



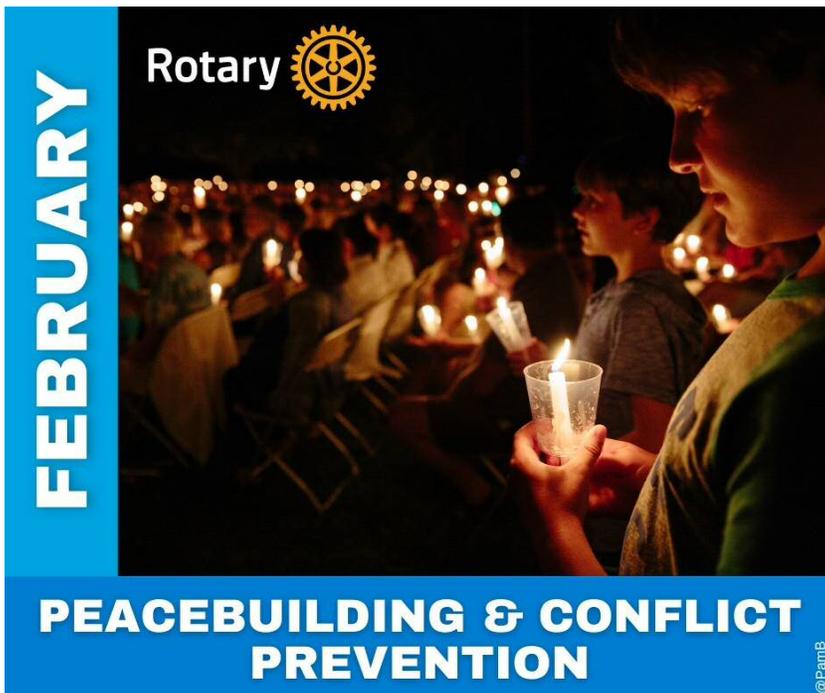
Hello Rotary District 6080!

February is Rotary's **Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month**, and District 6080 is well represented with about one quarter of our clubs that have chosen to be Peacebuilder Clubs! For more information, go to <https://rotary6080.org/peacebuilder/>. These clubs have been recognized by the Rotary Action Group for Peace based on club commitment to peace. That website is at: <https://rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/>. This is an opportunity for your club to become part of a "global peace building force." For more information, contact the co-leads Brad Bodenhausen in Springfield Southeast or Sarah Read in Columbia Metro.

The Rotary E-Club of Innovation is sponsoring the **International Rotary Poetry Awards**, with the topic Raising Rotary Awareness. Will one of the winners come from District 6080? There are five category prizes plus the main Rotary Poet of the Year Award plaque. For more information, go to www.rotarypoetry.org. This is your opportunity to help celebrate and promote Rotary worldwide in creating hope. The award winners will be announced at the Singapore Rotary Convention in May by the Rotary International President's wife, Heather McInally, but the actual awards will be handed out locally. And, when in Singapore, please explore, as the opportunities there are many! Go to <https://rotarysingapore2024.org/>

Membership update: District 6080 is one of very few districts in Zones 30/31 that is net positive on membership at the end of December. I am asking clubs to continue the push to grow your membership. One way to guide your efforts, just add: <https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/join> to everything as a hyperlink to all your emails and media to the public.

Jimmy Standfast
District Governor 2023-24
Rotary Club of Salem



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

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

Former RI President Ray Klingensmith Dies



Ray Klingensmith of Kirksville, president of Rotary International in 2010-11, died Jan. 17. He was 86.

Ray worked as an attorney in Macon and Kirksville for many years. He also served as the general counsel, dean of administration and a professor of business administration at Truman State University, retiring in 1995, after 22 years.

After a year as a Rotary scholar at the University of Cape Town in 1961, Ray joined Unionville Rotary when he returned. He was president of the Macon Rotary Club in 1970-71 and governor of Rotary District 605 in 1975-76 after moving to Kirksville.

He then served on the Rotary International (RI) Board of Directors in 1985-87, as the moderator for the International Assembly in 1989, and as a Trustee for The Rotary Foundation in 2002-06. He was vice chairman for the 2005 RI Convention and chairman for the 2008 RI Convention. In 2008, he was selected as the RI President for 2010-11, and he and his wife

moved to Evanston, Illinois, for the two years that he served as the President Elect and President.

Ray is acknowledged as the “godfather” of the Show Me Rotary Council, which plans and administers the Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) each year. It was his plan in 1982 that established a 24-member council with representatives from each district, and he served as the first president.

A recipient of The Rotary Foundation’s Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award, Ray and his late wife, Judie, were Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation. The Kirksville Rotary Club honored him by creating the Ray Klingensmith Distinguished Service Award in 2007. The amphitheater in Kirksville’s Rotary Park is named for him.

Ray was a director of Macon-Atlanta State Bank for over 36 years as well as an Adair County commissioner from 2001 to 2004. Ray and Judie founded the Chariton Valley Association for Handicapped Citizens in 1982. Due to his work with CVA, Ray was accorded the 1988 Parent/Caretaker Award by the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities, and he served as one of the initial trustees for the Missouri Family Trust, which was created by the Missouri legislature in 1989.

He also was active in the Boy Scouts as an adult leader and was awarded the Silver Beaver award by the Great Rivers Council. He was accorded the Thomas D. Cochran Community Award by the Young Lawyers Section of The Missouri Bar in 1983, and he was named as a Man of Distinction by the Theta Xi National Fraternity in 2018.

A graduate of the University of Missouri, where he earned both bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees in 1959 and a juris doctorate in 1965, he was a recipient of the 2023 Faculty and Alumni Award from the Mizzou Alumni Association.

Per his wishes, there will be no funeral service. A celebration of life event will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at DuKum Inn, 111 S. Elson St., Kirksville. Attendees are encouraged to wear apparel that represents their connection to Ray (Putnam County, Truman State, Mizzou, Rotary, CVA, Kansas City Chiefs, etc.).

Preparing the Next Generation of Rotary Club Presidents



March 22 & 23, 2024
University Plaza Hotel
Springfield, MO

Attend Pre-PETS at 6 p.m.
March 7 or 12 via Zoom.

Incoming presidents and presidents-elect, have you registered for Presidents-Elect Training (PETS)? The registration fee for incoming presidents and presidents-elect has already been billed to your club. You simply need to fill out the online registration form and make hotel reservations. [Click Here to Register](#) The University Plaza Hotel is holding a block of rooms for our group code “Show Me.” The last date for discounted hotel rates is March 2. [Click Here to Make Hotel Reservations.](#)

Show Me Rotary is one of Rotary’s first and premier incoming Presidents and Presidents-Elect Training. For Over 40 years Missouri Rotary leaders have convened to hear the message and priorities of our senior leaders and incoming District Governors. Show Me Rotary PETS is where you will meet with your fellow presidents-elect and presidents-nominee. You will have time to network, share ideas, and learn the important role you have as club president.

Registration opens at 8 a.m. Friday, March 22, with the first session at 9. Saturday’s sessions start with breakfast at 8 a.m. and end with lunch from noon to 1:20 p.m. The complete schedule is on the Show Me Rotary website. See [Show Me Rotary Training Schedule.](#)

Hear from dynamic speakers:

- **Stephanie A. Urchick**, the incoming president (2024-25) of Rotary International
- **Michael Angelo Caruso**, who teaches people how to be better speakers and presenters so they can help more people
- **Beth Stubbs**, Rotary International Director for Zones 30 and 31
- **Sigrid Solomon**, an independent diversity consultant

Reminders:

- Be sure to bring your club banner to display at PETS.
- Winners of the Literacy Contest will be announced at PETS. See separate flier for information and be sure to bring the tally sheet you get from your DGE with you to PETS.
- There’s lots to do in Springfield, so consider bring your family. See the University Plaza Hotel website for suggestions.

For more information, see Show Me Rotary’s website: <https://showmerotary.org/> or the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/showmerotary>

LITERACY Contest

Show Me Rotary Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)
is sponsoring a contest
to promote literacy
in Districts 6040, 6060 & 6080.



Contest runs Feb. 1 to March 15

Books donated – each book = 5 points

(books can be donated to schools, libraries, etc.)

Volunteer reading – each hour = 10 points

(read to children, elderly or anyone; for adult literacy, etc.)

Money donated – each \$ = 1 point

(donate to schools, libraries, etc.)

It's club vs. club. One winning club from each district will get \$100.

An overall winner from the three districts gets an additional \$150.

Winners will be announced at Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)

Let the Magic of Rotary begin with Literacy!

Rotary Districts 6040, 6060, and 6080
Celebrate Together

Fun Convention!

April 19-21,
2024



- ✓ Shoes for Orphan Souls Collection
- ✓ Dinner Cruise
- ✓ Evan Burrell - Changemaker
- ✓ Cornhole Tourney for Polio+
- ✓ Golf Tourney for The Rotary Foundation

[Register Here Now!!!!](#)

**Experiential Rock
Star Keynote
Speaker from
Las Vegas,
Marvelous Mark.**



Governors Cup 4-Person Scramble



Friday, April 19, 2024 - Part of the Fun-Vention

The Oaks Golf Course

1524 State Hwy KK, Osage Beach, MO 65065

Margaritaville Resort, Lake Ozark, MO

Cost: \$300 Per Team

Tee times between 9 a.m. & noon (Space for 18 teams)

Join Rotarians from across the state as we convene for the Fun-Vention April 19-21. The fun kicks off with our 4-Person scramble. Hurry, registration is limited!

Register a la cart for Golf and Conference Here:

[Missouri Rotary Funvention Tickets, Osage Beach | Eventbrite](#)

Camdenton Rotarian Celebrates 104th Birthday



Grant Richards with some of the many birthday cards he received on his 104th birthday.

Grant Richards joined the Rotary Club of Camdenton in 1945 and didn't miss a meeting for 78 years. Even after he moved to Kansas City to live with his daughter, he Zoomed in to the meetings in his old club.

This dedicated Rotarian turned 104 on Jan. 30. He has moved back to the Lake area and is now living at StoneBridge Care Center in Osage Beach.

To celebrate the birthday, the family asked for a card shower.

"He was so surprised by all the cards. He had a good birthday with some old friends stopping by with birthday wishes," Susan Bredeman, his

daughter, said. "Rotary has been such a meaningful part of his life and the support that came from various clubs shows what a significant contribution Rotary makes in people's lives."

The Richards family relocated to Camdenton in 1937 from Michigan. They founded the Reveille newspaper, later known as the Lake Sun. Grant's father, G. T. Richards, began the Camdenton Rotary Club with a friend in 1937.

Grant enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was away for a few years before returning to the Camdenton area to join the family business. When he got back, he joined Rotary on June 24, 1945. For years his life revolved around his family, the family newspaper and Rotary.



He remained an active member for nearly eight decades without missing a meeting until Oct. 21, 2023. If he had to be out of town for any reason, he was sure to make it up by attending a meeting at another area Rotary Club.

"My dad had perfect attendance till he died. That was 43 years," recalled Richards. "I used to always tell him, 'I can beat your record 'cause I'm younger.' It became a habit," he said.

And beat the record he did.

"I really want to get him some national attention," Jeff Verneti, Camdenton Rotary president, said. "This has to be some sort of an amazing record and the Rotary world should know."



Grant Richards with Christy Fera, when she was Camdenton Rotary president in 2012-13. He was 93 at the time.

Rotary District 6080 Public Image Spotlight

Register for the next exciting and informational webinar from your Zone 30 & 31 Public Image teams. All are welcome, click the link below to register!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91711111111>

Heart of America
Rotary
Zones 30 & 31

Public Image

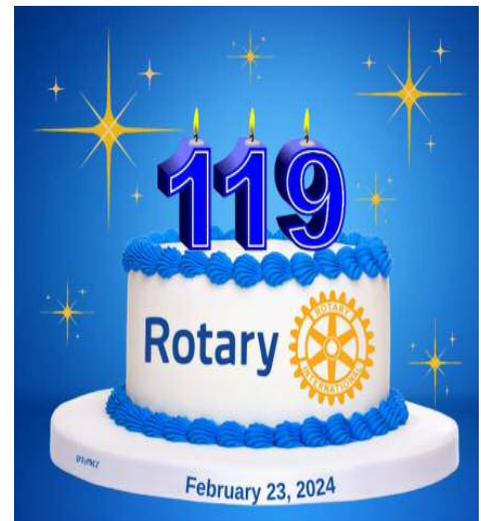
REGISTER NOW
TUESDAY, FEB. 13, 2024
6 PM CST / 7 PM EST

**EXPAND YOUR REACH WITH
MEDIA RELATIONS**

The traditional media options of TV-Radio-Print have changed drastically over the last decade. However, they are just as important to promoting the work of your Rotary club today.

In this webinar you will learn how to:

- Form relationships with the members of the media in your area
- Write a news release about a special event, such as a Centennial, or a service project your club is working on.
- Make a public service announcement (PSA) about your club and get it aired for minimal cost or FREE on your local radio station.



Springfield Sunrise Rotary Enjoys Meetings, Socials



Springfield Sunrise Rotary's first two meetings of the year were offsite of their normal meeting location. On Jan. 3, they met at Jordan Valley Ice Park.



Their second offsite meeting was at Mother's Brewing Company on Jan. 10.



Springfield Sunrise continued their monthly "Local Eats" lunch social at Karai Ramen + Handroll.



Their monthly Wine Club social was held at Cellar + Plate. They were excited to see many of their new members attending socials and engaging in their club!

Lake Ozark
Daybreak
Rotary

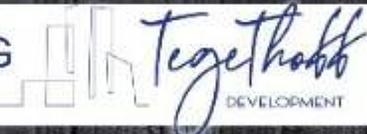


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DINNER, LIVE & SILENT AUCTION, ENTERTAINMENT
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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY

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or by contacting
Jennifer Reahr at
573-480-6021
www.DaybreakRotary.org





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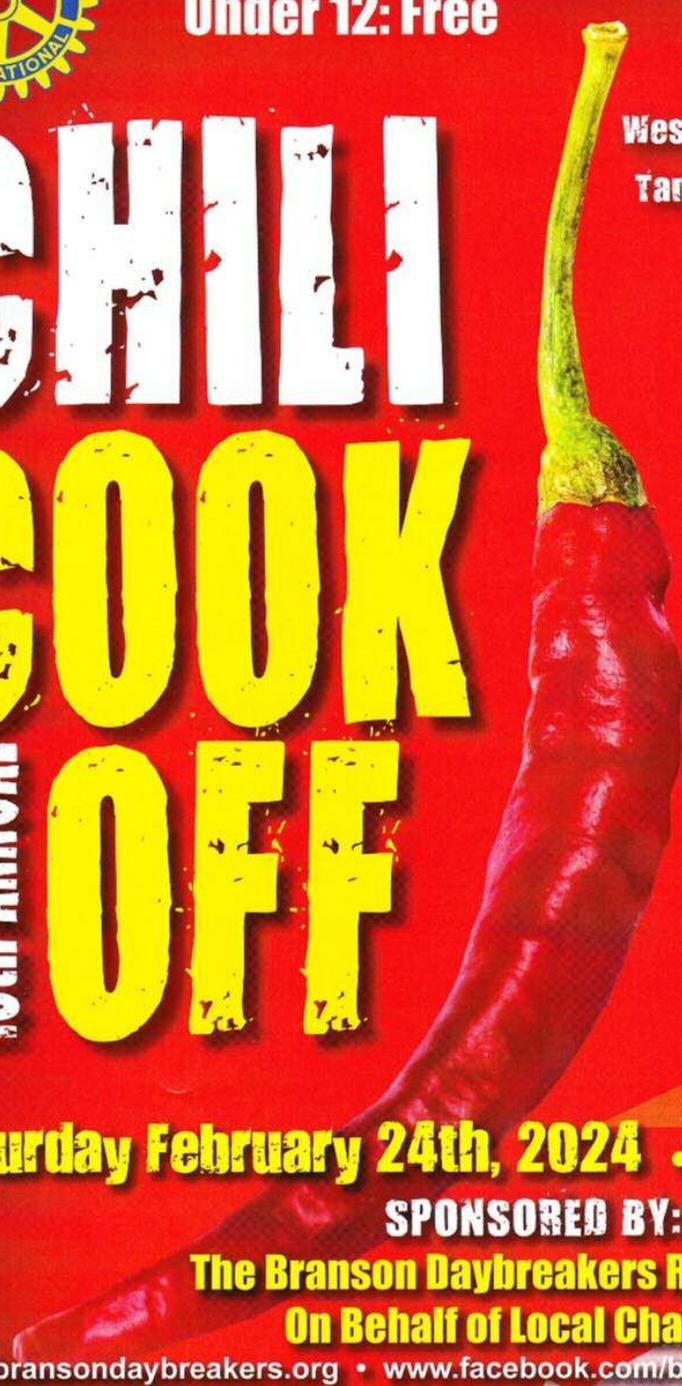
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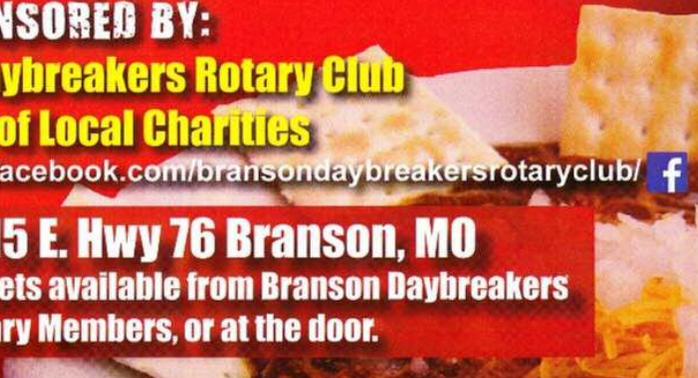
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Celebrating 50 Years of Jefferson City West Rotary Club

*Keynote Speaker:
Honorable Judge
Duane Benton
7:30 pm*

*Hors d'oeuvres
No-host bar
Free Caricatures
Free Photo booth*

*Friday, March 8
6-9 p.m.*

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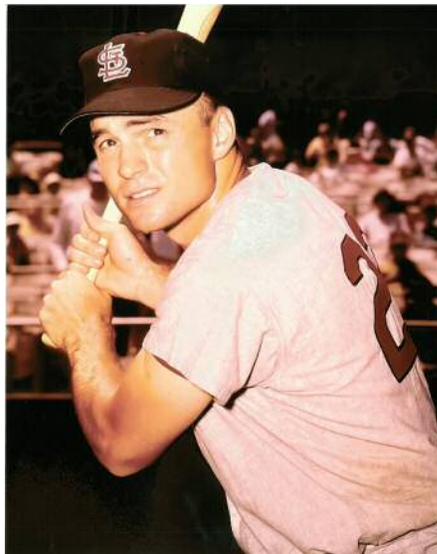
*50th
Anniversary
Celebration*
1974-2024

*RSVP required
by March 1
573-291-2206
(Sally Graham)*

Rotary 
Jefferson City West

Join the Fulton Rotary Club &
Former St. Louis Cardinal
Charlie James

April 12
at Tanglewood Golf Course
for a charity golf tournament



A former outfielder for the St. Louis Cardinals, Charlie James was a member of the Cardinals' 1964 World Series team. He has been a Fulton Rotarian for more than 50 years and is a two-time past president. He's also an avid golfer.

The golf tournament will be a **four-man scramble**, with a 28-team maximum. The \$100 per person cost will include greens fees, cart rental and lunch. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m., with the tournament starting at 9.

Sponsors are being sought and include Home Run Hero for \$5,000, Grand Slam Partner for \$2,500, Most Valuable Partner for \$1,000 and Hole and Team Sponsor for \$475. Other sponsorship opportunities include food sponsor, drink sponsor and hole sponsor.

To purchase a sponsorship, register a team or learn more about the Charlie James Golf Tournament,
go to www.fultonrotary-mo.org, email info@fultonrotary-mo.org
or contact the Fulton Rotary president, Stephanie Rademan, at 573-821-8414.