



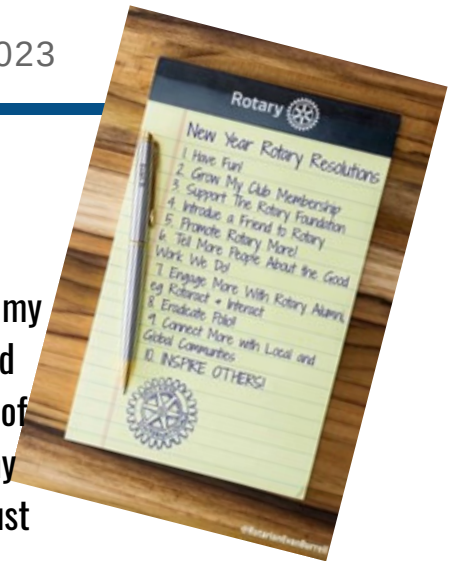
IMAGINE ROTARY NEWSLETTER

Julie Leverenz, District Governor 2022-2023

WHAT A YEAR 2022 HAS BEEN!

What a year 2022 has been! In January of last year, Rotary's International Assembly Governor's Training with Governor-Elects around the world deepened my understanding of our collective power to do good for our communities, our world and for each of us. As a Rotary volunteer, I continue to be inspired by the voice of RI President Jennifer Jones as she asked us to 'Imagine Rotary'. And during my "Imagine Rotary tour of the District" over the past six months I've tried to do just that; And Wow... have you responded! Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

- Our aspirations to **build better friendships** and **tell our story** have translated into clubs throughout the District expanding their reach, their membership and their impact. As a District we continue to enjoy net growth in membership, and an organized and energized District Membership team is helping to build awareness of what's working as you share the gift of Rotary, enhance the experience of Rotary, and enjoy the journey. And our District's new public image toolkit is nearly ready for launch. Most importantly, we have such a great story to tell - you are doing so much to touch lives, give hope and inspire a better tomorrow - thank you!
- Twenty-nine clubs responded to our encouragement to localize Rotary's quest to **be peacemakers** as you led projects during the month of September to remind everyone that peace begins with each of us as individuals. Projects ranged from essay contests, flag poles and peace flags, to support for local food and housing insecurity. And we've also re-ignited Youth Exchange in the District - working to help clubs navigate a path to hosting and sending students to learn first-hand about other parts of the world.
- Your response to our aspiration to **lead with passion** is reflected by Rotarians from throughout...



WHAT'S INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Rotary & Toastmasters Event
 PolioPlus Society Opportunity
 Imagine Rotary Tour Recap
 District Conference - April 21, 2023
 District Food Drive
 District Facebook Account Update
 Show Me Rotary - Upcoming Dates
 November gifts of Joy
 District 6060 Presents...
 Club Holiday Traditions
 Gratitude for Haiti Rotarian
 RI Convention-Melbourne Australia

WHAT A YEAR 2022 HAS BEEN! (CONTINUED)

...the District who have passionately stepped forward to lead District initiatives like our “Domestic Polio Task Group”, our new “Diversity, Inclusion, Belonging and Equity (DIBEs) Membership Sub-Committee” and the first ever Food Drive. And Rotarians from throughout the District have said “yes” a plethora of roles to prepare for our upcoming District Conference. We are even going to build a ‘Pollinator Garden’ at the event!



- And although we started last year differently than we had imagined - with a case of polio surfacing in the United States, that has only bolstered our commitment to **end polio now**. Foundation volunteers in the District established the Polio Plus Society and launched this opportunity in October. Your giving to this fund has been phenomenal - thank you!

And the new calendar year offers current leadership the opportunity to continue to imagine how you will take your club's newfound or emerging energy - inspired by Imagining - toward an actionable plan to strengthen your club over the years to come. It begins with leaders feeling compelled to say “YES, I'll lead the way”. Just like our own Valerie Sorensen who will attend her International Assembly with others around the world in January, prepares to take the helm as our Governor beginning this July. Training and preparation matters.



I am so grateful for each of you, the friendships we've formed and the potential I see for both strong clubs and for clubs that are re-inventing Rotary in their communities. This is a marathon, not a sprint. **Focus on what you can do... imagine... and go for it.** Let's make 2023 the best year yet!



Rotary and Toastmasters Together



Toastmasters District 8 Networking Event

Community Commons, Room 243 at Spencer Road Library
427 Spencer Rd, St. Peters, MO 63376

Thursday, January 26, 2023 from 5-7 pm – FREE TO ATTEND!

Reserve your seat at: <https://bit.ly/district8networkingevent>

POLIO PLUS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP IS NEARING 100!

To eradicate polio from the face of the earth, District 6060 made funding for The Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus a top priority. **Thank you to those of you who have already stepped up to join the Polio Plus Society** in our District! Our Polio Plus Society members promise to give at least \$100/year (which is really a gift of \$300) to end polio until we are successful. We're so close.

According to RI's Polio Plus Report for July - December, our individual and District gifts so far to The Foundation's Polio Plus fund stand at \$39,241.00 compared to \$38,555.86 last year at this time. We're making great progress... but we must be vigilant.



Here's how you can help right now:

- Sign Up today to be a member of the new Polio Plus Society - fill out a very brief pledge sheet, and then send your contribution to The Rotary Foundation.
- Just give now. Simply go to Rotary.Org; My Rotary; and under the Rotary Foundation tab you can give right now, very easily. Just choose giving to Polio Plus... give a one time gift or sign up for a recurring gift.

THANK YOU FOR GENEROUSLY SAVING AND ENRICHING LIVES!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
POLIOPLUS SOCIETY

Rotary ID Number _____
Rotary Club _____
Club Number _____

Name _____

CLICK HERE

Email _____

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 _____

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

Linda Puchbauer - Foundation Chair
1209 Kimbel Ln.

Jackson, MO 63755

OR email to: linda.rotary6060@gmail.com

POLIO PLUS SOCIETY MEMBERS

Greg Beasley, West STL
Harry Corbett, Wentzville
Tom Gooch, Wentzville
Steve Graman, Webster Groves
Guillermo Rodriguez, Webster Groves
Ann McReynolds, Webster Groves
Chuck Weed, Webster Groves
Margaret Weed, Webster Groves
Gail Fernandez, Webster Groves
Frank Bloemke, Webster Groves
K Wentzien, Webster Groves
John Vietmeier, Washington
Joseph Schneider, Washington
Deanna Coppeans, Washington
Wesley Forrester, Washington
Douglas Eckelkamp, Washington
Elda Seener, Washington
Rebecca Guzy, Washington
Tim Unnerstall, Washington
Josh Brinker, Washington
Debbie Hopke, Vandalia
Kim MacDonald, Union
Pam Harrell, Troy
Jerry Bergholdt, Ste Genevieve
Chad Baker, St. Louis Civilians
Ralph Zuke, St. Louis Civilians
Rose Cooper, St. Louis
Rick Tinucci, St. Louis
Raffi Andonian, St. Louis
Jerry Weems, St. Francois
Steve Brown, St. Charles Sunrise
Tom Drennan, Spirit of STL Co
Dan Flynn, Spirit of STL Co
Mary Robinette, Spirit of STL Co
Dave Robinette, Spirit of STL Co
Bryan Hercules, Spirit of STL Co
Robert Courtney, Spirit of STL Co
Ann Kallemeier, Spirit of STL Co
Todd Lindley, Spirit of STL Co
David Mohler, Spirit of STL Co

Jerry Nolen, Spirit of STL Co
Ruth Randell, Spirit of STL Co
Carolyn Simpson, Spirit of STL Co
William Strohmeier, Spirit of STL Co
Mitchell Wilson, Spirit of STL Co
Linda Puchbauer, SEMO Service
Janice Lumsden, SEMO Service
Adelaide Parsons, SEMO Service
Sally Elrod, Piedmont
Kim Combs, Piedmont
Michael Bullerdieck, Perryville
Michael Zahner, Perryville
Dave Soto, Perryville
Lloyd Miller, Paris
Dan Erdel, Mexico
Brigitte Bollerslev, Jackson
Vicky Crist, High Ridge
Jeff Queen, High Ridge
Carrie Branson, High Ridge
Sharon Reineri, High Ridge
Elizabeth Self, High Ridge
Bill Dees, Hannibal
Jill Rogers, Forest Park
Brian Kohlberg, Forest Park
Keith Took, Florissant
Martha Henderson, Crestwood SSH
H R Sheevan, Crestwood SSH
Jim Simpson, Crestwood SSH
Valerie Sorensen, Cottleville WS
Sue Cobb, Cottleville WS
Barbara Drant, Cottleville WS
Ginger Cayce, Cottleville WS
David Rigdon, Cape Girardeau
Steve Limbaugh, Cape Girardeau
Barry Winders, Cape Girardeau
Stan Irvin, Cape Girardeau
Roger Seay, Cape County
Danny Essner, Cape County
Jim Morgan, Cape County
Julie Leverenz, Bowling Green
Katherine Branstetter, Bowling Green
Margie Sammons, Arnold
Rich Fisher, Cape County Morning
ADD YOUR NAME HERE!

CLICK HERE

IMAGINE ROTARY TOUR '22 WAS AWESOME!

With no flat tires or fender-benders, no getting too lost, lots and lots of new friends, great new shopping spots, and many wonderful memories of fifty unique communities up and down the State of Missouri, Governor Julie's Imagine Rotary Tour '22 has been dubbed a huge success. More than 10,000 windshield miles were logged traveling to all your clubs to get to know you better, and understand how the District can better meet your needs.

Here are some anecdotal observations Governor Julie shared:

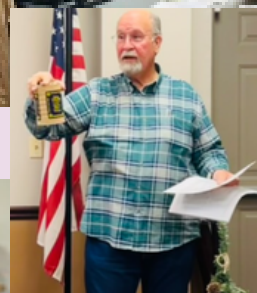
- Rotarians in all fifty communities rock! There are just a lot of **really good people in District 6060**.
- In clubs where the **4-Way Test** is proudly displayed and recited at meetings, members know it and live it! You can just feel it.
- Clubs that have **solid, well-trained, and enthusiastic leadership** in place (The President doesn't do everything; they have a way to identify and engage club leadership well in advance - Pres, Pres-Elect, Pres-Nominee, Secretary/Treasurer; and projects are imagined, planned and executed by many members) are thriving and enjoying the journey of Rotary.
- Clubs that have one or more members **well-trained in DACdb or Club Runner** (Webster Groves 😊) have a huge advantage.
- Clubs with **strong and well-trained administrative leaders** - secretaries, executive secretaries, treasurers, etc. in place reduce the stress of Presidents significantly.
- Clubs whose **leaders attended Show Me Rotary** have a huge advantage, understand their roles, are generally growing, and have lots less stress in leading their clubs. Attendance at Show Me Rotary matters!
- Clubs with **new members** are energized and inspired to serve better!
- Clubs who **offer many ways for members to be engaged and lead**, are succeeding.
- Clubs that are **actively engaging their members in projects where everyone knows that their role matters**, are having great success.
- Clubs with **leaders who care about their members** and meet them where they are are having success!
- Clubs that **celebrate small and large wins**, recognize their successes and **enjoy the experience**, are succeeding.
- Clubs that are finding ways to **jazz up meetings** and the experiences of being together, are growing.



Continued...

IMAGINE ROTARY TOUR '22 WAS AWESOME! (CONTINUED)

- Clubs that actively **match member's personal talents and passions with needs** in their communities are succeeding.
- Clubs that believe in **the power of the Rotary Foundation** and give generously are growing!



If you'd like to take your efforts to Imagine Rotary in your club to the next level, please reach out. We have a District visioning team that can support your team in translating your dreams into actionable steps that lead to good works in your community, and a stronger Rotary club for years to come.

**Leave a legacy for the future in your community!
Lead with passion.**

FIRST EVER DISTRICT-WIDE FOOD DRIVE PROVIDES 89,583 MEALS!

Inspired by **Rotarian Candice Blaylock** of our **Southeast Missouri Service Club**, clubs across the District were invited to create food collection projects to support their local pantries. **In total nearly \$4,975 dollars was raised and 83,617 pounds of food packed, distributed and collected.** The winning club - providing 69,983 meals - was Southeast Missouri Service! Congratulations to these enthusiastic members for making a difference in the lives of friends and neighbors who needed a hand up to feed their families this year. Thank you!

As recognition for winning this friendly and meaningful competition, the Southeast Missouri Service club will receive 1,000 matching points to enable a person/persons to achieve The Rotary Foundation Paul Harris level of recognition. Congratulations!

STAY TUNED... OUR DISTRICT FACEBOOK PAGE IS COMING BACK SOON!



During the past six months our Public Image team has been working feverishly to develop a manageable and meaningful array of tools and processes to help us tell our story. As each social media platform was refined and updated to optimize performance and relevance, we inadvertently did 'something' that alienated Facebook. Our District page has been down for about six weeks. We are so grateful to volunteers who continue to spend countless hours discovering a solution; the path - though not straight nor easy - has been identified, now. We'll have all these tools functioning and back online soon to better serve you.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN... GET SET, GO! JANUARY 26TH

Calling ALL Club Presidents-Elect and Presidents-Nominee Registration Is Open...

And your **first virtual session is on January 26th!** Let's get this new year rockin'!

Plan now to attend **Show Me Rotary Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) 2023** and get prepared for a fantastic year! You won't want to miss your chance to **enhance your leadership skills** as President-Elect or President-Nominee. The Show Me Rotary Council is excited to offer you the tools to lead and improve your club.

PETS dates: Thursday-Saturday, March 23-25

- programming starts at 6 p.m. on Thursday and ends after lunch on Saturday
- weather date a week later

Pre-PETS via Zoom: January 26 and February 9 at 6 p.m.

Your registration is already paid

- each club automatically is billed for two representatives
- if your PE or PN can't attend, send a substitute
- registration opens Jan. 1

Make your hotel reservations at the Capitol Plaza, Jefferson City

- special room rate is \$99/night
- cutoff for special rate is Feb. 20
- call 573-635-1234 or 800-338-8088

Phenomenal speakers

- Dr. Stephanie Urchick, **2024-25 President of Rotary International**
- John Blount, Past Director, Rotary International
- Larry Lunsford, Rotary International Board of Trustees
- Elizabeth Usovicz, Rotary International Director

Topics include: Membership, R.I. Foundation and Public Image

More information: <https://showmerotary.org/>

Show Me Rotary Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) is one of the largest multi-district PETS in the United States. It was formed with a view to becoming a premier training event with the atmosphere of a mini Rotary International Convention by leveraging the expertise of three Rotary Districts in Missouri.

With the ability to host exceptional speakers, informative workshops, detailed district training sessions, fellowship and networking, the basic purpose of our PETS is to motivate our 300+ attendees, including Club Presidents-Elect, Presidents-Nominee and Assistant Governors, to ensure they are well prepared for their year of service.



Many thanks to those volunteering to serve on the Show Me Rotary Council including: Rotarians Valerie Sorensen (Cottleville/Weldon Spring); Margie Sammons (Arnold), John Vietmeier - Secretary (Washington), Jerry Nolen (Spirit of St. Louis), Jill Cudd (St. Peters), Mike Elam (St. Charles Sunrise), Tim Cudd (St. Peters) Linda McPherson (St. Charles), Rebecca Guzy (Washington), Julie Leverenz (Bowling Green) and our newest District 6060 Council member - Pat Komoroski (Florissant)

JOY. JOY. JOY... DISTRICT 6060 CLUBS PAY IT FORWARD!

In early November Governor Julie sent a \$25 gift card to each club President to appreciate the great work being done by every club, and encouraged them to consider paying it forward in some way. **Again, Wow!** Here are a few of the notes I received during December sharing how various clubs chose to pay it forward... and MORE... in their communities. **This is what the joy of giving looks like.**

I hope your heart is as full as mine!

*today
I CHOOSE
joy*

**From Festus:
Supported Early
Childhood Center
small wins!**

Julie,
I paid it forward to
Kerry Hurkey. She teaches at
our Early Childhood Center.
Her highlight was getting
one of our more challenging
students on the bus w/out
hitting, crying or biting.
Small wins are important.
Thank you!
Cjs

Thank you
Sincerely,
The Fredericktown
Rotary Club
Julie
We wanted to let
you know that we
passed the gift card
on to the Fredericktown
Senior Center. They were
very thankful for
the kind gesture.
Thank you so much!
May you have a
Merry Christmas

**From Fredericktown: Supported the
Fredericktown Senior Center!**

**From Montgomery County:
Matched the \$25 with a \$100 to
give a gift to a local teacher and
mother who is struggling with
cancer treatments!**

Julie,
Moving forward to
coming generations, Dexter
Rotary is adding the gift
to our support of Hardy
House a children's support
home currently facing built
in Dexter. We are
multiplying the gift
many times.
Thanks for the
support of Dexter
Rotary
Kerry Charnick

**From Dexter: Multiplying member gifts
to the new Harty House children's home!**

total \$335.- you
had a great idea!!
Merry Christmas!
Jennie Selby
Julie,
I hope that you had
a wonderful Thanksgiving
with your family.
On behalf of the
Union Rotary Club I
would like to thank
you for the "Joyous
Challenge". We decided to
use those funds toward
our local food pantry.
Then we challenged all
members to make a
contribution if they wanted
to - we raised a total
of \$30.... making the

**From Union: Transformed \$25 into
\$335 gift to local food pantry!**

Dear Julie,
Thanks for the \$25 gift card.
Our Rotary Club paid it forward
by donating it to The Backpack
Friday Food program at the
SEMO Food Bank. Nutrition
is a must on the weekends for
school children. They get a good
meal at school Monday - Friday, but
on weekends, they may not get
enough to eat, so The Backpack
program helps.
Thanks again D6 Julie
Rotary Club of Southeast Missouri
Service.
Linda Fuchman Chair-Pres

**From SEMO Service
Club: Donated to local
Backpack program!**

Dear Julie,
I thank so much for
the \$25.00 Visa card. Our club
had already decided to bring
canned goods, Peanut Butter
and dry goods to our meeting
this week. The gift helped
double the giving that we
matched with the card. This
all will be given to the local
Boys Scouts for local food drive.
Thank you, Dawn Hicks

**From Poplar Bluff: Doubled the special
giving to the Boy Scout Food Drive!**

Julie,
Thank you for the continued
support of Rotary and our club.
We are blessed by your leadership
and thankful for the partnership.
We were smitten in the middle
of a coat drive upon receipt of
your beautiful gift card and decided
to further our outreach in the
St Louis community.
All the best,
Rick

**From St. Louis: Contributed
to seasonal coat drive
already underway!**

Julie Leventon
From: Nick Kuhlberg <nkuhlberg13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2011 2:52 PM
To: Julie Leventon
Subject: Use of gift card
Hi Julie!
This is long overdue, but I wanted to thank you for the \$25 visa gift card from the District. I also wanted to let you know
that we were able to turn that \$25 into \$900 worth of Christmas gifts for some local kids in foster care, being served by
Lutheran Family and Children's Services.
Our members had some fun trying to be the highest donor to "match" that original gift card so it was a quick, easy way
to do some good and spread some holiday cheer in honor of history.
Have a great week!
-Nick
Sent from my iPhone

**From Forest Park: Transformed \$25
into \$900 of support for Christmas
gifts for local children in foster care!**

Hi Julie
Thanks for the token of appreciation. Just want to let you know that we used it towards the
Thanksgiving Day Dinner we served to the High Ridge Community. We served about 175 people, our
members helped along with volunteers from our community.
Thanks
Jeff Queen President
High Ridge Rotary Club

**From High Ridge: Used to help
offset costs of serving
Thanksgiving Day Dinner to 175
in the community!**

**If your club has a giving story,
please share it with me.
-Governor Julie**

**Thank you for everything you
do; what is known and what is
accomplished silently.**

District 6060 Presents

Imagine A Shift

Friday-Saturday
April

21-22
2023

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

The District 6060 Annual Conference

Registration
Opens
January 15th

- Operation Pollination Service Project
- **Todd Whitaker:** American educator, writer, motivational speaker
- Foundation Donor Hobnob
- Stomp'n Out Polio Shindig
- Perform For Polio
- Gather at the Watering Hole
- Golf 2-Person Shamble
- Foundation Grant Certification
- District Leadership Council
- Past District Governor Luncheon



CEDAR CREEK
Escape with us
NEW HAVEN
— MO —

*Watch for your email
invitation package!*

NEW CLUB TRADITIONS

Many clubs celebrated the holidays this year to build better friendships and invite members into closer relationships...and of course, celebrate!

Our Washington club tried something new this year. They hosted a Women of Rotary luncheon... and had a wonderful first-year event.

President Elda Seener is grateful for all the ladies of Rotary who launched their holiday in Washington, MO.



WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THIS VISION!

In July 2021, a Rotarian of the Hayti Rotary Club donated \$100,000 from his estate to the Foundation's Endowment Fund. This generous gift was the third largest received by Zone* 30/31 in 2021-22. It also helped the club be recognized by the District for its extraordinary Permanent Fund giving in excess of \$5,000/member.

"Special thanks to this Rotarian for taking the initiative to make this extraordinary donation to The Rotary Foundation. Words cannot express the appreciation and the thoughtfulness that will assist to aid the needs within the community and around the world," Margie Sammons, Past District Governor, commented.

Our Major Gifts Chair, Rick Tinucci (rtinucci2gmail.com, 314-517-2548), can assist others to support The Rotary Foundation through their estate planning. Endowment gifts ensure the on-going impact of The Rotary Foundation for many years to come.

*Zone 30/31 comprises 1479 clubs in 31 Districts and covers 11 Midwest states.

Are you inspired? Is this something you'd like to consider?
If so, please give Rick a buzz. He'll help you turn your aspirations into a life-giving contribution.



LET'S GO TO MELBOURNE! ADVENTURE AWAITS...

Rotary  INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



Rotarian Brigitte Bollerslev is coordinating a contingent of District 6060 Rotarians headed to our Convention on May 27-31 in Melbourne, Australia! **You can still get in on the early bird discount by registering before March 31st.**

Give yourself this incredible gift to see Australia and make lots of new Rotary friends! Adventure awaits.

Important deadlines:

Full registration \$ 475.00 by Dec 15, 2022
\$ 575.00 by March 31, 2023
\$ 675.00 by May 31, 2023

To cancel, there is a \$50.00 fee. It must be canceled in writing by emailing RI at Registration@rotary.org

For information please contact either the Rotary website or Brigitte Bollerslev, brigitte.dg15-16@rotary6060.us,
Phone 573-382-0416
<https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne>

Happy New Year
2023

"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."

Rotary 
District 6060

 **IMAGINE**
ROTARY

Julie H. Leverenz
District 6060 Governor 2022-23
(573)406-8616
jlev.joyinthefog@gmail.com