



IMAGINE ROTARY NEWSLETTER

Julie Leverenz, District Governor 2022-2023

SEPTEMBER IS BE A PEACEMAKER MONTH!



DISTRICT 6060 CLUBS WILL PROMOTE PEACE ON WORLD PEACE DAY – September 21 to help build understanding, share our passion for peace, and convey our belief that peace is possible. Many thanks to Rose Cooper of the Rotary Club of St. Louis and Valerie Sorensen of the Rotary Club of Cottleville/Weldon Spring for chairing our World Peace Day project.

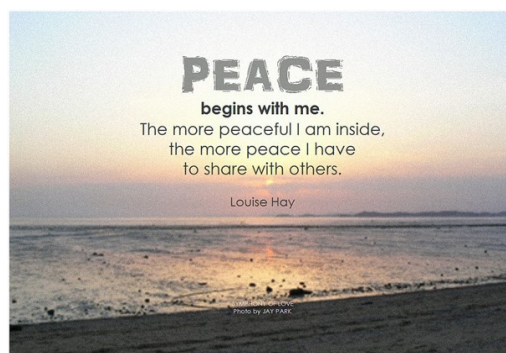
Several peace gift applications have been approved to help clubs offset the cost of projects planned to celebrate WORLD PEACE DAY.... Here are a few of the projects our clubs have planned. Each of these clubs has been awarded a \$500 peace gift!
Congratulations and best wishes!

- **Cottleville/Weldon Spring** - Facilitating a Peace Essay Contest for students in five area middle schools
- **St. Charles**- Hosting a school-wide event on World Peace Day for children and families to share their ethnicity, culture and family
- **Wentzville** – “Chipping Toward World Peace” for grades 6, 7 and 8 will feature Rotarians and student leaders distributing bags of chips with special labels promoting peace and taking pictures with students on World Peace Day to raise awareness
- **Louisiana** - Peace Essay Contest for Louisiana Middle and High school students
- **Reynolds Co** – Hygiene products to be donated to Cass Guadalupe Family Growth Center and Shelter – 24-hour women’s shelter

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*Be sure to celebrate
WORLD PEACE DAY
in your Community!*



DISTRICT ASSEMBLY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

From Valerie Sorensen, District Governor Elect
and Chair of the District Assembly Committee



Join us on **Friday, September 23rd** for
our 2022 District Assembly at
St. Charles Community College.
Please register today!



IMAGINING YOUR IMPACT

September 23, 2022

12:00 to 4:00 PM

"HISTORY SHAPING OUR COMMUNITY IDENTITIES"

PRESENTED BY ROTARIAN RAFFI ANDONIAN

- Club Recognitions
- International Opportunities to engage with the world:
 - Heart2Heart & Uganda Volunteers
 - Water, Peace, and Hunger Projects
- Empowerment through the PolioPlus Society
- Create actions impacting your family, your community and the world
- Discussions & Proposals

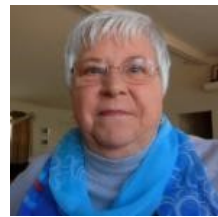


St. Charles Community College - SSB Auditorium
(Daniel J. Conoyer Social Sciences Building)
4601 Mid Rivers Mall Drive
Cottleville, MO 63376

**\$25 REGISTRATION
INCLUDES BOX LUNCH
PAY AT DOOR WITH CHECK OR CASH**

INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE?

From Sue Cobb of the Rotary Club of Cottleville/Weldon Spring and International Service Chair for District 6060



Travel to Uganda this October for a life-changing experience. Cindy Duncan d'Arden, a member of the West St. Louis County Rotary Club, and her husband will be returning to Uganda in late October to check on currently sponsored projects and to investigate new ones. They are especially interested in identifying 6 new villages that need clean water and putting together a global grant.

In June Rotarian Milton Tusingwire, from Fort Portal, Uganda, visited District 6060 and spoke to several clubs about his work to improve the lives of the most impoverished through sponsorships for school children and teaching business skills, farming, and health prevention to the most needy.

Total cost roundtrip – including spending and tips- would be just under \$5000. You need a current passport. If you are not vaccinated you just need a negative test 24 hours prior to leaving the U.S.

Contact Cindy Duncan d'Arden at Crdrnms@hotmail.com or call/text 815-343-8503. **Cindy needs to know of your interest by September 7th** to secure airline tickets on the same flight and for Milton to have sufficient time to secure the necessary lodging, etc for the Rotary team. You will never view life the same and Rotary service will take on a whole new meaning.



Don't forget the opportunity to **travel to Mexico City and Guadalajara with Heart2Heart November 9-17.**

Refer to the August DG Newsletter for details or contact International Service Chair Sue Cobb at rotarysuecobb@gmail.com or 636-284-4686.

CALLING ALL CLUB FOUNDATION CHAIRS

The first quarterly chat among club Foundation Chairs will be at **6pm on Wednesday, September 7th** on Zoom. All Foundation Chairs whose information is up-to-date in DACdb have received a zoom link from Linda Puchbauer, District Foundation Chair. If you missed it, please reach out to Linda so we can collaborate, learn and thrive in our support of The Rotary Foundation throughout the District.

Please plan to be with us on Zoom – no travel required!



The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

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

WHAT IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH?

September is Hunger Action Month — the Feeding America network's annual nationwide campaign designed to inspire people to take action and raise awareness of hunger in the United States.

WHAT IS HUNGER ACTION DAY?

September 23rd is Hunger Action Day — a day where collective efforts across the country are focused for greater impact.

GO ORANGE

Orange is the color of hunger relief. This Hunger Action Month let's join together by wearing orange, turning our city landmarks orange, and raising our voices all across the country on behalf of the millions of people facing hunger.



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

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

For more information:
district6060.ham@gmail.com

- 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

*Food shouldn't
be an impossible
choice.*

**District 6060 is spread throughout
3 state food bank zones:**

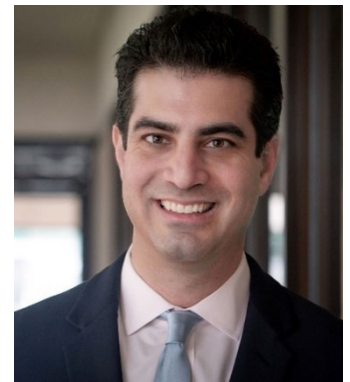
Central Missouri Food Bank –
Marion, Monroe, Ralls, and Audrain
St. Louis Food Bank – Pike,
Montgomery, Lincoln, Warren, Franklin,
St. Charles, St. Louis, Jefferson,
Washington, St. Francois, and Iron
Southeast Missouri Food Bank –
Reynolds, Carter, Ripley, Madison,
Wayne, Butler, Ste. Genevieve, Perry,
Cape Girardeau, Bollinger, Stoddard,
Scott, Dunklin, New Madrid, Mississippi,
and Pemiscot

our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion



WHAT DOES 'DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION' MEAN TO US IN DISTRICT 6060?

In April, Rotary International sent to all members a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion statement. During our BUILD BETTER FRIENDSHIPS month, your leadership explored and considered what this might mean to us as “People of Action.” As a result of listening and exploratory sessions with Rotarians in the District and District leaders, we’ve decided to develop a small group that will work in association with our Membership team led by **Raffi Andonian** of the **Rotary Club of St. Louis**. We hope to better understand this topic and determine the path forward. To help guide us in deepening our understanding as a new District leader is **Rotarian Jennifer Williams**, the principle of



JWI Partners Group, who consults professionally on this topic with companies and organizations working to improve their culture and performance. She is a member of the **Rotary Club of Florissant** and has volunteered to help guide us in exploring this topic. We are so grateful to her for sharing her time and talent.



Please email Governor Julie at JLev.JoyintheFog@gmail.com if you'd like to be included in the first discussion group with Jennifer in September.



WE ARE ALL WELCOME

- All ages
- All sizes
- All races
- All abilities
- All religions
- All ethnicities
- All nationalities
- All sexual orientations
- All immigration statuses
- All socio-economic backgrounds
- All gender expressions & identities



PLAN TO ATTEND 2023 SHOW ME ROTARY!

Missouri Rotarians are so fortunate to have one of the premier President's Training in the World. Three districts collaborate to bring 'Show Me Rotary' to life on the fourth Friday and Saturday of March, every year. **If you are a President-Elect or a President-Nominee for your club, mark your calendars now.**

Registration opens in January, but please go ahead and put it on your calendar. **This is a "Must Attend" opportunity.** Your club pays for this training for you as a part of our participation in this Multi-District President Elect Training (PETS).

Many thanks to District 6060 Volunteer leaders who serve on the SMR Board along with leaders from District 6040 and 6080 to plan and implement this highly-rated preparation for Rotary club leaders.

- John Vietmeier, SMR Officer, Rotary Club of Washington,
- Valerie Sorensen, District Governor Elect, Rotary Club of Cottleville/Weldon Spring
- Tim Cudd, Immediate Past SMR Board Chair from the Rotary Club of St. Peters
- Rebecca Guzy, Rotary Club of Washington
- Jill Cudd, Rotary Club of St. Peters
- Mike Elam, Rotary Club of St. Charles Sunrise
- Linda McPherson, Rotary Club of St. Charles
- Jerry Nolen, District Governor Nomine, Rotary Club of Spirit of St. Louis
- Julie Leverenz, District Governor, Rotary Club of Bowling Green
- Margie Sammons, Immediate Past District Governor, Rotary Club of Arnold



CELEBRATE ROTARY AND PEACE CORPS

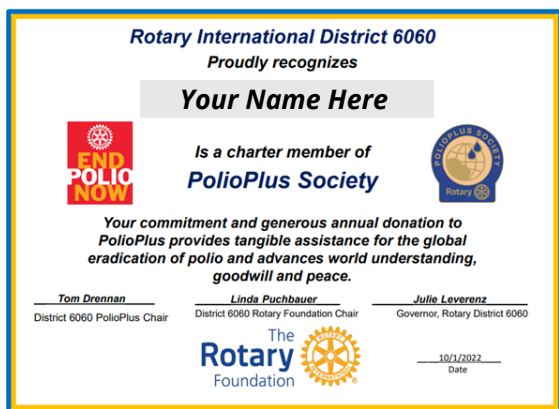
Join us for the second annual Rotary-Peace Corps Week, 19-23 September. The celebration is hosted by Partnering for Peace, a group of Rotary members and returned Peace Corps volunteers who are passionate about the impact we can have through Rotary's official partnership with the Peace Corps.

The event will begin with a panel discussion on 19 September and will continue with virtual events designed to inspire you through thoughtful dialogue, project examples, and practical tips for working with the Peace Corps community.

During Rotary-Peace Corps Week, you can host a returned Peace Corps volunteer at a club meeting; organize a service project, happy hour, or networking event; and promote the partnership in your newsletters and on social media. For more information, write to events@partneringforpeace.org or visit the event page.

OUR FIGHT TO END POLIO NEEDS US NOW MORE THAN EVER!

New PolioPlus Society Launching - Be A Charter Member by giving at least \$100 to support ending polio. Many thanks to **Linda Puchbauer**, District Rotary Foundation Chair and **Tom Drennan**, District Polio Chair for developing this new District recognition program to highlight those who are directly eradicating polio from the face of the earth. We hope you'll join us this year!

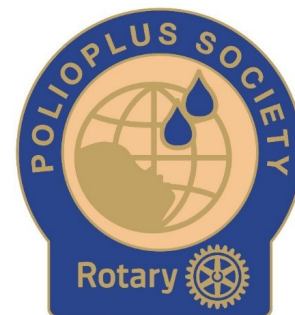


Last year 109 Rotarians (of nearly 2,000 members) in our District gave \$38,171.86 ...Yes, this is outstanding and worthy of celebration, but we can do even BETTER this year if more of us step up to the plate! Since beginning this fight Rotarians around the world have contributed more than \$2.1 Billion to protect nearly three billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decision by governments around the world to contribute more than \$10 billion to the effort and even more importantly, insist that children receive vaccinations.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since our first project to vaccinate child in the Phillipines in 1979. The threat of a re-emergence of this dreaded disease in previously polio-free countries is now a global concern. We need your continued support to WIN THIS FIGHT!

Because of the passion many of you have in seeing this through to the end, a boots-on-the-ground initiative in our District to prevent the spread of Polio in the Missouri is being considered and developed. More information will be available soon as details and plans unfold.

You can help today, however, by making your donation to The Rotary Foundation PolioPlus fund.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Saturday, August 27, 2022 the *Southeast Missourian* recognized Linda Puchbauer, Charter President of the Rotary Club of Southeast Missouri Service, as a Difference Maker! The article by Lucas Presson, "Difference Makers play vital role in building a community" can be found [online](#). We are so proud of you, Linda Puchbauer! What a well-deserved honor from your community. Thank you for leading with passion!



Linda Puchbauer
Charter President

Congratulations, Linda!

Our members are proud to congratulate Linda Puchbauer on being named a 2022 Difference Maker. Thank you for your leadership in service to the community.

If you have a big heart and want to make a difference in the lives of others, there is a place for you at Rotary Club of Southeast Missouri Service. To learn more, call - (573) 579-9605.

Rotary
Rotary Club of
Southeast Missouri Service

GET READY FOR WORLD POLIO DAY ON OCTOBER 24



To raise awareness of the need to remain vigilant in our fight against the scourge of polio, **consider what your club will do on World Polio Day.** Whether it's a fundraising WALK to celebrate the opportunity to move freely without the burden of the paralyzing effects of polio; a "Pints for Polio" event at the local pub; a "Purple Pinkie" event for your club or community to highlight the means by which we track which children in remote third world villages have received the vaccination; a special speaker at your club's meeting, or some other clever idea you have....**START PLANNING NOW!**

Thanks for leading the way, CLUB POLIO CHAIRS!

DISTRICT 6060 CONTINUES TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A GLOBAL PEACEBUILDER!

From The Rotary Foundation

Congratulations on earning Global Peacebuilder recognition for your district! You've achieved this distinction by contributing District Designated Funds or district cash during Rotary year 2021-22 to support Rotary Peace Centers or the peacebuilding and conflict prevention area of focus.

Global Peacebuilder Districts like yours play a critical role in supporting the work of the Rotary Peace Centers and our grassroots work in peacebuilding. Each year, your district contributions are part of the funding that allows up to 130 peace fellows to study at our seven Rotary Peace Centers. More than 1,500 alumni of the peace centers program are actively making the world more peaceful, from leading local initiatives in communities to guiding policy development at the United Nations and other multilateral organizations.

In 2021, Rotary's newest peace center at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, began welcoming its first fellows from throughout Africa. This year, The Rotary Foundation is in the process of selecting a partner university to host another new Rotary Peace Center in the Middle East or North Africa, with the first class of fellows to begin study in 2025.

Your generous contributions also support the vital peacebuilding and conflict prevention work that clubs and districts do through projects supported by The Rotary Foundation. Through these activities, your donations help train leaders, address the root causes of conflict, and build the capacity of communities around the world to overcome violence and increase their resiliency so people can flourish.

Global Peacebuilder Districts like yours are invaluable to Rotary's peacebuilding initiatives. Thank you for your continued generosity in support of this important work!





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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.

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

IMAGINE ROTARY TOUR 2022-23

SEPTEMBER 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 a September Tour Stop?

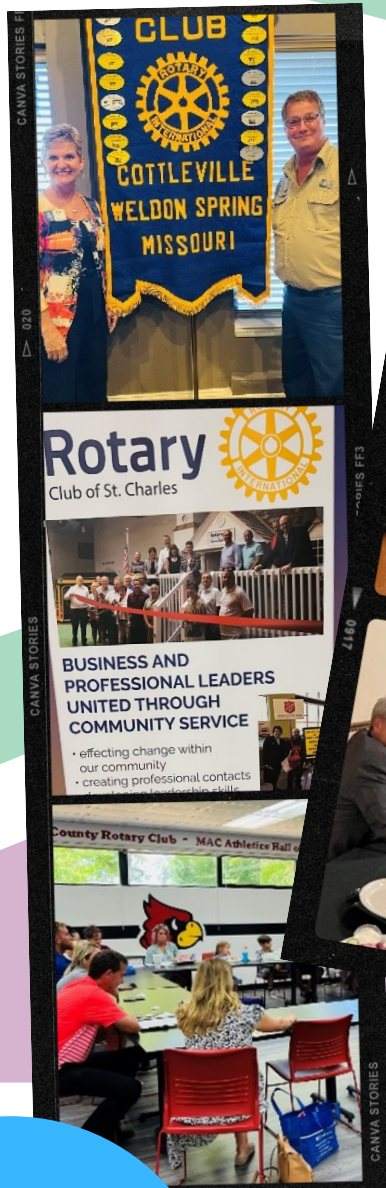
September IMAGINE ROTARY TOUR

- 9/8 Rotary Club of Kirkwood
- 9/13 Rotary Club of Sullivan
- 9/14 Rotary Club of Union
- 9/20 Rotary Club of Desoto
- 9/21 Rotary Club of Forest Park (WORLD PEACE DAY)
- 9/22 Rotary Club of Cape Girardeau West
- 9/23 **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY** - See you there!
- 9/27 Rotary Club of Festus/Crystal City
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- 10/4 Rotary Club of West St. Louis Co.
- 10/5 Rotary Club of Piedmont

IMAGINE ROTARY TOUR 2022 AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS...

Julie H. Leverenz, District Governor 2022-23

What a wonderful experience traveling around the District during BUILD BETTER FRIENDSHIPS month in our District. Your hospitality continues to be extraordinary. Thank you so much for shining the light of your Rotary Club during my visits! Each of our clubs is unique and equally dedicated to living the Four-Way Test and serving their communities. It's incredible to see up close!



"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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