



Hello Rotary District 6080!

April is Rotary International's Environment Month and Rotarians are working around the globe to provide the resources to reduce the amount of damage to our environment.

There is still time to register for a fun and inspiring Rotary event for the All-Missouri "FUN-vention" April 19-20 at Margaritaville Lake Resort in Osage Beach. Rotary Districts 6040, 6060 and 6080 will gather for networking, sharing Rotary successes, and to report their club's shoes total during the "Shoes Roll Call." Most clubs will be able to deliver their shoes to the event, but if you have more than you can handle, please let me know so we can make arrangements to pick them up and transport them to Osage Beach.

Wonderland Camp (<https://wonderlandcamp.org/>) is having a Rotary work day, Saturday, April 13, and you are invited. Coffee will be available at 8 a.m., with work beginning at 9 a.m. and lasting until about 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Below is a link for the camp's shopping list, but here are a few items you can bring to help them:

- Batteries: they use lots of batteries: 9V, AA, D sizes.
- Pepto Bismol liquid
- Tylenol, adult, kids
- Ibuprofen
- Robitussin cough syrup
- Bottled water
- Word search books
- S'mores: marshmallows, graham crackers, chocolate bars
- Individual food items for the staff - microwavable mac and cheese, ramen noodles in styrofoam cups, Chef Boyardee microwavable foods, protein bars, fruit snacks, cheese and crackers.

Amazon Wish List: <https://a.co/dMXOWBD>

Jimmy Standfast
District Governor 2023-24
Rotary Club of Salem



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Send your news items and photos to District Secretary Mary Ann Beahon at beahon.rotary@gmail.com

Rotary Work Day Scheduled at Wonderland Camp

Rotary Work Day at Wonderland Camp will be Saturday, April 13. Coffee will be available at 8 a.m. and work will be done between 9 a.m. and about 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Wonderland Camp has given children, teenagers and adults with disabilities the opportunity to go to camp for over 50 years. All activities are adapted so that everyone can participate.



District Governor Jimmy Standfast encourages all clubs to participate by sending workers along with items from their wish list. For food planning purposes, RSVP by April 9 to Kayc @Caskeylaw.net 8163925974 or to Jimmy. No particular skills are needed to participate. Work will include cleaning, sorting, folding laundry, gardening, repairs, etc.



If you've never been to Camp Wonderland, do yourself a favor and go. Check out their website; it will touch your heart.

• Here are some items for Rotary to donate:

- Pepto Bismol liquid - can be generic
- Tylenol, adult, kids - can be generic
- Ibuprofen
- Robitussin cough syrup
- Batteries- all sizes especially D 9V and AA
- Velvet fuzzy coloring pictures
- Bottled water
- Word searches
- Beads and stretchy string to make friendship bracelets
- Stuff for s'mores—marshmallows, chocolate bars, graham crackers



Also, individual food items for the staff - microwavable mac and cheese, ramen noodles in the styrofoam cups, Chef Boyardee microwavable foods, protein bars, fruit snacks, cheese and crackers.

View their full Amazon Wish List at <https://a.co/dMXOWBD>.





Missouri Districts
6040, 6060, 6080

Rotary Funvention!

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

Margaritaville Lake Resort
Lake of the Ozarks

- Evan Burrell, from Australia
Rotary Changemaker and Storyteller
- Marvelous Mark, Rock Star Keynote Speaker
- Dinner Cruise with entertainment by Trixie Delight
- Golf Tournament for The Rotary Foundation
- Cornhole Tournament for Polio+
- PDG, Major Donor, and Paul Harris Society
Reception



For event registration
and hotel information

Rotary
Funvention!

Missouri Rotarians Attend Leadership Institute

Rotarians from three Rotary districts in Missouri recently had the opportunity to hear the first female from the United States ever selected to be Rotary International President speak at a training conference for Rotary leaders in Springfield.

Nearly 300 Rotarians and guests attended the Show Me Rotary Leadership Institute March 22-23 at the University Plaza Hotel. Dr. Stephanie Urchick, the incoming president of Rotary International, was the keynote speaker during the banquet.



District 6080 Governor-elect Rowland Geddie with RI President-elect Stephanie Urchick



Incoming club presidents take the commissioning oath administered by RI President-elect Stephanie Urchick.

Comprising three Rotary districts from across the state working cooperatively, the institute is in its 44th year of providing training for future Rotary Club presidents and club leaders in Missouri. This cooperation makes it possible to attract senior Rotary leaders from around the nation and world.

During the institute, Rotarians received training on topics such as membership, The Rotary Foundation and public image. Featured speakers, in addition to Urchick, were 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.

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Michael Angelo Caruso



Beth Stubbs



Sigrid Solomon



"The Magic of Rotary" table decorations

Urchick will lead Rotary International in 2024–25, officially assuming office July 1. She has chosen “The Magic of Rotary” as her theme for the year, and her keynote address elaborated on that theme.

A member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, Urchick has been an RI director and Rotary Foundation trustee. She has served RI in numerous capacities, including as training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and RI president’s representative. In addition, she was a representative and member-at-large to three sessions of the Council on Legislation.

She has also served as chair of the Rotary Strategic Planning Committee and The Rotary Foundation’s Centennial Celebration Committee, as well as a member of various Rotary committees, including the Election Review Committee and Operational Review Committee.



District 6080 attendees at the Show Me Rotary Institute



Past RI Director Elizabeth Usovicz interviews RI President-elect Stephanie Urchick.

Urchick has participated in a variety of international service projects, including National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria. In Vietnam, she worked with clubs to help build a primary school and traveled to the Dominican Republic to install water filters.

A student of several Slavic languages, she has mentored new Rotary members in Ukraine and coordinated a Rotary

Foundation grant for a mammography equipment and a biopsy unit for a hospital in Poland. Currently, she is helping to partner clubs and districts in the U.S. with Rotary clubs in Albania, Kosovo, and Ukraine for humanitarian and educational services.

Missouri has more than 150 Rotary clubs and approximately 6,000 members statewide. As president of Rotary International, Urchick will lead a worldwide organization comprising 1.4 million Rotarians in 46,000 clubs in more than 200 countries.



Stephanie Urchick with Lorelei, a Rotex from Marshfield. Rotex is a society of past Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) alumni that engages with current Inbounds and Outbounds to better their exchange experience overall.



(far left) Rowland Geddie promotes the Shoes for Orphan Souls initiative. (center) DG Jimmy Standfast presents the Lifetime Service Award to Lt. Gov. Don Alberti. (left) Branson star Ashley Dawn performs country music at the Friday night banquet.



Marc Horner, Paul Reinert and Elizabeth Usovicz discuss The Rotary Foundation.



Mike Elam interviews Interact members Dakota, Haylee and Keira. He also interviewed Kyra Woods about Rotaract.



Rotex Lorelei and the Cologne family talk about their experiences with Rotary Youth Exchange.



April 13	Rotary Work Day at Wonderland Camp
April 15	2023-24 District Simplified Grant final reports due
April 19-20	Tri-District Funvention at Margaritaville
April 30	RYLA registration closes
May 15	2024-25 District Simplified Grant applications due
May 18	District Assembly by Zoom
May 25-29	Rotary International Convention in Singapore
June 23-26, July 7-10	RYLA sessions in Warrensburg

Fulton Rotary Provides Kids Shoes to Public Schools



Superintendent Ty Crain, a Fulton Rotarian, helps unload a box of shoes.

Designer shoes are an accessory for many women but for children, good, basic shoes are a necessity. Through a partnership with Fulton Public Schools, the Rotary Club of Fulton is providing new shoes for children in need in the community.

In prior years, shoes have been distributed at Serve, Inc.'s Back-to-School event in the summer. However, this year the organization that had provided them in the past was unable to do so and youngsters went without new shoes to start the school year.



Fulton Rotary decided to rectify the situation, so Rotarians applied for a grant from Veterans United Foundation and received \$15,000 to purchase new winter coats and shoes for youngsters in Callaway County. The coats were distributed through Serve's Adopt-a-Family event in December. The shoes have been placed in a "shoe closet" at Bartley Elementary School for distribution to all district schools.



Bartley Principal T.J. Quick helps Rotarians Bob Hansen and Andrea Bedrosian with shoes.

"Rotary is thrilled that the Veteran's United Foundation saw the importance of keeping kids warm this year by allowing us to steward this coat and shoes grant for Fulton," Stephanie Rademan, president of the Rotary Club of Fulton, said. "The School Counselors are now able to immediately meet the need for children whose feet are not being protected and this shoe closet will help children for many years to come. We are proud to be a part of solving this issue in our community."

The shoes were purchased from Shoes from the Heart, a non-profit based in Macon, Mo. The organization believes in making a difference in lives "by simply providing a basic need that we cannot live without—shoes." Founded in 2012, Shoes from the Heart has expanded to every county in Missouri and 21 other states. The grant from Veterans United Foundation provided more than 700 pairs of new tennis shoes for the shoes closet in Fulton.

"New shoes last longer, and as a gift to a child with few possessions, they communicate volumes about his or her inherent worth," Rademan said. For many families, new shoes are a luxury they cannot afford. New shoes are important because they put children on a path to health, education, hope and opportunity.

Shoes protect against disease and infection and lower barriers to school attendance. Studies show that children who are healthy are more likely to be successful in school and have higher attendance, increasing their chances of obtaining an education and rising out of poverty. New shoes provide hope for children that someone cares about them and loves them unconditionally.

"Through this partnership with local and regional organizations, Fulton Public Schools is excited to create this shoe closet space to ensure students who need shoes have access to shoes," Daniel Rector, director of student services for Fulton Public Schools, said.



Fulton Rotarians and Shoes from the Heart staff pose with shoes going to the Fulton Public Schools shoe closet.

Rotarians Provide Service Across District 6080



Willow Springs Rotarians Teresa Waggoner, Debbie Hora and Maggie Hiatt helped Willow Care Nursing Home staff with their St. Pat's Day party.



Harrisonville Rotary is celebrating the 41st year of their Flag Program. On five holidays throughout the year, they post the American flag on participating businesses in the community. Over the years, money raised from the flag program has benefited Harrisonville in many ways, ranging from picnic shelters and playground equipment to scholarships and leadership training for students.



Cakes were auctioned at the **Clinton Rotary** meeting to benefit Henry County Memory Fund. Auctioneer Adam Cummings was able to 'squeeze' \$2,230 out of the Rotarians. Years ago Rotarians baked the goods and auctioned as a fundraiser. Rotarian Connie Austin was a fabulous baker, with her cakes bringing top dollar. After she passed away, the auction was named in her honor and Rotary partnered with Henry County Memory Fund, which now bakes and provides the cakes. The money raised support patients and their families with Alzheimer's in Henry County.



Rotary Club of Rolla gave back to their community while supporting literacy and donating books to the Rolla Middle School.

Columbia Metro Rotary helping at the Food Bank



More Service Projects - And Some Social Time, Too



Columbia South Rotary did some landscaping at Caring Hearts and Hands of Columbia and created an extra parking area.



Rotary Youth Exchange students (inbounds, outbounds, ROTEX and Rotarians) conducted a spring cleanup of the grounds (mostly pine needles, leaves and downed limbs) at Wesley United Methodist Church in Jefferson City March 17.



Springfield Sunrise Rotary was quite active in the community during March. Photos (left to right): 100+ Wise Women hosted by Rosie/Leadership Springfield. Several "wise women" from Sunrise Rotary represented the club at the event. The monthly "Local Eats" lunch social was at JW's Kitchen. Several members attended the Athena Awards hosted by the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. The monthly Wine Club social was well attended again at Cellar + Plate.



Jefferson City West Rotary celebrated its 50th Anniversary March 8. The keynote speaker was Judge and Past District Governor Duane Benton, who also spoke at the club's 25th Anniversary.



Springfield Rotary toured the Robert W. Plaster Center for Advanced Manufacturing at Ozarks Technical Community College for a special edition of Rotary on the Road.



Springfield Rotary enjoyed a Painting with a Twist social. Members agreed it was fun to see the creativity in the club coming out and everyone enjoying each other's company.



What do you know?

2024 Hollister Rotary Trivia Night!

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Social Hour: 5:30pm – 6:30pm Trivia: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

The Summit Restaurant

The Facts

Prizes will be awarded!

\$150 per 4-person team, with appetizers & soft drinks included.

(Cash Bar available)

Proceeds to benefit the Hollister Rotary Grant Fund

Register by Friday, March 29 with your team's name,
and attendee names to Laurie Hayes at RotaryLaurie@gmail.com
or by calling 417-559-3869

Checks may be mailed to Rotary Club of Hollister
PO Box 923. Hollister. MO 65673



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FRIDAY APRIL 26, 2024 - BEST WESTERN SEDALIA

TICKETS \$20

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SEDALIA COMMUNITY HELPING HANDS
SMITH-COTTON JROTC SCHOLARSHIP
CREATION OF A COMMUNITY HOPE CHEST

5:30 DOORS OPEN / 6:00 SILENT AUCTION / 7:00 LIVE AUCTION & 50/50 RAFFLE
FOOD AND DRINKS PROVIDED