



# CREATE HOPE NEWSLETTER

Valerie Sorensen, District Governor 2023-2024

## Welcome to December!

It has been a pleasure traveling eastern Missouri visiting our District's Rotary Clubs. Mike and I are amazed at all the service projects supporting the local communities, big and small. I must say we have quite a scenic district.

Have you taken advantage of the District's Matching Program for the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation? You can reach your first Paul Harris Fellow or strive for your next PHF with matching recognition points. Check out the article for all the details.

With The Rotary Foundation giving from three years ago, our District was able to grant \$45,000 to our Clubs. In turn, the Clubs multiplied those funds to provide over \$100,000 worth of impact to our communities and world. There are projects such as park improvements, car seats, food, books, digital equipment, beds, band instruments, hygiene supplies, coats, shoes, and water systems. More giving equals more funded projects!

Our District is stepping up for the 2023-24 Charitable Initiatives. Twenty-six clubs participated in the **Empowering Girls Gifts** this year. Some highlights are in last month's newsletter. Make sure to apply for this free money next year.

After 43 of the 49 club visits, we have collected nearly 14,600 pairs of shoes to benefit **Shoes for Orphan Souls**. Our goal is 20,000 pairs by April 20, 2024, so don't let up now. Check out the sales while you are out holiday shopping. For the **Navajo**

**Water Project**, fifteen Rotary Clubs have donated \$6,942 so far. Our goal is \$9,000 to provide the complete water system for two homes in Navajo Nation. That is just \$5 per D6060 Rotarian. If you or your club would like to donate, please send checks payable to Rotary District 6060 with Navajo Water Project reference in the memo line to Cindy Duncan d'Arden, District Treasurer, 519 Ridgefield Dr, Pacific, MO 63069.

Stronger Clubs lead to stronger communities. Make sure your club leaders attend Show Me Rotary in March 2024. This education program is a great learning and fellowship opportunity. See the Save the Date info.

Reach out to DG Valerie if you have questions or articles for next month's District Newsletter. Happy Holidays!!

Troy Rotary Club with their shoe donations.



# 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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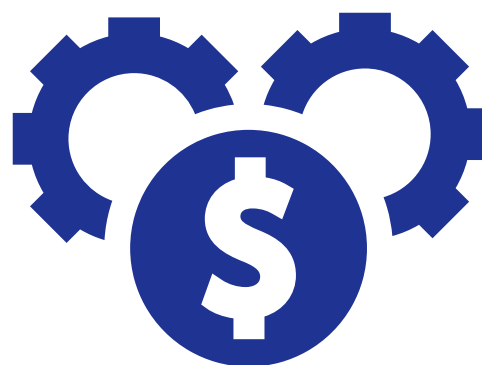
**CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

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.**

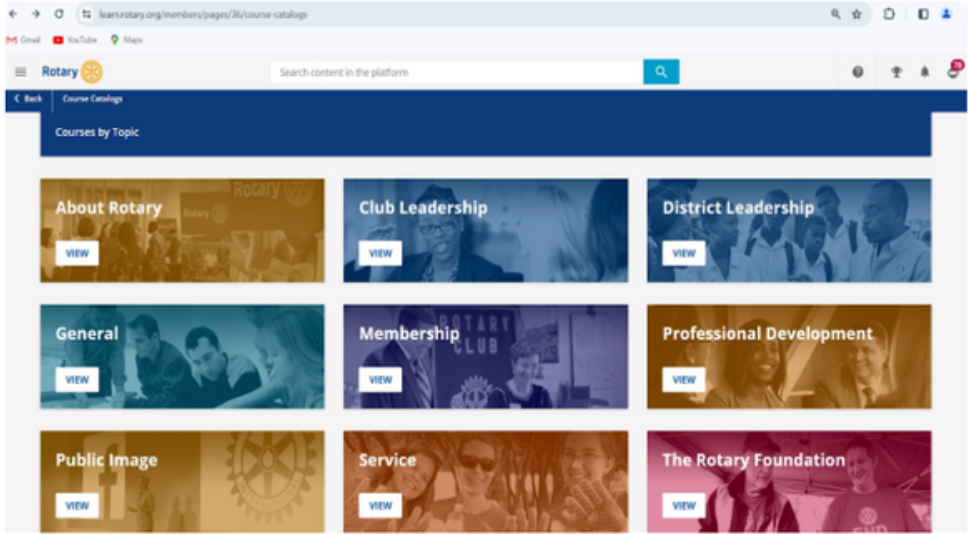
If you would like to donate points, please contact Brian Kohlberg, Rotary District 6060 Foundation Chairperson 2023-2026 without delay!



# ROTARY LEARNING CENTER

Log into [my.rotary.org](https://my.rotary.org) and check out the Learning Center. There are online courses to improve your knowledge of Rotary at the club and district levels along with professional development.

To increase your impact, enroll in the various Membership, Public Image, Service, or The Rotary Foundation courses.  
<https://my.rotary.org/en/knowledge-and-resources/resources-and-reference>



## NEW FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ABOUT LEARNING

As part of our action plan, which calls for us to put participants at the center of all we do, Rotary is changing our approach from a training model to a learning model. In practice, this means that members will have more active involvement in their learning and more control over it. It also means that the people who lead Rotary learning experiences will serve more as facilitators who guide members to share their ideas than as lecturers who tell members information they think they should know.

When the RI board approved our focus on learning, they also agreed to change these titles as of 1 July 2023:

Current title	New title as of 1 July
Club trainer	Club learning facilitator
District trainer	District learning facilitator
District training committee	District learning committee

Please note this is a work in progress and more changes are coming. Rotary’s Learning Committee will continue to consider what is needed to fully move us from training to learning and will make recommendations to the RI Board.

It includes changes to titles and events. Some of our event titles will require changes through the Council on Legislation (COL), such as President-elect Training Seminar (PETS) and District Training Assembly. We’ll work on this for the next few years with the Learning Committee, the Board, and the COL to continue to improve.

### CLUB VISIONING

- 1. Where are we now?
- 2. Where do we want to be?
- 3. How do we go from here to there?

Contact Club Visioning Chair Sue Cobb ([rotarysuecobb@gmail.com](mailto:rotarysuecobb@gmail.com), 636-284-4686) to schedule a Visioning event for your club in 2024.



As has been said around our district, seals are trained, while people learn.

# STE GENEVIEVE ROTARY TURNS 50!

The Ste. Genevieve Rotary Club celebrated their 50th anniversary on Oct. 26th. Club president Jami Drury invited all Rotarians and their guests to enjoy a reception and program highlighting the club's accomplishments. Long standing Rotarians were honored for their service.

An organizational meeting for the club was held at Cafe Genevieve on September 16, 1973. The charter was issued by Rotary International on November 2, 1973.

Mayor Brian Keim signed a proclamation designating November 2, 2023, as "Ste. Genevieve Rotary Club Day" in the City of Ste. Genevieve. During his signing, he said Rotary is far-reaching and he, as a fellow Rotarian, is excited about what Rotary has accomplished during the past 50 years. Activities have included awarding of local scholarships, providing eco-friendly benches around town, and the construction of a welcome sign on Highway 32. The local club has planted trees along Progress Parkway, provided a gazebo at Bicentennial Plaza.

They also have annual food drives and support Reading Express. The iconic duck races that are staged during Jour de Fete began in 1999 and are the second largest fundraiser for the club behind an annual golf tournament.

The club has been recognizing students of the month from both Valle and Ste. Genevieve high schools since 1974.

The club has also heard from hundreds of community leaders, businesses and individuals on local projects, community affairs, unique professions and hobbies.

One of the first speakers was Eddie Stewardbird, an instructor at the time at Jefferson Junior College in Hillsboro – his presentation was on the pros and cons of the Alaskan pipeline.



Members of the Ste. Genevieve Rotary Club were present for the Mayoral Proclamation designating November 2, 2023 as Ste. Genevieve Rotary Club Day in Ste. Genevieve, in honor of the club's 50th anniversary. The club has 48 members and are open to increasing their membership.

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## SHOW ME ROTARY

**Become an effective club president!**

PETS (presidents-elect and presidents-nominee training

**March 22 & 23, 2024**

**University Plaza, Springfield, MO**

Show Me Rotary's website: <https://showmerotary.org/>





# MEET YOUR 2024-2025 DISTRICT GOVERNOR: JERRY NOLAN

Jerry became a member of the Overland Rotary Club in St. Louis County, MO, in 2002. The Overland Club became the Spirit of St. Louis County Rotary Club in 2022.

Early in his Rotary journey, his family hosted a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Natal, Brazil - a fantastic way to get an introduction to the international aspect of Rotary!

Jerry has served as club president three times, club secretary three times, and youth chair for many years. On the district level, Jerry has served as RYLA chair and assistant governor. He has been a Rotarian counselor at Missouri RYLA Academy for many years and he serves on the board of directors.

Jerry is a Major Donor, a member of the Paul Harris Society, and a charter member of the District 6060 Polio Plus Society.

After 30 years in education, Jerry retired from the Ritenour School District in St. Louis County in 2019. Jerry serves on the board of directors of the Ritenour Pride and Promise Foundation and is a member of the High School Hall of Fame Committee. In 2020, he led the Citizens for Ritenour's Future. Jerry also serves on the Board of Directors of the Ocean Landings Condominium Association, Inc., in Cocoa Beach, FL.

Jerry and his wife, Mary Kay, have one daughter, Bridget, and two grandsons. Jerry enjoys spending time with his family, fishing, traveling, and attempting to grow vegetables in his garden in Montgomery County, MO.



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## Want to be a part of the District Leadership team?

Jerry is creating the district team for 2024-2025. Let him know your area of passion: public image, membership, The Rotary Foundation and Grants, Assistant Governor  
[jnolenrotary@gmail.com](mailto:jnolenrotary@gmail.com)

# ROTARY DISTRICT 6060 RECEIVES BRONZE HERO AWARD

2022 was the biggest year for ShelterBox and your support helped us to reach over 400,000 people across 22 projects in 12 countries.

This year is just as busy and your continued support is appreciated.

Active members are happy members! Is there a member in your club who is looking to serve? Please have them consider becoming a ShelterBox Club Champion or Ambassador. Learn more here <https://www.shelterboxusa.org/volunteer/>

THANK  
YOU



2023-2024 BRONZE HERO AWARD  
RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING  
DEDICATION AND SUPPORT OF

**Rotary District 6060**

Your help provides vital aid to  
vulnerable families around  
the world. Thank you.

*Kerni Murray*



**ShelterBox**

**Rotary**  
District 6060



SHELTERBOX IS A REGISTERED CHARITY INDEPENDENT OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.

**Pakistan 2022**



## COMING SOON!

**What you don't know about Rotary Club Administration.**

Join us for a discussion.

Look for details in the January newsletter!



## AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

<https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/6060/Downloads/0/FORMS/6060.District.Scholarship.Application.pdf>

**Deadlines:** January 31, 2024 to Rotary Club, then by February 29, 2024 to District Scholarship Committee

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries.





# ROTARY FUNVENTION!

**Rotary Districts 6040, 6060, 6080**  
**Celebrate Together**

**April 19-21, 2024**  
**Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake of the Ozarks**

**Friday Night Dinner Cruise**  
**Changemaker Evan Burrell**  
**Shoes for Orphan Souls Collection**  
**Keynote speaker Marvelless Mark**  
**Cornhole Tournament**  
**Golf Tournament**

# Save THE Date

## SHOE TALLY AS OF NOV 30, 2023

### Top 3 Shoe Collectors

- Arnold
- Piedmont
- Cottleville/Weldon Spring

### Top 3 Cash for Shoes Collectors

- Washington
- Cape Girardeau County
- Hannibal



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CALENDAR LINK](#)

Club Name	Club Totals	Per Capita	Cash
Arnold	3589	78.02	
Bowling Green	103	3.2	
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	52	1.24	
De Soto	276	18.4	
Dexter	15	0.78	
Festus-Crystal City	48	1.04	
Florissant	41	0.91	
Fredericktown	8	0.53	
Hannibal	17	0.29	\$350
Hayti	0	0	
High Ridge	346	10.81	
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	2600	72.22	
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	152	2.38	
St. Charles-Sunrise	207	7.96	\$20
St. Francois County/Bonne Terre	196	4.67	
St. Louis	84	0.65	
St. Louis Civilians	8	0.38	
St. Peters	111	11.10	
Ste. Genevieve	50	1.04	
Steele	0	0	
Sullivan	56	1.93	
Troy	92	2.24	
Union	24	0.57	\$25
Vandalia	44	2.93	
Warren County	15	0.58	
Washington	41	0.43	\$2,940
Webster Groves	84	1.62	\$216
Wentzville	760	10.27	
West St. Louis County	34	1.1	
	14,590	8.00	5,191

**Rotary**  
District 6060



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