



CREATE HOPE NEWSLETTER

Valerie Sorensen, District Governor 2023-2024

CONNECTING TO DISTRICT 6060 ROTARY CLUBS

District Governor Valerie and "Sole" Man Mike have been traveling throughout the District visiting your Rotary Clubs. They are **sharing charitable initiatives** of the Empowering Girls Gifts available through the District, the Navajo Water Project, and Shoes for Orphan Souls.



Cape Girardeau West Rotarians



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Wentzville Rotarians

The **twelve clubs visited so far** have been welcoming and giving shoes and cash for the projects. **Looking forward** to seeing Rotarians at St. Francois County, Hillsboro, O'Fallon, Cottleville/Weldon Spring, St. Charles, Bowling Green, St. Louis, Webster Groves, Montgomery County, and Paris clubs in the coming weeks.



Don Burhans challenged fellow Washington Rotarians to give to the Navajo Water Project.



Ste. Genevieve Rotary meeting room



St. Francois County Officer Installation



St. Charles Sunrise Shoe Donations



[DISTRICT
CALENDAR LINK](#)

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY: OCT 20 & OCT 27

Engaging Topics Will Include:

- Membership focusing on Recruiting,
- Membership Retention,
- Member Engagement, and
- DIBEs - *Diversity*Inclusion*Belonging*Equity*

The Rotary Foundation Awards & Recognitions

October 20th: 10am-3pm Sikeston Country Club (tentative location)

October 27th: 10am-3pm Wentzville Location to be announced



MEMBERSHIP: NEW MADRID ROTARY ACTION GROUP UPDATE FROM BILL DEES (HANNIBAL), INNOVATIVE CLUB CHAIR

The good news is: Yesterday, Thursday the 27th I met with and inducted nine (9) new members of the **New Madrid Rotary Action Group [L-RAG]**. We have added the word Local to emphasize that this is not an International Rotary Action Group [RAG]. The nine (9) indicated that there were at least three (3) additional people that have said yes to joining, but could not attend the lunch swearing in ceremony.

Those attending and sworn-in were: Aaron Griffin, Bridgett Masterson, Cory Sisk, Earl Grissom, Jill Bock, Joe Nevel, Kevin Lyons, Martin Boner, and Samuel Duncan. Three additional members were not able to attend.

You may be wondering about the process. Rather than form a Satellite Club with eight (8) members under the wing of the District or area Club they have decided to first become an L-RAG as they perform their initial local project while promoting the forming of the L-RAG. Then hopefully within the next few months step into a Satellite Club position (application) with an area Club, I have suggested that they attend the District Assembly on October 20th to speak (interview) area Clubs and investigate who they want to partner with, perhaps in January 2024. I am hopeful that in late 2024 they will have twenty (20) members and can move to having a full Rotary Club. However, I want them to walk the walk first. As they coulisse and with Valerie's approval, I have offered a \$500 matching District Grant (in the budget) after they have selected a local project and raised a matching \$500.



MEMBERSHIP: THE JOURNEY

FORMING A LOCAL - ROTARY ACTION GROUP (L-RAG) TO FULL ROTARY CLUB

- 1) First six (6) months - **Local Rotary Action Group (L-RAG) - Begins** by inviting all interested parties which may include the Mayor, School Superintendent and the local Ministerial Alliance to an informal information lunch or coffee, (the Rotary District should pay for the activity). Brainstorm other groups. Note: Rotary will work with other existing local groups to provide Service in the local community. There is much work to be done so it is NOT a competition for volunteers. **This is an effort to make the volunteer pie bigger in your community.**
- 2) Second six (6) months - The L-RAG group needs to **come together with a minimum of eight (8) committed volunteer's**, they could be signed up as Charter Members with pins and Rotary T-shirts. These volunteers will brainstorm and **survey the Local needs**. When a **list of 1-3 projects** is determined one should be selected for ACTION!
Note: the group does not need to become a formal Club at this early stage that can come much later. However, area Rotary members, Clubs or the District should provide supplemental support by explaining the, "Why Rotary" concepts. The local L-RAG group may receive some financial support from District 6060 to perform its first project in the local community, perhaps with a matching one-time \$500 contribution. **It is up to the L-RAG to contribute or raise local funds.**
- 3) Third six (6) months – Perhaps becoming a **Rotary Satellite Club?** - With the success of the first (1st) local project and with an effort to entice additional members to a **level of twenty (20) committed L-RAG members this will enable** the local group to consider becoming a Rotary Satellite Club a minimum of eight (8) are needed or for a **Full Rotary Club** twenty (20) are needed. However a Rotary Satellite Club could operate under the wings of an area Rotary Club or under District leadership. This decision is made by the L-RAG and can be for an indefinite period.
- 4) Two (2) years and beyond – As noted in item #3 the L-RAG to Rotary Satellite Club may take on several forms. **As an ACTIVE group** they may consider staying at the Satellite Club level for some undetermined time under the wings of an area Rotary Club or District 6060. When appropriate with at least twenty (20) permanent members have the option to become full and chartered Rotary Club in the Community.

William J. (Bill) Dees – June 29, 2023

ICA – Innovative Club Chair – District 6060

PS: **Monroe City contacts** and I are having much difficulty finding a local Champion. Since November of 2022 through July 11th I along with Julie have conducted numerous contacts via open sessions, coffees and personal phone calls.

and... On July 13th Julie and I also conducted an **open information session in Palmyra**. This was a follow-up to my session with the Area Ministerial Alliance on May 24th. Sent were 13 personal invitation letters asking for them to attend a one (1) hour information session. On July 13th 4 people attended. Some good questions about Rotary were asked, but only two (2) persons seemed very interested. I followed up with those two via personal letters offering an invitation to attend a Rotary lunch in Hannibal. I am not very encouraged, but will continue to **look for a local Champion**.

If anybody has a good personal contact in Monroe City or Palmyra please let me know in order that I can make a linked contact. HELP!

ROTARY CLUB SECRETARY WORKSHOP

Learning objectives

- Understand responsibilities as the club secretary
- Learn how to use My Rotary and DaCdb to expedite administrative tasks

Time: Aug 22, 2023 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88243499547?pwd=VEdnbnVjdHFSbDZrU1p1YUNIQ3RxUT09>

Meeting ID: 882 4349 9547

Passcode: 193640

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PEDAL FOR POLIO WITH ST. CHARLES ROTARY

EVENT DETAILS

September 17, 2023

Katy Trail Poker Run Ride to Eradicate Polio from the World

Registration 8:00 am Augusta Trailhead

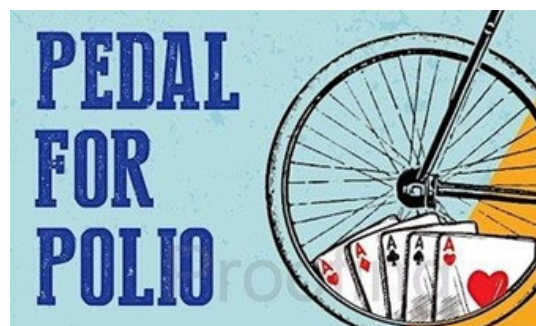
Ride Begins at 9:00 am

Collect Cards as you Ride - Best Hand Wins Prize

\$35 Pre-register - includes boxed lunch and a medal

\$40 day of ride/ \$15 for ages 5-10 - includes boxed lunch and a medal.

Not a rider - Join us for lunch only for \$15



ROTARY GOLF FELLOWSHIP

Crowne Pointe, Farmington MO, Dateline Saturday, July 8th

Rotarians and friends enjoyed the cover offered by the strikingly grey skies offered from the July sun as we teed off. Rotarians from St. Francois County, Crestwood-Sunset Hills, Arnold, and Cape Girardeau Rotary Clubs hosted guests in the fun and forgiving two-person scramble format. Crowne Pointe offered gently sloping fairways, several blind tee shots, and challenging approaches. All present agreed the course was in superb shape and gave positive reviews. The father/son combo of Tony and Drew Sofia posted the low score and were handsomely rewarded for their efforts.

NEXT: TWO PERSON SCRAMBLE @ MISSOURI BLUFFS

Bring out a friend or three to play our final event of the season, at the Missouri Bluffs, one of premiere courses in greater St. Louis.

Date: Saturday, August 12th

Location: 18 Research Park Cir, St Charles, MO 63304

Price: \$110 Per Golfer includes:

- prize pool based on field size, and
- CTP prizes for Par 3's

Start Time: Tee Times begin at 9:00 a.m.

Registration Deadline: Thursday August 3rd, 2023

Payment Methods

Checks to: John Higdon, 238 N. Sappington Rd., St. Louis, MO 63122

PayPal: @Higgy91

VenMo: @Johnny5-STL

Phone: 314-630-5795



Register->[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)





Why Clubs Should be Interested in Heart 2 Heart Projects

The projects are designed well and completed timely. Our contacts in D4170 are the District Grants Chair and the District Foundation Chair, so we are assured the projects will be completed and the paperwork will be done. Mexico writes the grants, with our input.

Any club can participate, regardless of size of club or amount of contribution. This is an easy way for clubs (and districts) to get involved internationally. There is no paperwork for the clubs and very little work for the district. All we really are looking for are clubs who want to make a difference, hopefully with financial support and eventually by sending/getting a club member to visit the projects. Clubs do not have to provide thousands of dollars to be a partner, and individuals can also contribute.

We try to offer a variety of projects for clubs to consider. In looking at the projects for 2023-24 and the projects under discussion for 2024-25, you will see that the projects address a variety of needs in the Rotary areas of emphasis. Some clubs who have an ongoing project in another country have found Heart 2 Heart to be a good way to expand international service.

Agenda

Wednesday, Nov. 8—travel from US to Mexico City and welcome dinner in hotel (US visiting team and Mexico team)

Thursday, Nov. 9—visit with AMANC (kids' cancer association) and visit to Holtz-Beahon kidney transplant Global Grant Program (District 6080 is the US sponsor for this Global Grant) and Elder Care Global Grant

Friday, Nov. 10—visit Ahuatlan and Rancho Nuevo indigenous communities (Tepexco area). Participate with the club in their distribution of food and supplies to these communities.

Saturday, Nov. 11—District Governors Breakfast Event; afternoon and dinner on own

Sunday, Nov. 12—tour of Teotihuacan pyramids near Ecatepec; lunch provided by local Rotary club(s)

Monday, Nov. 13—Vallejo club project presentations (vision screening project, Cleft lip Global Grant Project, 100 in 100 club-to-club project); small group visit to the Florida Satellite scoliosis GG project.

Tuesday, Nov. 14—Ecatepec area visit (100 in 100 water tank cleaning project), elementary school project, visit Cleft P Global Grant sponsored by Xalostoc Club; Farewell Dinner

Travel Packages

Prices are per person based upon double occupancy and include roundtrip airfare, airport transfers, hotel accommodations for seven nights, hotel taxes and gratuities, breakfast each morning, air conditioned motor coach, two dinners, Heart2heart commemorative gift, admission to all Rotary functions, and medical insurance. Any unused funds from registration fees will be donated to Heart2Heart programs.

If you will not be able to join us for all 7 nights or need to request a travel deviation please contact Tom Dusing for special request pricing.

Book your package as soon as possible. A \$100 discount is included in the package price if your reservation is received prior to Aug. 16. Prices will increase an additional \$100 per person for reservations received after Sept. 15.

A single occupancy surcharge is available for an additional cost of \$455. If you do not have a traveling companion we will attempt to pair travelers to take advantage of the double occupancy rates.

Travel packages are non-refundable and we recommended the purchase of Travel Guard Travel Insurance to protect your investment. Medical Insurance is provided in the travel package, however this insurance does not provide coverage for trip cancellation or travel delays.

Costs to travel from other locations are available on the website; these are Missouri departures.

Departure City Register before Aug. 15 Register Aug 16 to Sept. 15 Register after Sept. 15

Columbia, MO 2,685 2,785

Kansas City MO 2,425 2,525

Springfield MO 2,450 2,750 2,850

St Louis MO 2,375 2,775 2,875

Land only, no airfare 1,750 1,800 1,850

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Tom Dusing at Travel Leaders Indianapolis, 317 895-2451. Last year, Jim and Judy Elliott and Mary Ann Beahon from District 6080 made the trip and would be happy to answer any questions.

History

Heart 2 Heart is a cooperative effort between Rotarians in the "Heart of America" (Zones 30 and 31) and in the "Heart of Mexico" (District 4170). The first cooperative effort was in fall 2004 when the 2005-06 District Governors in both US zones agreed to support a water well project in a rural town in Mexico District 4170. Except for 2020 & 2021 (due to Covid) Rotarians from several US districts make an annual visit to Mexico to visit past, present, and future grant projects. This year's trip is scheduled for Nov. 8 to 15 and will include a visit to the southern and northern suburbs of Mexico City (District 4170). A tentative agenda is outlined below.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO REGISTER FOR THE TRIP, GO TO
[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTCREATE.COM/E/2023-ROTARY-HEART2HEART-TRIP](https://www.eventcreate.com/e/2023-rotary-heart2heart-trip).**

SOLES FOR SOULS

April 2023 - April 2024

1 Rotarian
1 Pair of Shoes
+1 Meeting per Month
20,000* Children Helped

It will only cost you 1 venti caramel macchiato per month to help a child attend school and fight diseases.



*1,815 District 6060 Rotarians x 12 pairs of shoes = 21,780

SHOE TALLY AS OF JULY 31, 2023

Club Name	Club Totals	Per Capita	Club Name	Club Totals	Per Capita	Club Name	Club Totals	Per Capita
Arnold	1069	23.24	Jackson	0	0	Spirit of St. Louis County	7	0.32
Bowling Green	4	0.125	Kennett	0	0	St. Charles	0	0
Cape Girardeau	89	1.41	Kirkwood	2	0.025	St. Charles-Sunrise	182	7
Cape Girardeau County	0	0	Louisiana	0	0	St. Francois County/ Bonne Terre	159	3.78
Cape Girardeau West	11	0.21	Mexico	0	0	St. Louis	0	0
Clayton-Ladue	0	0	Montgomery County	0	0	St. Louis Civilians	8	0.38
Cottleville/Weldon Spring	54	3.18	O'Fallon	0	0	St. Peters	0	0
Crestwood-Sunset Hills	0	0	Paris	0	0	Ste. Genevieve	50	1.04
De Soto	0	0	Perryville	0	0	Steele	0	0
Dexter	0	0	Piedmont	0	0	Sullivan	5	0.17
Festus-Crystal City	0	0	Poplar Bluff	0	0	Troy	2	0.05
Florissant	0	0	Reynolds County	0	0	Union	22	0.55
Fredericktown	8	0.53	Rotaract club of East Central College	0	0	Vandalia	4	0.27
Hannibal	17	0.29	Rotaract club of SLU	0	0	Warren County	0	0
Hayti	0	0	Sikeston	2	0.06	Washington	41	0.43
High Ridge	6	0.18	Southeast Missouri Service	12	0.35	Webster Groves	0	0
Hillsboro	0	0				Wentzville	142	1.92
						West St. Louis County	34	1.1
							1930	1.06



Questions

Rose Cooper:
314-605-6330 or
rosec904@gmail.com

Easy Application

Submit to Sue Cobb:
rotarysuecobb@gmail.com

APPLICATION
DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

AS MANY AS 40
GIFTS OF UP TO
\$500 TO BE
AWARDED!

Final Report

EMPOWERING GIRLS
PROJECT FINAL REPORT
must be completed and
submitted to the district.

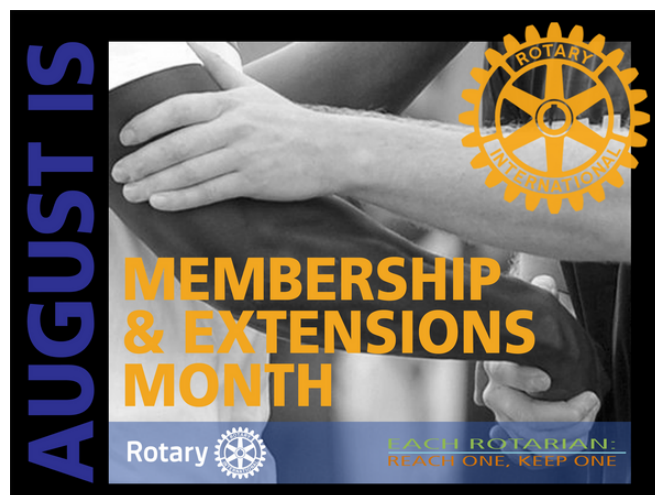
EMPOWERING GIRLS 2023

DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT PROJECTS
BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

"Especially for girls, creating opportunities that enhance their education, safety, health, and well-being has the power to transform their futures - and also to transform their families and communities. Rotary members worldwide can make a difference in transforming communities by empowering girls."

~ Elizabeth Usovich, R.I. Board of Directors

Valerie Sorensen, District Governor July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024



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