



IMAGINE ROTARY NEWSLETTER

Julie Leverenz, District Governor 2022-2023

OCTOBER IS END POLIO NOW MONTH!



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

Our new PolioPlus Society is launching on World Polio Day – October 24, 2022. If you commit before December 31st to giving at least \$100 every year until polio is eradicated, you'll be a Charter Member. Let's do this!

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 by joining the PolioPlus Society. All funds are administered by The Rotary Foundation and used to fight polio. Just email Linda Puchbauer to let her know that you want to be a charter member, and she'll send you the pledge form. Linda.Rotary6060@gmail.com.



We hope you'll join us this year!

While delivering polio vaccinations in the remote villages of Africa with fellow Rotarians, Governor Julie learned first-hand about the life-changing potential of children everywhere being protected from the ravages of this awful disease. In countries where vaccination rates are high, children are polio-free. **"It is imperative that we continue to encourage families to immunize their children. Now that a case exists in the US, our unvaccinated children are at significant risk. Please help your community stay polio-free by supporting vaccination. In our quest to end polio, vaccination is working. We are so close to ending polio forever. We can do this!"** Governor Julie encouraged. Please join clubs everywhere in raising awareness on World Polio Day – October 24.

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GET READY FOR WORLD POLIO DAY ON OCTOBER 24



What is your club doing to raise awareness and funding to end polio 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!

GOVERNOR JULIE SIGNS ON TO SUPPORT OPERATION POLLINATION GOALS



District Governor Julie traveled to Kansas City Union Station on Saturday to participate with other Rotary District Governors in the mid-states areas in a symbolic signing of a North American initiative that RI President Jennifer Jones endorsed earlier that day. If you are interested in getting more involved with this initiative, please reach out to Governor Julie. This project fits beautifully within the parameters of our newest area of focus: The Environment.

Operation Pollination Goals

- Increase and improve pollinator habitat by identifying existing pockets of pollinator habitat and helping develop a nectar corridor for migratory and non-migratory pollinator species.
- Develop strategic partnerships for improving or creating habitat for pollinators and providing educational opportunities.
- Encourage action through voluntary, collaborative, and locally led conservation actions such as planting pollinator gardens, building bee blocks and avoiding or limiting pesticide use.
- Provide education to those interested in increasing their knowledge of pollinators and improving pollinator habitat.
- Promote citizen science opportunities to track key pollinator species populations and share research and resources about restoring pollinator habitat.



HELP FEED YOUR COMMUNITY!

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

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)

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



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



International Travel and Service Opportunities

INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE?

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

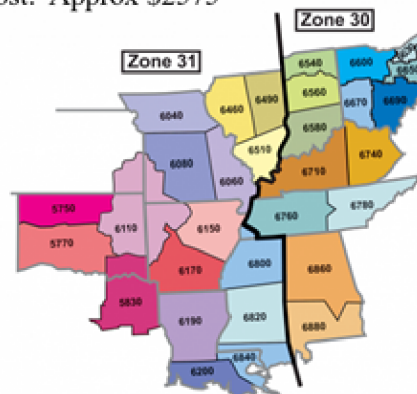
Are you looking for an exciting and rewarding international travel and service opportunity with other Rotarians?

- **October 15 is the deadline** to sign up for the November 9-17 Heart2Heart trip to Mexico City and Guadalajara with other Rotarians from Zone 30/31. Contact Tom Dusing, tomd@travellerleaderindy.com, 317-513-3209 for all the details.

Heart2Heart Trip to Mexico City & Guadalajara

Date: November 9 – 17, 2022

Cost: Approx \$2575



Zone 30/31
Partnership

11 States

31 Districts

1479 Clubs

63,308 Rotarians

Heart2Heart Projects

- Sanitation and Hygiene
- Rain Harvesting
- Education and Literacy
- Breast Cancer Treatment
- Cleft Lip Surgery
- Child Cancer Treatment
- Kidney Transplant Program
- Food Production Training
- Economic Development



MORE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES!

Tentative service trips are being planned to Uganda in February 2023 with Hearts and Hope for Uganda and June 2023 to Guatemala with Shoes and Hope. Both organizations are located in St. Charles County and will welcome Rotarians to join their trips. Contact Sue Cobb, International Service Chair, at rotarysuecobb@gmail.com or 636-284-4686 if you're interested in receiving more details as they become available.

Guatemala Trip with Shoes and Hope

Tentative Trip in June 2023



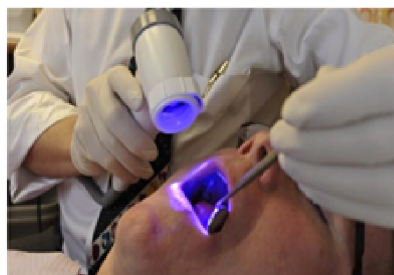
Hearts and Hope for Uganda

February 2023



Jamaica Dental Project

Seeking funding for next Global Grant



Clubs and individual Rotarians can support the Jamaica Dental Project sponsored by the Tuscola (IL) Rotary Club.

Making a monetary commitment to their next Global Grant helps fund the on-going work of Zone 30/31 dentists who host annual dental clinics in Jamaica.

Contact Rick Davidson, rdavson@gmail.com, 217-621-4672.

2021-22 CLUBS & ROTARIANS RECOGNIZED FOR SUPPORTING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION!



The Rotary Foundation was smiling as District 6060 Rotarians and clubs were highlighted at the District Assembly for their outstanding support. Among those recognized for giving during the 2021-22 Rotary year were:

Three new Paul Harris Society which recognizes a commitment to give at least \$1000 annually to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund, were honored:

- Charles Amen – Rotary Club of Kirkwood;
- Jerry Nolen – Rotary Club of Spirit of St. Louis;
- Ralph Zuke – Rotary Club of St. Louis/Civilians Satellite Club

PolioPlus Clubs which achieved at least \$1500 in donations to The Rotary Foundation PolioPlus Fund included:

- St. Louis \$9,120;
- Hannibal \$5460;
- Washington \$5210;
- St. Charles \$5000;
- Spirit of St. Louis County \$2960;
- Steele \$2,000;
- SEMO Service \$1500

Century Clubs which give at least \$100 per capita to the Annual Fund included the Rotary Clubs of:

- Bowling Green
- Clayton-Ladue
- Florissant
- Forest Park
- Hannibal
- Jackson
- Mexico
- Perryville
- Piedmont
- Poplar Bluff
- Sikeston
- SEMO Service
- Ste Genevieve
- St. Francois County
- Troy
- Vandalia
- Washington
- Webster Groves
- West St. Louis County

THANK YOU!

Double Century Clubs which gave \$200 or more per capita to the Annual Fund included the Rotary Club of:

- Cape Girardeau County
- Cape Girardeau
- Crestwood Sunset Hills
- Louisiana
- St Charles



Quad Century Clubs which gave \$400 or more per capita to the Annual Fund included the Rotary Clubs of:

- Cottleville/Weldon Springs, and
- St. Louis

Royal Extraordinary Clubs which gave \$700 per capita to the Annual Fund included:

- Kirkwood and
- Spirit of St. Louis County

Top three clubs in actual dollars given to the Annual Fund included:

- 1st place Kirkwood \$43,285;
- 2nd place St. Louis \$37,574;
- 3rd place Spirit of St. Louis County \$20,308

Top three clubs per capita giving to the Annual Fund included:

- 1st place Spirit of St Louis County \$1200,
- 2nd place Kirkwood \$703, and
- 3rd place Cottleville Weldon Springs \$456

CONGRATULATIONS! 15 CLUBS RECEIVE THE ROTARY CITATION

Rotary District 6060 is proud to congratulate 15 of our Rotary clubs for receiving the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve, the "2021-2022 Rotary Citation" from the President of Rotary International, Shekhar Mehta. All Rotary clubs CAN qualify, but only a small percentage receive this global recognition citation.

The Rotary Citation is an award that recognizes the dedicated work clubs do throughout the year by reflecting the values of Rotary, developing sustainable service projects, leadership development, engaging their members, staying relevant in their communities, and more.

We congratulate the club members and club president for exemplifying Rotary service:

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| • Arnold Rotary Club | • Southwest Missouri Service Rotary Club |
| • Bowling Green Rotary Club | • Spirit of St. Louis Rotary Club |
| • Cottleville/Weldon Spring Rotary Club | • St. Charles Rotary Club |
| • Crestwood-Sunset Hills Rotary Club | • St. Francois County/Bonne Terre Rotary Club |
| • Kirkwood Rotary Club | • Troy Rotary Club |
| • Louisiana Rotary Club | • Union Rotary Club |
| • Mexico Rotary Club | • Washington Rotary Club |
| • Piedmont Rotary Club | |

ROTARY RAISED THE ROOF FOR PEACE IN SEPTEMBER!

Twenty-nine clubs in our District celebrated and raised awareness for peace on September 21 - World Peace Day! Below is a listing of the clubs and their projects. The titles of the projects don't even begin to convey the impact. Project Coordinator Rose Cooper is pulling together a special publication highlighting this tremendous work and its impact. Stay tuned. Thank you for participating! And thanks to Rotarians Rose Cooper and Valerie Sorensen for leading this effort!



- Arnold Covered in PEACE
- Bowling Green C + Interact Placing & Distributing Peace Flags
- Cape County Save My Starving Children
- Cottleville/Weldon Spring Day of Peace Essay Contest
- DeSoto May Peace Prevail on Earth
- East Central Rotaract Peace Walk
- Hannibal Popsicles for Peace
- High Ridge Babies Born Addicted
- Jackson + Interact One More Hope for Peace(Foster Adopt Connect)
- Louisiana Essay Contest
- Mexico Play at Peace
- Montgomery County Blankets for Buddy Packs
- Piedmont Interact Planting for Peace
- Reynolds County Women's Shelter Donation
- Sikeston EJI Coalition for Peace
- SLU Rotaract SLU Rotaract Cultural & Sports Gathering
- Southwest Service Club Peace Essay by Saxony Lutheran High School Students
- St. Charles We Are All Connected
- St. Charles Sunrise St. Charles County Boys & Girls Anti Bullying
- St. Louis Yoga and Friendship
- St. Louis Civilians Yoga and Friendship
- Ste. Genevieve Peace Mural
- Troy Rotary Self Defense and Empowment Clinic
- Troy South Interact Support for The Key
- Washington Imagine Peace with Rotaract Students at East Central
- Webster Groves + Interact Peace Poetry and Pianos
- Wentzville Chipping Toward World Peace
- Steele Rotary Feeding Steele



DISTRICT ASSEMBLY HELPS US IMAGINE OUR IMPACT

St. Charles Community College was on fire (not literally) with Rotary energy as Rotarians from throughout the District gathered to learn and enjoy building friendships. Following recognition of Foundation supporters by Foundation Chair Linda Puchbauer, Raffi Andonian – District Membership Chair and Celebrity Historian, wowed Rotarians as he connected history and our future as Rotarians who seek to build peace and enhance lives in the world. His rousing presentation was followed by an equally engaging presentation outlining international service travel opportunities in the District from Sue Cobb, International Services Chair. Other highlights included hearing from a panel of Rotarians who had completed peace projects for World Peace Day on September 21st. Wow! We were also introduced to a Water Project with the Navajo Nation that District Governor 2023-24 is especially interested in supporting next year, we learned about the St. Louis Civilians t-shirt sales to support foster children going to camp, and we officially launched the District's Fighting Hunger competition led by Candice Blaylock from the Rotary Club of Southeast Missouri service. (Highlighted in a previous article) A social hosted by the District Membership Committee closed out the District Assembly with lots of fun and fellowship! Thanks to DGE Valerie Sorensen for coordinating this terrific experience for our District's Rotarians!

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District 6060

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IMAGINING YOUR IMPACT

September 23, 2022
12:00 to 4:00 PM



IMAGINE ROTARY TOUR 2022-23

OCTOBER 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 October Tour Stop?

October IMAGINE ROTARY TOUR

10/5	Rotary Club of Piedmont
10/11	Rotary Club of Dexter
10/12	Rotary Club of Poplar Bluff
10/13	Rotary Club of Perryville
10/18	Rotary Club of Wentzville
10/19	Rotary Club of Arnold
10/20	Rotary Club of Louisiana
10/21	Rotary Club of Mexico
10/25	Rotary Club of Florissant
10/27	Rotary Club of Warren County
10/28	Rotary Club of Webster Groves
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11/1	Rotary Club of High Ridge
11/2	Rotary Club of Clayton
11/3	Rotary Club of Vandalia
11/4	Rotary Club of Potosi



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 Nominee, 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



IMAGINE ROTARY TOUR 2022 SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS...

Julie H. Leverenz, District Governor 2022-23

What a wonderful experience traveling around the District as the air becomes more crisp and the leaves are turning; we live in a beautiful part of the country! During September, I enjoyed visits to: Reynolds County, Montgomery County, Paris, Jackson, Fredericktown, Sullivan, Union, DeSoto, Forest Park, Cape West and Festus. Thanks for the incredible hospitality, friends!



"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
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THAN WE FOUND IT."

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