



IMAGINE ROTARY NEWSLETTER

Julie Leverenz, District Governor 2022-2023

IT'S FOUNDATION MONTH - BE THANKFUL AND SPREAD JOY!

As Rotarians we have so much for which to be grateful. It's the season of thanksgiving and the best way to experience the joy of the season is to give of ourselves. When we give to the Rotary Foundation, we know without a doubt that our gifts are making someone else's life better.

Governor Julie got to see first-hand the power of the Rotary Foundation when she visited a school in Togo, Africa that was built by the generosity of Rotarians. "I'm so proud to be in an organization like Rotary that ensures our gifts make a powerful difference in others' lives. I hope you'll consider sharing a portion of your good fortune with the Rotary Foundation during this season of Thanksgiving; it's your turn to experience the joy of giving!" she remarked.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Rotary Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- \$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- \$500 can launch an anti-bullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

This is the power of the Rotary Foundation.



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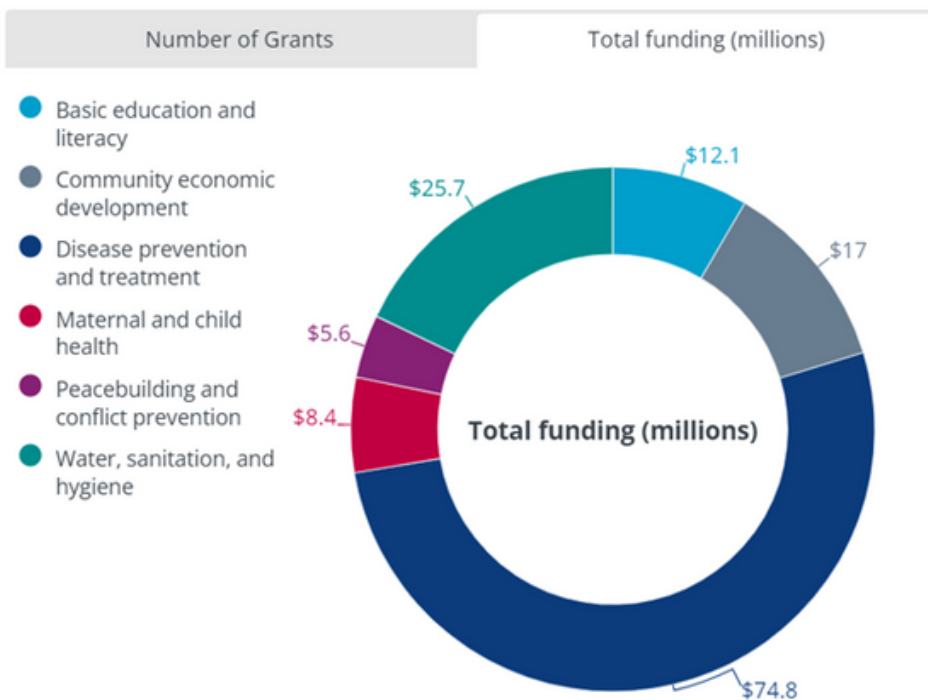
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THIS IS THE POWER OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION...



Global grants by areas of focus




HEALING THOUSANDS

Rotarian and physician Pia Skarabis-Querfeld has spent years building a network of volunteer doctors to help refugees in Berlin, Germany.




REBUILDING LIVES


Rotary clubs worked together to help Puerto Ricans rebuild their homes and hearts after Hurricane Maria.



4
star charity - Charity Navigator's highest level



91%
of funds are spent on program awards and operations





THE POWER OF LIGHT

A grant helped a club in Durango, Colorado, USA, install more than 200 solar lights in remote, off-the-grid Navajo homes.

DONATE



HELP FEED YOUR COMMUNITY!

Organized By Rotarian Candice Blaylock,
Rotary Club of Southeast Missouri Service

Annual Hunger Drive

The competition will see which club can create the most meals where the District Governor will travel to the winning club and present an award.

So get out and volunteer to pack, donate to a food drive (local or virtual), or make a monetary donation

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- On 23 September, each club will wear orange and post a photo to social media tagging their local food bank and adding #HungerActionDay and #ImagineRotary
- Competition is from 23 September - 30 November
- Each club will track their donations at <https://forms.gle/7y4hUcYxfY2ZFLJi8>
- \$1 = 4 meals and 1 lb = 0.83 meals
- Rotary clubs will meet via Zoom to go over the results in December
- District Governor will travel to the winning club and present an award
- Each club will get with their food bank to get collection barrels/boxes if needed and schedule delivery/Food Bank Pick-Up

What is
your club
doing?



Help Donate To Those In Need. Collect Canned Foods, Non-Perishable Food Items, and Volunteer to Pack Meals.

\$1 = 4 meals
1lb = 0.83 meals

23 Sept -
30 Nov

Rotary District 6060

#HungerActionDay
#ImagineRotary

FIRST ANNUAL DISTRICT HUNGER DRIVE (And friendly competition)

It's on, friends! Let's see which club is the most enthusiastic about fighting hunger!

STEP 1: Say YES! Our club wants to participate in this friendly competition.

STEP 2: Identify the local food bank or pantry to which your club's contributions will be donated.

STEP 3: Invite members to donate food, non-perishable items, or money.

STEP 4: Tabulate your success along the way (Dollars and Pounds of Food/Non-perishable items)

STEP 5: Tally your club's results and share them with Candice Blaylock (District Project Chair) clfblylock@gmail.com

STEP 6: Make your donation, take pictures, and celebrate the privilege of giving others a hand up.

STEP 7: WIN 1,000 Matching Points from the District... and MAKE SOMEONE IN YOUR CLUB A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW!
(If you are the winning club)

SO, HOW ARE WE DOING IN “IMAGINING ROTARY” YOU ASK?

Without a doubt, Rotarians throughout the District are serving with grace, humility, enthusiasm and encouragement as they Imagine Rotary and translate those dreams into action! To guide the work of Rotarians in District 6060 this year the District identified five key areas on which to focus.

Here’s a very brief, qualitative progress report.

PRIORITY #1: BUILD BETTER FRIENDSHIPS (BY ENJOYING THE ROTARY JOURNEY!)



We now have a **District Membership Team** in place that is led by Rotarian Raffi Andonian and is focused on extending the hand of fellowship to more Rotarians across the District’s geography AND enriching the experience for our current Rotarians. Having a great time together matters! **For the first time in a long time, our District has a net growth of nearly 50 members since July 1 of this year.**

A **new club exploration meeting** in Monroe City, MO is planned for November 17th, and the Membership team will soon be reaching out to those **clubs who are growing like wildfire within the District to discover their secrets and then share insights across the District.**

Rotary leaders gathered recently with a subcommittee of the Membership Team focused on **bringing greater awareness and action related to Diversity, Inclusion, Belonging and Equity (DIBE)** to our members. Led by Rotarian Jennifer Williams, this group is now **reaching out to clubs to pilot some initiatives** intended to invite thoughtful engagement and dialogue around opportunities to better live our four-way test and build peace.

PRIORITY #2: LEAD WITH PASSION



Leadership is effectively influencing ‘for good’. At 100% of her official club visits Governor Julie reports having experienced **Rotarians across the District imagining, leading and taking action to make the world, their communities and themselves better**. The variety and potential impact of these projects is tremendous! Without exception, **Rotary clubs throughout the District are passionate about using their leadership and influence to serve others**.

The current **District Food Drive competition** was initiated by a Rotarian in Jackson who wanted to inspire Rotarians throughout the District to consider projects that address food insecurity. Thanks for your passionate leadership Rotarian Candice Blaylock. And the **seed of our now wildly successful Peace-Building projects throughout the District** was planted last year by a Rotarian in St. Charles. Andrew McKean knew that engaging Rotarians throughout the District would accelerate our efforts to build peace. Thanks Andy!

To inspire interest in projects related to **Rotary’s newest Area of Focus: The Environment**, Governor Julie recently signed on to a multi-district effort to support Operation Pollination. A virtual learning experience to highlight the Rotary Club of Wentzville’s success in creating and sustaining a pollinator garden is planned for next spring. Thanks Rotarian Donna Marie Pierre!

And when the first case of polio in the US was announced, Rotarian Robin Cole used his leadership capacities to invite the District to act. A District task force, led by Rotarians Vamsi Marla and Ralph Zuke was subsequently formed, has been meeting and planning, and will soon be offering opportunities for Rotarians **to take action**

PRIORITY #2: LEAD WITH PASSION (CONTINUED)

in their communities to prevent the spread of polio to Missouri children. Leaders in District 6060 are courageous and tenacious!

In September, thanks to leadership from District Governor Elect Valerie Sorensen, more than fifty of us gathered to learn, share and grow at our **District Assembly**. Rotarians are seeking new ways to engage members' passions and to provide a hand up to friends and neighbors. Also in September several of your **District leaders traveled to Chattanooga to our Zone's Rotary Institute to learn how to better lead our District**; we are so grateful to them for sharing their time and talent to make us stronger!

At our **2023 District Conference on April 21 and 22**, we will enjoy, learn and most of all celebrate the power of Rotary. A leadership team is actively planning this important opportunity for Rotarians throughout the District to unite and take action to make the world, our community and ourselves better! (See the flyer on the last page of this newsletter and more information to follow.)

PRIORITY #3: TELL OUR STORY



At this month's District Leadership Council meeting, Public Image Chair Jill Rogers will **introduce the District's new Public Image System**. Our tools and resources have been mapped and will be leveraged to share our District's story more effectively, and support our clubs' efforts to share their stories more broadly.

With Facebook pages, community newspapers, signs and other brand awareness at events and projects, lots of club newsletters and other communication tools **Rotarians throughout the District are becoming more aware of how best to 'shine the light' of Rotary**. As Governor Julie is reminding others as she travels to District, "When we shine our own light, we unconsciously give others permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others." (from Marianne Williamson's "Our Deepest Fear") Tell Your Story...and serve others!

PRIORITY #4: BE PEACE BUILDERS



In September the District celebrated **World Peace Day** with **more than 29 clubs in the District** facilitating projects to raise awareness of the potential for peace. Thank you Rotarians Rose Cooper and Valerie Sorensen for leading this process. Just incredible!

We are **hosting youth exchange students** in three communities in our District this year, and we have one outbound student in Germany. These students and all who learn from them become **agents of peace among us**. Several meetings with club leaders have already been held to begin **planning for additional youth exchanges next year**. Thank you Rotarians Greg Luzecky and Steve Bacon!

This summer's **RYLA was outstanding!** Clubs throughout the District are already exploring how to identify and send students to this multi-District youth leadership and service experience next summer. And **Interact and Rotaract clubs are thriving and igniting a passion for peace and service** throughout the District as Rotarian Rose Cooper systematically engages and nurtures the success of these youth clubs.

PRIORITY #5: END POLIO NOW



PRIORITY #5: END POLIO NOW (CONTINUED)

Although we will not be declaring an end to polio this year as had been imagined, cases around the world continue to decline, and our efforts have been boosted by additional generosity from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. **A task group led by District Rotarians** will introduce a potentially meaningful opportunity for Rotarians in the District to help **promote vaccination** in their communities and prevent the spread of disease in the US since a case in New York has been identified.

Most importantly, the **new Polio Plus Society** is a way for District 6060 Rotarians to focus more of our giving to The Rotary Foundation on Polio in order to take us over the finish line and end polio forever. The new society rolled out on October 24 - World Polio Day. Thank you Foundation Chair Linda Puchbauer and Polio Chair Tom Drennan!

We are building better friends, leading with passion, telling our story, building peace and ending polio! Keep up the great work District 6060. A Scorecard with more quantitative measures of progress is being developed and will be shared in January following two quarters of success and learning in our District.

CLUB PRESIDENTS - GET READY!



...IT'S TIME TO LAUNCH THE FIRST DISTRICT 6060 GRATITUDE PROJECT

Soon Club Presidents will receive something in the mail that prompts them to consider the power of gratitude.

Get ready to spread the joy, Rotarians!

Stay tuned...

And be sure to ask your club President all about it.

IN DISTRICT 6060, WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO END POLIO NOW!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
POLIOPLUS SOCIETY

Rotary ID Number _____
Rotary Club _____
Club Number _____
Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone number: _____
Email: _____

CLICK HERE



I hereby promise to donate every year \$100 or more to Polio Plus Fund at The Rotary Foundation.
Fulfillment will be based on gifts received between July 1 – June 30 of each Rotary year.

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you to those who recently became charter members of our new District 6060 PolioPlus Society. These Rotarians have **pledged to contribute at least \$100/year** to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus fund until we eradicate polio from the face of the earth! This is one very meaningful way that District 6060 Rotarians can ensure that we are successful in ending polio.

Launched on World Polio Day, you have until December 1 to become a charter member of this new society.

Please join us by making your contribution to directly to The Rotary Foundation Polio Plus, completing the form below and mailing it to:

Linda Puchbauer - Foundation Chair
1209 Kimbel Ln.
Jackson, MO 63755

Thank you to many clubs, like the **Rotary Club of Perryville**, for hosting events and fundraisers for World Polio Day to raise awareness and funding to take us over the finish line in our efforts to end polio. To learn more about the confidence our global leaders have in ending polio, click the link below. We can do this! https://www.rotary.org/en/global-health-leaders-see-clear-path-polio-eradication?source=rotaryorg_frontpage_hero



Rotary Club of Perryville is 🥰 feeling grateful.

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A BIG a thank you to all who donated to the **Rotary Club of Perryville Pennies** for Polio drive today!

The money contributed will be used to provide life saving polio vaccinations to people around the world.



WANT TO FILL UP SOMEONE'S HEART? GIVE TO THEIR FAVORITE CAUSE!

To thank Governor Julie for participating in its 50th Anniversary, the Rotary Club of Arnold collected hygiene products for the "Happiness Pantry" - a service project of the Rotary Club of Bowling Green - Governor Julie's home club. "I was overwhelmed by the Arnold club's generosity, and continued to be so grateful for them as I filled our pantry and shared Arnold's generosity with those who need our pantry in Bowling Green," Julie commented. "Thank you Arnold; what a beautiful way to express gratitude! My heart is full."



IMAGINE ROTARY TOUR 2022-23

NOVEMBER 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 to 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 a November Tour Stop?

November IMAGINE ROTARY TOUR

November 1: Rotary Club of High Ridge
November 2: Rotary Club of Clayton-Ladue
November 3: Rotary Club of Vandalia
November 4: Rotary Club of Potosi
November 7: Rotary Club of Sikeston
November 8: Rotary Club of Bowling Green
November 16: Rotary Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills
November 17: Rotary Club of Hillsboro
November 18: Rotary Club of Mexico
November 29: Rotary Club of West St. Louis Co.
November 30: Rotary Club of Cape Girardeau Co.

December 1: Rotary Club of Kirkwood

CONGRATULATIONS ARNOLD!



The Rotary Club of Arnold celebrated 50 years of service to the community. To celebrate, members of the Rotary Club of DeSoto - the sponsoring club - joined the fun and shared stories of when the club was founded. More experienced members remarked on how the club had changed throughout its history. Dignitaries highlighted the significant impact that this club has had on the community of Arnold and delivered resolutions and gratitude for the club.

IMAGINE ROTARY TOUR 2022 OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS...

Julie H. Leverenz, District Governor 2022-23

October was awesome! Thank you Rotary friends!



*Truly
Grateful
for you.*

"LET'S IMAGINE. LET'S LEAD,
LET'S FALL IN LOVE, AND LET'S TAKE
ACTION TO LIVE INTO OUR DREAMS TO
SERVE. AND LET'S LEAVE THE WORLD
A BETTER PLACE
THAN WE FOUND IT."



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District 6060 Presents

Imagine A Shift

Friday-Saturday
April

21-22
2023

at Cedar Creek Resort
New Haven, MO
Launching at 9:00am

Registration Includes

- Early Arrival Snack
- Feel Good Service Opportunity
- Luncheon w/ keynote author
- Memorial Service
- Afternoon Community Activities
- Foundation Acknowledgements
- Pre-Dinner Nibbles
- Shindig with the fix'ns
- Libations at the Watering Hole
- Saturday Breakfast To-Go

*Let's
Celebrate
Together*

For more information:
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- Community Service Project
- Todd Whitaker: American educator, writer, motivational speaker
- Foundation Donor Hobnob
- Stomp'n Out Polio Shindig
- Gather at the Watering Hole
- Outdoor Movie/Bonfire
- Golf Scramble
- Foundation Grant Certification
- District Leadership Council
- Past District Governor Luncheon

- Bring a few items to thoroughly enjoy this wonderful resort:
- Lawn Chairs Or A Blanket
 - Fishing poles
 - Golf Clubs
 - Kayaks
 - Hiking/Walking Shoes
 - Favorite Mug & Beverage
 - Family Games
 - Lounging Gear

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LIGHT YOUR FIRE