units and a printer/scanner for the Wentzville Community Historical Society.



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# DISTRICT ASSEMBLY ON SEPTEMBER 23 PROMISES TO INSPIRE!



District Governor-Elect Valerie Sorensen and her planning team are putting together an outstanding **District Assembly on Friday, September 23rd at the St. Charles Community College**. We hope you'll come and learn beside fellow Rotarians throughout the District, Celebrate the District's Peace projects and our collective impact on Peace in the World, hear from our international partner "ToastMasters" and enjoy celebrating clubs (perhaps your club) whose generosity to The Rotary Foundation is making the world a profoundly better place!

**Details and registration will be available soon—stay tuned!**

# IS IT TIME FOR A ROTARY MAKEOVER? ....COULD BE FUN!

By attending the Summer Leadership Seminars, you will have the tools to think in a way to help your club get a Rotary makeover.



All the links for the Summer Leadership Seminars are at your fingertips below. Register today!

## SUMMER LEADERSHIP SEMINARS 2022

**Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:00-7:30 CT/7:00-8:30 ET**

Think Stories not Information: Creating messages about service projects for attracting and engaging members

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/tZ0kcu-orTsqHtXskvhqiyhD2vENwixlZw8B>

**Saturday, August 13, 2022 9:00-10:30 CT/10:00-11:30 ET**

Think Inclusive not Limited: Reflecting our communities and expanding our partnerships

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/tZArcemoqzIpE9b-7WI7RjjDRkVHhGqRKGe2>

**AUGUST  
IMAGINE ROTARY TOUR**

- 4th - Rotary Club of St. Charles
- 8th - Rotary Club of St. Francois Co
- 9th - Rotary Club of Sikeston
- 15th - Rotary club of St. Peters
- 15th - Rotary Club of Forest Park
- 17th - Rotary Club of Cottleville/  
Weldon Spring
- 17th - Rotary Club of O'Fallon
- 25th - Rotary Club of St. Louis
- 30th - Rotary Club of Reynolds Co.
- 31st - Rotary Club of Montgomery Co.
- September 1 - Rotary Club of Paris





# ATTENTION PRESIDENT-ELECTS & PRESIDENT-NOMINEES!

If you've been chosen to be President of your club in either 2023 or 2024, you get to attend **SHOW ME ROTARY Presidents Training!**

Because this is so important to your success, every club must pay for two registrations for this important preparation.

**PLEASE...PLEASE...PLEASE....carve out this date to attend.** Those chosen to serve their clubs in this way are very busy people, so there **WILL BE** a conflict, but please...please...please make this a priority. You will be a better President, you will enjoy your service more, and your community and your life will be the beneficiary. And you'll enjoy meeting the Presidents in our state whom you'll serve beside.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for **Friday and Saturday, March 24th and 25th.**

**District Governor-Elect Valerie Sorensen** will share more details soon; the Show Me Rotary Council meets in August to finalize next year's event. Thanks to all District 6060 Rotarians who work on the planning committee for this event each year!



# CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO DISTRICT LEADERSHIP!

**Andrea McCready**  
Chosen as new  
District Treasurer



Andrea McCready is the owner of McCready Tax & Accounting, a boutique practice specializing in providing services for individual and small business clients. She started her firm as a full-time venture in 2014, while living in Estes Park, Colorado. She moved her practice in her hometown of Hannibal, Missouri in 2020. Prior to that she worked as a consultant for Tyler Technologies out of Lubbock, Texas, where she traveled the country extensively implementing accounting software for local governments. Her experience also includes senior management roles in the non-profit sector. In addition to her work as an accountant, she is a registered representative for Prudential Advisors. She is licensed in life, health, as well as securities series 6 and series 63.

Her education includes a BSBA in Accounting from Columbia College. She also holds an MBA from William Woods University. She is currently a doctoral candidate in the DBA – Business Intelligence program at Marymount University. She started with Rotary in 2015 with the Rotary Club of Estes Valley Sunrise in Estes Park, Colorado. While with the Sunrise club, she served on the Board of Directors as secretary and as the Public Relations Chair. Her pet project was revamping and producing the club's monthly newsletter. She designed promotional materials for the group's signature fundraiser, Autumn Gold. She also led an initiative to teach her group how to use ClubRunner.

With her move in 2020, she became a member of the Hannibal Rotary Club. She partnered with a fellow Rotarian to present a program to the club on year-end tax strategies in 2021. She is excited to be working with the vendors for Harvest Hootenanny in 2022 and she is serving as the President Nominee. She is also a Paul Harris Fellow.

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Past District Governors enjoy reunion!  
Thanks for hosting Past Governor Margie.





# DISTRICT 6060 ROCKED RYLA 2022!

Thanks to every club which supported a student in attending Rotary Youth Leadership Academy. It was an awesome year...and **both of the winning teams were lead by D6060 volunteers - WOOHOO!** (just a little friendly competition between Districts...)

Please start considering who you want to invite to attend in 2023. Check out the RYLA website to see details. If you'd like to volunteer, please reach out to Rotarian Michele Goad who serves on the RYLA Board for our District. [michele.goad@gmail.com](mailto:michele.goad@gmail.com) District Governor Nominee Jerry Nolen had an awesome time!



**The Missouri Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) soared to new heights in 2022** with a combined total of 176 students learning how to plan, gain support, and lead service projects. This year 22 Rotary clubs in District 6060 sponsored 47 students (a new high!), and 7 District 6060 Rotarians moved into the dorms at the University of Central Missouri as counselors [Steve Bacon, Joan Bradford, Jerry Nolen, Jill Rogers, William Rogers, Andrea Stolzer, Chuck Marquart plus Cooper Bacon (son of Steve)].

If you are looking to be inspired or looking for the blueprints for your next service project, check out the group service project presentations on the Missouri RYLA website (<http://www.missouriryla.com/>) under "Amazing Race Projects"





# World Peace Day

September 21, 2022

## IMAGINE PEACE!

By Rose Cooper, D6060 Chair – New Generations

**Now is the Time To Be PEACE-BUILDERS!**

**A PEACE GIFT OF UP TO \$500** may be awarded to your Club to Promote Peace In Your Community!

**IMAGINE PEACE in your community and all across our District on September 21st, 2022!**

Your project must be completed on **World Peace Day September 21, 2022.**

Your peace project will be highlighted in the District newsletter, on our social media apps and on Rotary Showcase.

Download your Peace Builder Application TODAY at <https://rotary6060.org>. Apply now! As many as 40 Peace Gifts of up to \$500 to be awarded!

- Click on the Peace Builder Project Tab
- Choose the Peace Builder Grant Application.

**The deadline to submit your application for the Peace Gift is September 1, 2022.**

If you have any questions, call or text me 314-605-6333 or email me [rosec904@gmail.com](mailto:rosec904@gmail.com) I will be watching for your application to come in.

Cottleville/Weldon Spring Club has submitted the 1st IMAGINE-PEACE Application.

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## DISTRICT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL GATHERS WITH CLUB PRESIDENTS AT THE FARM!

District Leadership recently held its first meeting of the year in Pike County at the farm of Governor Julie and her husband Glen. While the business of the District was important, more meaningful was the opportunity to connect and build better friendships! And Mike Sorensen even caught 12 fish! We certainly enjoyed Rotary, and plan to continue the fun throughout the year as we serve our communities and the world. Thanks to all who joined us. The next meeting of the DLC will be on zoom on August 23rd.





# ROTARY GOLF FELLOWSHIP RECAP-THE INTERACT INVITATIONAL-PEVELY FARMS GOLF CLUB

By John Higdon, D6060 Golf Fellowship Chair

Julie-It was so hot out there, I completely forgot to take pictures. 😊

The members of the Rotary Golf Fellowship had a great time with 19 golfers out for the individual golf tournament designed for golfers of all levels to enjoy! Over half the field was made of up guests who got a taste of Rotary camaraderie. The players battled extreme heat, but were rescued by a constant breeze throughout the round. While the wind kept players cool, it made for challenging shots both with and against the breeze.

In the end, two Friends of Rotary claimed first prize in both gross and net divisions. The Gross Division (Also known as the good golfers) was a barn burner, with only two shots separating 1st and 3rd place. In the Net division Rei Nakamura had a career day, with three birdies in route to his first Rotary Golf Tour victory.

## Gross Winners

1st Place-Zach Evans-Friend of Rotary

2nd Place-Drew Sofia-Arnold Rotary Club

3rd Place-Todd Turner-Son of Steve Turner, Webster Groves Rotary

## Net Winners

1st Place-Rei Nakamura-Friend of Rotary

2nd Place-Glen Deutsch, Crestwood Sunset Hills Rotary Club

3rd Place-Rick Fowler, St. Charles Noon Day

The final tournament of the inaugural Rotary Golf Fellowship will be a two person scramble, held **Sunday, August 28th at Bear Creek Golf Club in Wentzville.**

[Click here to Register: RGF-Tour Championship @ Bear Creek](#)

[The District 6060 Tour Championship | Facebook](#)



SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022 AT 9 AM

## The Interact Invitational

Pevely Farms Golf Club



## Want to lead our Rotary District & Enrich your life?

Consider applying to become

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR 2025-26!

Applications are being accepted for this fulfilling leadership role that enables you to build better friendships around the District and the World. Successful applicants will love Rotary and have served as their club's President prior to becoming Governor. For more information, contact Immediate Past District Governor Margie Sammons at [msammons7000@gmail.com](mailto:msammons7000@gmail.com).

District Governor 2022-23: Julie Leverenz, Bowling Green

District Governor 2023-24: Valerie Sorensen, Cottleville/Weldon Spring

District Governor 2024-25: Jerry Nolen, Spirit of St. Louis

Immediate Past District Governor 2021-2022 Margie Sammons, Arnold

# INTERNATIONAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

*Sue Cobb, District International Service Chair*

**Are you a Rotarian who loves to travel and loves to serve others?** Here's your opportunity to join other Rotarians on a trip to Mexico to visit past, present, and future Heart2Heart humanitarian projects. The trip is **November 9 -17, 2022**, and will include visits to Guadalajara (District 4140) and Mexico City (District 4170).

Cost is approximately \$2575 for the 8-night package with roundtrip airfare from St. Louis. **Package includes:** 8-nights accommodation in double occupancy room, breakfast each morning, 2 dinner events, air-conditioned motor coach transportation, airfare from Guadalajara to Mexico City, roundtrip airport transportation, Heart2Heart commemorative gift, admission and meals at all Rotary sponsored events, and medical travel insurance. (Insurance does not include delay and cancellation coverage.)

**Contact International Service Chair Sue Cobb** for more information:  
rotarysuecobb@gmail.com or 636-284-4686

District 6060 and other Districts in Zone 30-31--known as Heart of America--and Rotary Districts in the heart of Mexico have a long history of successful projects providing education, water and sanitation, and medical resources to rural communities in Mexico. **You'll be inspired when seeing what Rotarians in these two countries have accomplished through the Heart2Heart partnership!**



## IMAGINE ROTARY TOUR 2022-23 AUGUST TOUR STOPS...

The D6060 IMAGINE ROTARY TOUR is racing to a club near you!

You are invited to join **Julie, Club Presidents, members and the community share the story of your club, showcase and highlight the unique value of your club.** During the club meeting, she will bring greetings from Rotary International as it's District ambassador, but most of all, Julie hopes to learn what makes each club in the District special.

We are all hoping that your club will take advantage of Governor Julie's visit for an opportunity to get the local media interested in your club's incredible story of doing good in the community and in the world. Julie also hopes to meet with each club's leadership as she travels across the District.

**Is your club an August Tour Stop?**





# IMAGINE ROTARY TOUR 2022 JULY HIGHLIGHTS...

Julie H. Leverenz, District Governor 2022-23

It's been a whirlwind tour so far; I've loved every visit to your clubs and look forward to continuing to grow and inspire as I travel the District. The best part is meeting you and feeling the energy you have to make your community and the world a better place. Thanks for all the memories; check out the District facebook page to see more pictures and memories of the Imagine Rotary Tour.



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