



CREATE HOPE NEWSLETTER

Valerie Sorensen, District Governor 2023-2024

EMPOWERING GIRLS PROJECTS

Rotary District 6060 provided **\$13,000 in grants to 26 Rotary clubs** to conduct Empowering Girls Projects this fall. **Nearly 1600 girls and women throughout eastern Missouri benefitted** from a variety of interesting and creative projects. Three clubs purchased **girls' shoes** for the District's Shoes for Orphan Souls campaign. Nine clubs purchased **feminine hygiene products** to be distributed by their local schools and service agencies. Dexter Rotarians provided **baby car seats** to economically disadvantaged mothers. Hannibal Rotary hosted **cooking classes for girls in foster care**. Louisiana Rotary Club hosted a **leadership seminar for high school girls** who heard from a panel of that community's most accomplished women in business, government, and nonprofit administration. Vandalia Rotary outfitted their high school **softball team with new uniform socks and other supplies**. St. Francois Rotary sponsored a **girls Space Camp** to encourage girls to enroll in STEM classes.

Congratulations to the Rotarians in all 26 participating clubs for Empowering Girls!

ROTARY CLUB OF DEXTER PROVIDING CAR SEATS



ROTARY CLUB OF ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY PROMOTING STEM FOR GIRLS



ROTARY CLUB OF SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY GIVING HYGIENE PRODUCTS



ROTARY CLUB OF LOUISIANA HOSTING FEMALE LED PANEL FOR HIGH SCHOOLS GIRLS

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ANNOUNCING ROTARY DISTRICT 6060 GOVERNOR 2026-27, LUKE KEHOE

Luke Kehoe will serve as District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) for the remainder of this Rotary year and next ascend to District Governor Nominee (DGN), District Governor Elect (DGE), and then District Governor (DG).

Luke began his service in Rotary in 1998 and is currently serving as President of the **Rotary Club of St. Peters**. Among other titles, he is a civil engineer and owned/operated his own firm in the St. Charles County area until 2021 at which time he became the Director of Engineering and Operations for the Duckett Creek Sanitary District where he continues to work.

He is a Mizzou grad having completed his PhD in Civil Engineering w/ GIS Cert; his Bachelor's and Master's degrees are from Iowa State University and University of North Carolina at Charlotte respectively. Most recently he achieved a Public Leadership credential from Harvard University.

He and his wife have three children and reside in Dardenne Prairie.



We are thrilled to have Luke join our District leadership team as '23-'24 DGND. Please join us in welcoming him to his new role.

Early next year we will begin accepting applications and club nominations for our '24-'25 DGND/'27-'28 DG. If you or someone in your club is interested, please contact Julie Leverenz at JLevJOYintheFOG@gmail.com.

ROTARY FAMILY DAILY ESSENTIALS ROTARY CLUB OF WEST ST. LOUIS COUNTY

We've been conducting these annual "**Rotary Family Daily Essentials**" collection drives in St. Louis County since 2014. They collect non-perishable dry goods that families use every day. None of these items or pet food are covered by Government Food Assistance programs. And most have no "Expiration Dates", so food markets seldom donate them. They become a direct cash drain on Food Pantries and families in distress. Our dry goods collections saves their scarce cash that they can use to buy fresh vegetables, fruits, milk, and meat. Check out the "Ask Flyer" for details.



The students are a big help in preparing the large collection bags that we toss onto driveways. They unroll the large bags, insert the "Ask" flyers, fold and roll up the bags, and secure them with a rubber band.

Sounds simple – but it is a lot of work since the bags are large (2-1/2 by 3 feet), heavy plastic, and slippery. It's not easy "kitchen table" work.

Our Rotary Club volunteers drive selected neighborhood, toss out the rolled bags, return a week later to pick up curbside donations, and deliver them to our local food pantry.

The program has been very successful. Some of our yearly repeat neighborhoods have a donation rate of around 30%. Supplies for the Essentials drive is \$800 and approximately \$4,000 worth of goods are donated. **Our Fall 2022 "Rotary Daily Essentials" Drive collected over 2100 pounds of needed dry goods for our local Food Pantry.**

ANNUAL FUND MATCHING PROGRAM 2023-2024

Starting October 15, 2023 through January 15, 2024, your donations to the Annual Programs Fund will be matched with Recognition Points!

With a focus on helping all District 6060 Rotarians reach their first Paul Harris Fellowship(PHF) level, **we will be matching 2 points for each dollar, for any donors that have not reached their first PHF.** All donations \$50 to \$500 will be matched for these not yet PHF members.

All other Rotarians that have reached PHF will have donations from \$100 to \$500 **matched at .5 points for every \$1.** Make a minimum donation of \$100 up to \$500 to the Annual Programs Fund via check or directly to the Foundation on MyRotary.org and you will receive a matching contribution from Rotarians who have donated their points to support you.

At this moment, we plan to have 40,000 donated points to share with members not yet reaching their first PHF and another 15,000 for others! Any unused points from either group may be redistributed in January to further incentivize our annual giving.

All checks must be sent to Brian for proper processing to get this matching credit.

Please contact **Brian Kohlberg** with any questions about your donation or club collections.

Brian Kohlberg, Rotary District 6060, Foundation Chairperson

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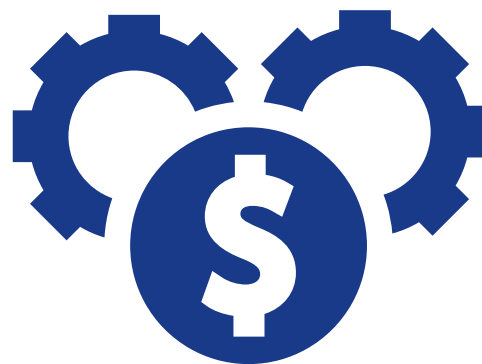
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

MAILING ADDRESS: District Foundation, P.O. Box 425, Valley Park, MO 63088

Note: If you currently participate in Direct Deposit donations, you need to send Brian a copy of your RI Direct receipt to receive the matching points.

If you make an online donation a receipt must be sent to Brian with a request for matching points.

If you would like to donate points, please contact Brian Kohlberg, Rotary District 6060 Foundation Chairperson 2023-2026 without delay!



JOIN THE CLUB VISIONING TEAM

What: Training for the Club Visioning Team

When: **Saturday, November 11, 10:00 – 3:00**

Where: Church of the Shepherd, 1601 Woodstone Drive, St. Charles, MO 63304

Why: **This opportunity is for YOU**, if you

- want to learn how the Club Visioning process takes clubs from good to great.
- want to explore a role in Rotary beyond just serving in your club.
- want to utilize or develop skills in facilitation and strategic planning.

Questions? Need more information?

Contact Sue Cobb, 636-284-4686, rotarysuecobb@gmail.com to RSVP.

FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

Rotary District 6060 Friendship Exchange exciting news.

Rotary District 6060 **Friendship Exchange to Rotary 2981 in Puducherry (Pondicherry)** in the southeast part of India, likely dates of **travel January 3-14, 2024**. Pondicherry is the old French colonial settlement in India.

Friendship Exchange is an international exchange program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs.

The benefits of this exchange would be to broaden international understanding; build enduring friendships; gain opportunities for active project involvement and support; and to learn about a region's people, food, languages, customs, and history.

Participants will be hosted by Rotarian members in Puducherry area and will mostly stay in local members' homes. Participants are responsible for their own international travel and maybe some hotel, meal and admission expenses. **There are a limited number of openings for participation in this program.** There will be the need for you to have a passport (hopefully you have a current one) and you will need to get a Visa to visit India. We hope to develop more exchange programs in the future to other countries if this one opportunity does not work for you.

If you are interested in maybe participating in this exciting opportunity, please contact Kenneth Heischmidt, District 6060 Friendship Exchange Co Chair at kheischmidt@semo.edu. Ken is a member of the Cape Girardeau Rotary Club. If you would be interested in hosting or assisting with the guest from India to our district in later April 2024, please contact Robert Wagon of the Webster Grove Club at rwagon@gmail.com.

Thank you for your interest and consideration with developing Friendships among members of Rotary around the world.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES PROMOTE MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to our District Governor Elect, Jerry Nolen, on leading TWO District Assemblies for D6060!

No one had to drive more than two hours with the assemblies in Sikeston and Wentzville.

Great discussions about driving membership in all of our clubs were shared.

Maura Donnelly showed the membership trends in our district and zone.

Then there were so many best practices and ideas were identified and posted around the rooms.

Thank you Jerry!



LIGHT TASTINGS FROM A VARIETY OF LOCAL RESTAURANTS, TOP SHELF SPIRITS, WINE AND BEER!

Rotary 
Rotary Club of St. Charles



CASINO Night!

SPACE IS LIMITED!

TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

ST. CHARLES CONVENTION CENTER | 6-9PM
LOWER LEVEL - SOUTH EXHIBIT HALL

Tickets on Sale!

SCAN NOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS!

\$50.00 PER PERSON

ALL YOUR FAVORITE GAMES!
BLACK JACK, POKER, CRAPS & MORE

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES

QUESTIONS? CALL: 636.946.6053 or EMAIL: ROTARY2341@GMAIL.COM

FOR MORE INFO OR TICKETS GO TO: STCHARLESROTARY.ORG

**TOGETHER, WE SEE A WORLD
WHERE PEOPLE UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO CREATE LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE,
IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND IN OURSELVES.**

DISTRICT 6060 SHOE DRIVE HOW-TO MAKE IT EASY

With **75% of the District Governor Club Visits completed**, clubs need to know how to pack the rest of their shoes for delivery to the Funvention in April.

1. Remove all packaging and individual boxes.
2. Place pair of shoes sole to sole and heel to toe.
3. Rubber band or tie shoe laces together.



4. Pack as many pairs as possible together in a box.
5. **Store until the Funvention.**
6. Bring boxes to the tractor trailer at Osage Beach **April 19-20, 2024**, for the Funvention.

WE ARE BUSTING AT THE SEAMS WITH SHOES... AND WE LOVE IT!

After completing #37 of 49 club visits, **we are 57% to our goal of 20,000 pairs of shoes.** Clubs are now storing their shoes for delivery to the Funvention in April 2024.

Keep hitting up those close-out clearances. We're going to reach our goal!

Shoe Tally through October next page...



SHOE TALLY AS OF OCT 30, 2023

Top 3 Shoe Collectors

- Arnold
- Cottleville/Weldon Spring
- Spirit of St. Louis County

Top 3 Cash for Shoes Collectors

- Washington
- Cape Girardeau County
- Hannibal

Club Name	Club Totals	Per Capita	Cash
Arnold	3589	78.02	
Bowling Green	62	1.94	
Cape Girardeau	103	1.63	
Cape Girardeau County	0	0	\$1,450
Cape Girardeau West	11	0.21	
Clayton-Ladue	30	0.94	
Cottleville/Weldon Spring	2190	128.82	\$90
Crestwood-Sunset Hills	0	0	
De Soto	276	18.4	
Dexter	15	0.78	
Festus-Crystal City	0	0	
Florissant	0	0	
Fredericktown	8	0.53	
Hannibal	17	0.29	\$350
Hayti	0	0	
High Ridge	298	9.31	
Hillsboro	73	2.81	

Club Name	Club Totals	Per Capita	Cash
Jackson	34	0.97	
Kennett	30	1.43	
Kirkwood	2	0.025	
Louisiana	42	1.27	
Mexico	58	0.98	
Montgomery County	16	0.89	\$40
O'Fallon	0	0	
Paris	100	4.35	
Perryville	32	1.07	
Piedmont	0	0	
Poplar Bluff	49	1.53	
Reynolds County	0	0	
Rotaract club of East Central College	0	0	
Rotaract club of SLU	0	0	
Sikeston	2	0.06	
Southeast Missouri Service	850	27.42	

Club Name	Club Totals	Per Capita	Cash
Spirit of St. Louis County	1915	87.05	
St. Charles	132	2.06	
St. Charles-Sunrise	207	7.96	\$20
St. Francois County/Bonne Terre	183	4.36	
St. Louis	83	0.64	
St. Louis Civilians	8	0.38	
St. Peters	111	11.10	
Ste. Genevieve	50	1.04	
Steele	0	0	
Sullivan	56	1.93	
Troy	2	0.05	
Union	24	0.57	\$25
Vandalia	4	0.27	
Warren County	15	0.57	
Washington	41	0.43	\$2,940
Webster Groves	84	1.62	\$216
Wentzville	580	7.84	
West St. Louis County	34	1.1	
	11,416	6.26	\$5,131

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



[DISTRICT CALENDAR LINK](#)

Rotary
Districts 6040, 6060, 6080

Show Me Rotary
Presidents-Elect Training
Presidents-Nominee Training

We are moving to Springfield!

SAVE THE DATE

March 22 & 23, 2024

University Plaza, Springfield, MO

Rotary
District 6060



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