



CREATE HOPE NEWSLETTER

Valerie Sorensen, District Governor 2023-2024

Missouri Districts
6040, 6060, 6080

Rotary Funvention!

**Gather and Celebrate
April 19-20, 2024**

Margaritaville Lake Resort
Lake of the Ozarks

Hotel Reservations
800.826.8272

For event registration
and hotel information



Rotary Funvention!

Friday

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Shoe collection at tractor/trailers on Hwy 54

3:00 PM Funvention Registration Open

5:30 PM - 8:00pm Dinner Cruise with Trixie Delight

Saturday

7:30 AM - 9:30 AM Breakfast

8:00 AM Funvention Registration & House of Friendship

8:30 AM Evan Burrell via zoom from Australia

9:00 AM Welcome to the Rotary Funvention

9:15 AM Shoes for Orphan Souls final roll call

10:30 AM Beth Stubbs, RI Board of Directors, PDG Zones 30 & 31

11:15 AM Memorial Program

11:30 AM RAG on Mental Health Initiatives, Geetha Jayaram, RI Presidential Rep

12:00 PM Afternoon Fun-time and House of Friendship

12:15pm Cornhole Tournament for Polio+

Pre-ordered Box Lunches available for Pick-up

1:45 PM Rotary Youth Exchange Students Speed Meet-up

2:45 PM Business Meeting: District 6040 & 6080

Youth Exchange Pin ceremony

3:30 PM Sessions conclude and House of Friendship - closed

4:30 PM Paul Harris Society & Major Donor reception

5:30 PM Rotary Happy Hour

6:00 PM Rotary Youth Exchange Flag ceremony

Polio Plus Society; Susan Haralson, District 6080

Empowering Girls in Africa; Joan Kramer & Nicole Slusser, District 6080

Funvention Dinner Entertainment by Las Vegas Performer- Marvellous Mark

Rotary All-district Closing message

8:30 PM Rotary Hospitality Room - open



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Shoe Roll Call during Funvention

"Remove all of the shoe packaging and tags. Tie or rubber band the shoes together. Pack them tightly in boxes and bring them to the trailer ready for shipping.

We're excited to see who wins the shoe drive competition. Valerie Sorensen will be giving 1,000 Foundation points to the winning club for distribution to individual Rotarians. See you at the Roll Call!



Examples of how to package shoes.

Address for shoe collection:
Macadoodles
6050 Crossing Dr
Osage Beach, MO 65065

SHOW ME ROTARY

Nearly 300 Rotarians and guests from across Missouri attended the Show ME Rotary President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) on March 22-23 at University Plaza in Springfield. Club Presidents-Elect and Presidents-Nominee learned more about membership, The Rotary Foundation, and public image along with DGE Jerry Nolen's district goals for 2024-25.

Rotary International President-Elect Stephanie Urchick was the keynote speaker in addition to Michael Angelo Caruso, a communication expert from Rochester, Michigan; Beth Stubbs of Maryville, Tennessee, Rotary International Director for Zones 30 and 31; and Sigrid Solomon, an independent diversity consultant from Wilmington, Ohio.

Let's share the Magic of Rotary!



SHOW ME ROTARY

Emcee Mike Elam, 6080 DGE Rowland Geddie,
6060 DGE Jerry Nolen, and 6040 DGE Erik McGuire



Past RI Director Elizabeth Usovicz
and RI President-Elect Stephanie Urchick



Rotary District 6060 with RIPE Stephanie Urchick



***DIVERSITY
INCLUSION
BELONGING
EQUITY***

*Quote from Paul Harris embracing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
" Our differences make us stronger; let's celebrate diversity."*

USCGFR Joins With IGFR for Rotary Golf at Torrey Pines in San Diego!

The International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians (IGFR) will host the IGFR World Championship in San Diego on September 22 – 27, 2024. US/Canada Golfing Fellowship Members, Rotarians and Guests are invited to participate in this event to enjoy the international fellowship.

The Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines is the Host Hotel and play will be conducted on four courses including the North Course at Torrey Pines.

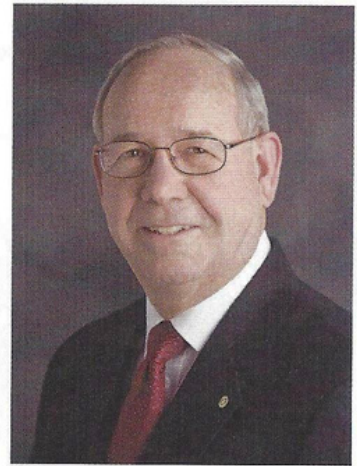
Tournament Info



IN MEMORIAM

Agent for change

Ray Klinginsmith, 1937-2024



Ray Klinginsmith, a past Rotary International president who made it his focus to enhance the vitality of clubs and enable them to succeed, died 17 January at age 86.

Klinginsmith's involvement with Rotary began when he studied in South Africa in 1960-61 as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. It was during his year in Cape Town that he encountered the phrase "wind of change," which would shape his thinking about Rotary's need to adapt.

His 2010-11 presidential theme, *Building Communities — Bridging Continents*, sought to capture what Rotary does best and what it needed to keep doing to create change in the world.

"These four words aptly reflect who we are and what we do as Rotarians," Klinginsmith said at the 2010 International Assembly. "We are a unique and a premier organization, certainly one of the best in the world. We build the spirit and resources of our local communities in an important way."

During his presidency, Klinginsmith talked about the need to make clubs "bigger, better, and bolder," reflecting his belief that it was the clubs that improve lives. He also was fond of using the phrase "cowboy logic" to explain his approach of problem-solving with simple solutions, taking inspiration from a country song with that title by Michael Martin Murphey.

"More than anything, Ray was an amazing agent for change," said Tom Thorfinnson, former chief strategy officer for Rotary International and RI vice president during Klinginsmith's term. "He really felt Rotary needed to continue to evolve and adjust and look at new ways to move forward."

Klinginsmith joined Rotary in 1961 and was a member of the Rotary clubs of Unionville and Macon, Missouri, before joining the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Missouri, in 1974. He served on the RI Board of Directors in 1985-87 and was a trustee of The Rotary Foundation in 2002-06 and again in 2012-16. He was trustee chair in 2015-16.

He received The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and the Foundation's Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Judie, were Major Donors, Bequest Society members, and Paul Harris Fellows.

Klinginsmith received his law degree from the University of Missouri and practiced law in the state for many years. He also served as general counsel, dean of administration, and a business professor at Truman State University in Kirksville. He helped found the Chariton Valley Association, a nonprofit that provides services to people with developmental disabilities.

In addition, Klinginsmith served as an executive board member for the Great Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America, president of the Macon Chamber of Commerce and of the Macon Public Library's board of trustees, and a lay speaker for the First United Methodist Church in Kirksville.

Klinginsmith was preceded in death by his wife, Judie. He is survived by his son, Kurt; his daughter, Leigh Perkins, and her husband, Bob; and three grandchildren.

— ARNOLD R. GRAHL

NAVAJO WATER PROJECT

\$8,022 recent money
 \$4,500 previously from CAP Grant
 Totaling \$12,522 to Dig Deep

On the Navajo Nation, 30% of families live without running water. They drive for miles to haul barrels of water to meet their basic needs. They carefully ration water for drinking, cooking, cleaning and bathing. But despite their struggle for water, these families still go to work, take their children to school and lead their communities.

*Great Job
 District 6060!*

Running water is transformation. We're on a mission to get clean, hot and cold running water to more households, so families can stop hauling and start enjoying the simple miracle of a working tap.

SHOE TALLY AS OF MARCH 31, 2024

Top 3 Shoe Collectors

- Arnold
- Cottleville/Weldon Spring
- Piedmont

Top 3 Cash for Shoes Collectors

- Washington
- Cape Girardeau County
- Hannibal

Club Name	Club Totals	Per Capita	Cash
Arnold	3614	78.57	
Bowling Green	190	5.94	
Cape Girardeau	103	1.63	
Cape Girardeau County	33	1.74	\$1,450
Cape Girardeau West	33	1.63	
Clayton-Ladue	46	1.44	
Cottleville/Weldon Spring	2634	154.94	
Crestwood-Sunset Hills	52	1.24	
De Soto	276	18.4	
Dexter	15	0.79	
Festus-Crystal City	48	1.04	
Florissant	41	0.91	
Fredericktown	8	0.53	
Hannibal	17	0.29	\$350
Hayti	0	0	\$200
High Ridge	346	10.81	
Hillsboro	98	3.79	

Club Name	Club Totals	Per Capita	Cash
Jackson	34	0.97	
Kennett	30	1.43	
Kirkwood	37	0.47	
Louisiana	144	4.36	
Mexico	58	0.98	
Montgomery County	16	0.89	\$40
O'Fallon	0	0	
Paris	100	4.35	
Perryville	49	1.63	
Piedmont	2600	72.22	
Poplar Bluff	49	1.53	
Reynolds County	22	1.69	
Rotaract club of East Central College	0	0	
Rotaract club of SLU	0	0	
Sikeston	2	0.06	
Southeast Missouri Service	1845	59.52	

Club Name	Club Totals	Per Capita	Cash
Spirit of St. Louis County	1915	87.05	
St. Charles	332	5.19	
St. Charles-Sunrise	325	12.5	\$20
St. Francois County/ Bonne Terre	234	5.57	
St. Louis	119	0.92	
St. Louis Civilians	8	0.38	
St. Peters	111	11.10	
Ste. Genevieve	50	1.04	
Steele	0	0	
Sullivan	70	2.14	
Troy	92	2.24	\$60
Union	24	0.57	\$25
Vandalia	44	2.93	
Warren County	15	0.58	
Washington	205	2.14	\$6,294
Webster Groves	129	2.48	\$347
Wentzville	1216	16.43	
West St. Louis County	34	1.1	
	17,441	9.57	\$8,786



DISTRICT
 CALENDAR LINK



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