



IMAGINE ROTARY NEWSLETTER

Julie Leverenz, District Governor 2022-2023

FEELING LUCKY! ~WHY, YOU ASK?

...because **WE ARE ROTARIANS**...and we get to enjoy each other **AND** 'do good' in the world, friends.



REGISTER TODAY!

Set in beautiful rural **New Haven, MO**, please join us to "**Imagine A Shift**" on April 21 and 22. You'll enjoy learning to build a **pollinator garden** and caring for the **Environment - Rotary's newest area of focus**; you'll enjoy meeting lots of **Interact students and sponsors** from throughout the District; you'll be inspired by internationally recognized leadership guru and renowned author, **Todd Whitaker**; you'll remember beloved **Rotarians who passed** away this year; you'll meet our **youth exchange students** and enjoy speed networking; you'll really enjoy this year's **House of Friendship** - vendors, club showcases...; and the **Perform for Polio on Friday** night promises to be filled with fun, fellowship, food and folly! On **Saturday**, **golfers** will get to enjoy a round,...

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2023 WILL INSPIRE AND ENGAGE, AND HELP YOU IMAGINE THE POSITIVE SHIFT YOU'VE BEEN DREAMING ABOUT....

...members of the **Leadership Council** will convene, and our **Past District Governors** will enjoy a special lunch to conclude this year's District Conference. Visit Rotary6060.org to register, get more details and then make your **Cedar Creek** hotel reservations.



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**Rotarians
REGISTER HERE**

**Guests
REGISTER HERE**

Your Club Is Invited to...

Club
Opportunities

- Reserve A Table For The Shindig
- Perform A Club Skit At Perform For Polio
- Donate A Silent Auction Basket or Experiential Certificate
- Sponsor A Hospitality "Watering Hole"
- Sign Up To Be Ambassadors (Helping Others)
- Invite Your Local School Administrators, Counselors, Interact Club To Lunch With Todd Whitaker
- Participate In Building A Pollinator Garden
- Gather A Group Of Golfers For The Shamble
- Honor Lives of Service For Those Who Have Passed
- Engage Youth Exchange & Interact Student
- Celebrate Foundation Giving
- Share Club Projects
- Display your Club's Banner
- Relax On The Countryside
- Imagine Rotary...

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Rotary
District 6060

IMAGINE
ROTARY



Sign Up today!

Bring your talent, your passion,
your club members and family too!

PERFORM to Raise Donations FOR POLIO!

- Recite a Poem
- Sing
- Play an instrument
- Miming
- Stand Up Comedy
- Dance
- Compose Art
- Juggle
- Share a Skit
- Lip sync
- Perform MAGIC tricks

**Have Fun &
Support Each Other!**

PERFORM
FOR POLIO
APR
21
2023

FREE ENTRY
FREE ENTRY
FREE ENTRY

SIGN UP

Perform For Polio

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We are a community!

**LET'S
ENGAGE**

ON APRIL 21ST

at the
District Conference

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Questions:
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ROTARY DISTRICT 6060 ELECTS NEW '25-26 GOVERNOR!

Welcome to the District Governor Line Rotarian Ralph Zuke!

Rotarian RALPH ZUKE, youngest of five children, was born and raised in Adelphi, MD. After graduating from the University of Maryland with a degree in education, he moved to St Louis in August 1991 and began his career as a general contractor who specializes in historic renovations.

In October 2008 Ralph was asked to join the Rotary Club of Fairview Heights. He learned early on just how effective Rotary is in making a positive change in peoples' lives, not just locally but internationally. In his first three years, he helped champion international clean water grants in Libya, India, and Guatemala.

A few years later, Ralph committed to the Rotary goal of eradicating Polio worldwide. He has done many activities to raise money and awareness for the Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus, including riding his bike while pulling a Barcalounger Rickshaw from St. Louis to Toronto in 2018, doing a 24-hour bike ride in 2021, and again cycling while pulling the Barcalounger Rickshaw from St Louis to Houston in 2022.

In 2019 Ralph wanted to start a second St Louis City club. This resulted in the creation of the Civilians, a satellite club of the Rotary Club of St. Louis. He is currently serving as its chair for the 2022-2023 year. Ralph is also an Assistant Governor and has begun providing direct support to clubs in the District in this role.

Ralph is married to Danielle and together they have four children (Madelaine - 26, Finn - 22, Calvin - 21, and Quinn - 19). He enjoys cooking and baking for guests as often as possible and hosts a family dinner most weekends.

Ralph often tells people that he views Rotary as a giant cogged wheel; a cogged wheel where he is one of 1.3 million gears helping to move the whole thing forward. In return, the momentum of the other 1.3 million gears helps move him forward as well.

Ralph is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.
CONGRATULATIONS RALPH!



How will your club engage?

Rotary Club members make things happen when they come together

IMAGINE A SHIFT
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

Rotary District 6060

OUR FOUNDATION GRANTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT HOME AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Thank you for your contributions to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. Your generosity matters so much. We are so grateful!

Each year the District's Foundation team leads the District in raising awareness and funding for the Rotary Foundation; their most powerful responsibility, however, is coordinating with clubs and Rotary leaders to manage, distribute and optimize our Foundation funds. What a great job to have in Rotary! And we are so grateful for these leaders who ensure we are the best stewards of our resources, and stretch them as far as we can to do the most good at home and in the world! So many need us to help.

For the last three years our Foundation team has been ably led by Past District Governor Linda Puchbauer. Rotarian Brian Kohlberg will assume this role for the next three years and is currently assembling his District Foundation team. If you would like to serve on this team, please reach out to Brian! bmkohlberg@yahoo.com

Our Foundation team's plan for the **\$111,000 available in '22-23** (as shared in this year's Action Plan) was as follows:

- Offering **\$36,000 to fund District Community Assistance Program (CAP) grants** to 51 clubs and Rotaract Clubs
- Providing **\$15,000 to fund an Ambassadorial Scholarship** available for one scholar
- Contributing **\$22,200 to Polio Plus to End Polio Now**
- Contributing **\$25,000 to Peace Center** to remain a Peace Building District
- Offering **\$8,300 for Global Grants**
- Donating **\$1,000 to Shelter Box**
- Making available **\$1,300 for Admin Fees and \$2200 for Contingency**



THANK YOU
for Doing Good in the World.



OUR FOUNDATION GRANTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT HOME AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD (CONTINUED)

The most locally visible impact of our Foundation funding comes through our Community Action Project (CAP) grants to clubs each year. An earlier newsletter detailed the incredible work being done in communities throughout our District using these District grants distributed to clubs. Thank you Rotarians for the innovative ways you serve your communities.



Recently we learned from the Foundation team that we had District grant money remaining for this year. That same Foundation team communicated the availability of those resources, orchestrated an evaluation and allocation process, and recently distributed those funds. Eight clubs in the District who were immediately responsive to the grant funding opportunity, had service projects ready to go, and had contributed to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund this year were selected.

Perhaps not as visible, but certainly a powerful influence on our District's ability to meet needs in the world are our Global Grants.. This year, we are participating in the following Global Grants:

1. New Theory Farming in Thailand - Since their dry climate prevents crops from surviving, they are teaching farmers to use ponds to raise fish for supplement income. Partner with District 3350: GG2343307

2. Equipment for Ophthalmological in Argentina - This grant enables the purchase of medical equipment in partnership with District 4945 with whom District 6060 previously had a Friendship Exchange: GG2238469

3. Rainwater Containment in Mexico - This grant is in partnership with the Zone's Heart 2 Heart (H2H) project; It enables the construction of dams and teaches local rural communities how to gather rainwater to mitigate soil erosion in partnership with District 4170: GG2237889

4. Water Saves Lives in Philippines - This grant - led by the Rotary Club of St. Louis enables construction of a deep well, pump, and drinking station for Elementary Schools. Partner with District 3770: GG2346775

5. Equipment for Surgery Department in India - Grant is with Forest Park Rotary Club - to purchase equipment for the Pediatric Surgery Ward for NICU+PICU. Partner with District 3131: GG2345434



We also have three projects that are under development. Upon final approval/authorization by The Rotary Foundation, they will be given numbers, and the projects will commence.

1. Equipment for Oncology in Argentina - To purchase much needed medical equipment in partnership with District 4945 with whom District 6060 had a Friendship Exchange.

PROJECTS UNDER DEVELOPMENT... CONTINUED

2. Equipment for Cath Lab and Ultrasound in India - Grant is with Crestwood Sunset Hills Rotary Club and will purchase medical equipment in partnership with District 3060.

3. Purchase infant manikins for East Caribbean or India - Grant is with Forest Park Rotary Club and will purchase infant training manikins for healthcare and community leaders.

In addition, to respond to the recent disaster in Turkey, we are giving \$2,000 District Designated Funds to Rotary International's **Turkey Earthquake Fund**.

Thank you for your contributions to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund; thank you for sharing your heart, your time, your talent and your finances to make the world a better place. Please know that your gifts to the Foundation matter.



JOIN THE DISTRICT 6060 ROTARY SINGERS FOR A ONE TIME APPEARANCE...

in the Perform for Polio evening at this year's District Conference!


If you enjoy singing, join the Rotary Singers. We'll rehearse on Friday afternoon and prepare for our big debut on Friday night at the District Conference on April 21! **Let's enjoy sharing our joy of music with fellow Rotarians.**

If you are able to participate, just reach out to Governor Julie and let her know you'll be there. Communication with Rotary Singers will begin in March. Email Governor Julie JLev.JoyintheFog@gmail.com.



Be sure and register for the District Conference...
www.Rotary6060.org



Have your own  ?

SIGN UP

Perform For Polio

PRESIDENTS-ELECT: YOU ARE IN FOR A GREAT TIME AT THIS YEAR'S SHOW ME ROTARY MARCH 23-25!



VALERIE

RANDY

JIMMIE

Wonder Woman

(OTHERWISE KNOWN AS OUR OWN DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT, VALERIE SORENSSEN)

**JOIN OUR DG
SUPERHEROES ON
THURSDAY NIGHT**

6:00 PM

MARCH 23RD

**OUR CRUSADERS WILL BE
COLLECTING SHOES, PLAYING
BINGO, AND LEADING RELAY
RACES. SUPERHERO COSTUMES
ARE NOT REQUIRED BUT HIGHLY
ENCOURAGED.**

WANT TO ENHANCE CONSTITUTIONAL LITERACY IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

The **Rotary Club of St. Charles** is passionate about helping students realize that freedom and our right to the pursuit of happiness is to be valued. Building understanding of our nation's history and the foundational document - our constitution - are the focuses of this club's efforts. They distribute 'little constitutions', available for only \$1, which include Q&A flashcards with facts that can easily be used by Rotarians and/or educators to build awareness. These books are a great resource for Interact and Rotaract Club members and others in their high school and college/university. The goal is to preserve, protect, and defend the US Constitution against all enemies foreign and domestic. If you are interested in joining them in this area of focus that helps build peace in the world, please contact Rotarian Andy McKean at 636-244-0652. Andy is also available for club programs if your club wants to explore this project's benefit in your community.



AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The District 6060 Ambassadorial Scholarship opportunity for the 2023-2024 year is **accepting applications NOW through April 15, 2023.**

This district-supported scholarship is available for study in any academic field, but preference is given to those whose field of study is related to one of the areas of humanitarian needs listed below. Applicants must have completed their bachelor's degree prior to submitting an application. There is no upper age limit to receive the scholarship. Applicants may be graduate students, may have completed one or more degrees, and/or may be engaged in the early stages of a career. **The program provides a grant in the amount of "up to" \$15,000 to one (1) student to apply towards tuition, fees, room and board, educational supplies, and round-trip transportation to/from the study site.**

Preferred fields of study related to the seven (7) humanitarian focus areas:

- Peace and conflict prevention and/or resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development
- Environment

Completed applications should be submitted to the president of a local Rotary club for the club's review and approval. The application is then sent by the Club President, no later than April 15, 2023, to Ken Heischmidt, District Scholarship Chair.

Don't wait to share this opportunity!

***Rotarians and relatives of Rotarians are not eligible to apply for a Rotary scholarship. However, members of Rotaract clubs are eligible and encouraged to apply, provided that they meet all other eligibility criteria.

Further information will be available at

<https://rotary6060.org/ambassadorial-scholar.php>

Ken Heischmidt, District Scholarship Chair

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Are you ready to take your Rotary experience to the next level?

Looking to excel in Rotary Leadership?

Do you want to help other clubs reach greatness?

Reach out to Governor Julie, DGE Valerie Sorensen, or DGN Jerry Nolen to see if the Assistant Governor position is your next opportunity!

THE ROTARY GOLF FELLOWSHIP RELEASES 2023 CALENDAR

Fore!

District 6060's RGF is excited to announce our 2023 series of two-person team of events, starting with the **Governors Cup at the upcoming District Conference in April**. The RGF strongly encourages you to come out to the District Conference for your shot at the cup. **Grab a fellow Rotarian golfer, sign up for the District Conference, and put the rest of these dates on your calendar!**

Join us on Saturday for two-person scrambles at:

April 22nd -Governors Cup @ Cedar Creek Resort, New Haven, MO (Par 3 Course "Shamble")

May 20th -Norwoods Golf Club, Hannibal, MO

July 8th -Crown Pointe Golf Club, Farmington, MO

August 12th -Missouri Bluffs Golf Course

September 18-20th -US & Canada RGF-National Championship

Facebook: Rotary District 6060 Golf Fellowship-Eastern Missouri

To Sign up for Updates Email: John Higdon, rotarygolf6060@gmail.com, Cell: 314-630-5795

IS YOUR CLUB STRUGGLING WITH DOCUMENTATION, DACDB, WEBSITE, MEMBER COMMUNICATION, ROTARY.ORG...?



If you need secretary training or any form of technical support so that your club runs more smoothly and easily, please reach out to the District. We have experienced Rotarians willing to provide you with one-on-one support. For more information, just email District Executive Secretary David Robinette at pdg.david.robinette6060@gmail.com or District Educator John Vietmeier johnrotary2019@gmail.com to get back on top of documentation challenges.

Don't get overwhelmed; help is here. We are a family; we support one another. Please reach out. We want you to be able to focus on serving your community; let's make the documentation as simple and meaningful as possible!

WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN A GLOBAL SERVICE PROJECT?

For more information on this International Service trip to Guatemala for Rotarians, spouses, and Friends of Rotary, contact Christy Weber at 314-583-0538 or Christy@shoesandhope.org

SHOES & HOPE



Guatemala/Rotary Get-to-Know
April 24 - 28, 2023

Are you a Rotarian and interested in learning more about Rotary partnership in Guatemala? Do you want to seek out information for your Rotary club? This is the trip for you! This is an intense trip built on relationships and service.

Trip size: Minimum 5, Maximum 10

JOIN US FOR KIDS AGAINST HUNGER 2023

Nearly 100 District Rotarians participated in last year's District food packaging event at Mid Rivers Mall in St. Peters, and every club in the District participated in some way...so thanks to leadership from our Arnold club, we're doing it again! Last year a total of \$7000 was donated to provide 24,000 meals.

April 15th from 10am - Noon

If you can't participate with us, we're sorry you'll miss out on the fun and fellowship; however, we are happy to accept your donations to support this initiative if you can't make it. **Just let Rotarian Margie Sammons know how you want to participate.** Feel free to bring children and family old enough to participate safely. msammons7000@gmail.com



"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."

Join us to *Imagine A Shift* - April 21, 2023

LET'S INVEST TOGETHER

REGISTER NOW



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