



Hello Rotary District 6080!

This Rotary year is nearly over, and I am humbled to have had the privilege and honor of serving as Rotary District 6080's District Governor 2023-24.

I was fortunate to have all 50 Rotary clubs and the four Rotaract clubs welcome me. It is gratifying to know there are Rotary clubs in District 6080 where "People of Action" is commonplace--Rotarians busy working on projects worldwide. I am thankful for these efforts.

The FUN-vention in April was jam-packed with speakers focusing on ways Rotary clubs can "Increase Our Ability to Adapt." One speaker was particularly aligned with Rotary International President, Gordon McInally's theme, "Create Hope in the World," asking Rotarians to do work in the area of mental health. I am grateful for the talk by world-renowned psychiatrist Dr. Geetha Jayaram, a psychiatrist and a professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Geetha spoke about her focus in rural mental health, community psychiatry, severe mental illness, humanitarian projects, suicide prevention, global mental health, low and middle income countries, patient safety and more. I am hopeful clubs will continue to do projects in this much-needed area.

There is still much that can be done to help the world with projects in Rotary International's Seven Areas Focus: Promoting peace; Fighting disease; Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene; Saving mothers and children; Supporting education; Growing local economies; and Protecting the environment.

Update: The "Shoes Roll Call" reports that District 6080's collection is guesstimated to be 9,500 new pairs of shoes, 2,200 socks, 2,550 shoe laces, and nearly \$18,000 in cash.

Best wishes to District Governor-Elect Rowland Geddie with his installation on June 26 at Ocean Zen in Springfield.

Jimmy Standfast, District Governor 2023-24  
Rotary Club of Salem

## FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

"Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience."

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**JUNE**



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

Send your news items and photos to District Secretary Mary Ann Beahon at [beahon.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:beahon.rotary@gmail.com)

# Rotary District Governor-Nominee-Designate Sought

Past District Governor Joan Kramer (2021-22) chairs the committee for selection of the 2027-28 District Governor of District 6080 and is looking for suggestions.

Rowland Geddie becomes District Governor for 2024-25 on July 1, 2024. The Governor line includes District Governor-Elect Andrea Brady (Governor 2025-26) and District Governor-Nominee Brad Martens (Governor 2026-27). The person selected as Governor for 2027-28 is referred to as the District Governor-Nominee-Designate after Rowland takes office.



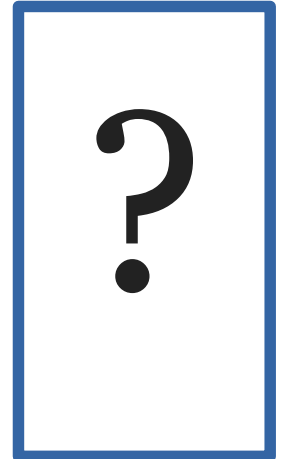
2024-25 Rowland Geddie



2025-26 Andrea Brady



2026-27 Brad Martens



2027-28 DGND

Joan invites clubs to submit their suggestions for nomination of the 2027-28 Governor (the next DGND) by June 30. Complete the DGND form and send it to her at [kramerjoan2000@yahoo.com](mailto:kramerjoan2000@yahoo.com).

The person selected shall at the time of selection:

- be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district;
- have served as club president for a full term or as charter president for at least six months;
- demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a governor;
- demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of Governor as prescribed in the bylaws; and
- submit to RI a statement that the Rotarian understands those qualifications, duties and responsibilities, is qualified for the office of Governor, and is willing and able to assume and faithfully perform those duties and responsibilities.

When taking office the Governor must have attended the International Assembly for its full duration, have been a Rotarian for at least seven years, and continue to possess the required qualifications.



# GOVERNOR-NOMINEE-DESIGNATE FORM

## District governor candidate

Please complete and sign this form, have your club secretary sign it, and submit it to the district nominating committee.

Governor year of service \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Zone \_\_\_\_\_ RI membership ID number \_\_\_\_\_

Family name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle initial \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it should appear on your badge \_\_\_\_\_

Member, Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_ Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure that your contact information (email, postal address, and phone number) is up-to-date in My Rotary.

Language(s) in order of fluency:

Read \_\_\_\_\_ Speak \_\_\_\_\_

For each of the following categories, please pick only one language per category.

International Assembly:	English French Japanese Korean Portuguese Spanish
Publications available in languages:	Arabic Chinese English Finnish French German Hindi Italian Japanese Korean Portuguese Spanish Swedish Thai

## Partner information (if applicable)

Family name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle initial \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it should appear on your badge \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Gender  Male  Female  Self-describe \_\_\_\_\_  Prefer not to identify

For each of the following categories, please pick only one language per category.

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*For partners only:*

Member, Club of \_\_\_\_\_

RI membership ID number \_\_\_\_\_



# GOVERNOR-NOMINEE-DESIGNATE FORM

## PRIVACY

Your privacy is important to Rotary and the personal data you share with Rotary will only be used for essential activities or for Rotary's legitimate interests, taking into account your privacy rights. These uses include financial processing, supporting The Rotary Foundation, facilitating event planning, communicating key organizational messages, and responding to your inquiries. In addition, your contact information will be shared with other Rotarians and included in the International Assembly Leadership Directory. Rotary's privacy policy can be found [here](#).

## CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

I hereby state that I understand clearly the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the office of district governor as set forth in the RI Bylaws and that I am fully qualified for said office and willing and able, physically and otherwise, to assume and fulfill the duties and responsibilities of that office and to perform them faithfully. Further, I have read and agreed to abide by the district governor code of ethics, as detailed in the Rotary Code of Policies. I agree in advance to accept the decision of the RI Board concerning my election to office without recourse to any non-Rotary agency or other dispute resolution system and further accept that any court costs and attorney's fees incurred by RI in enforcing this agreement shall be reimbursed by me in their entirety. I understand that if selected, I must attend, for their full duration, the governors-elect training seminar in my zone and the International Assembly to be held the Rotary year before taking office. I have read this form in its entirety and certify that all the information provided on this form is true and correct.

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

## CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

The Rotarian named on this form is a member in good standing of the Rotary club listed and was duly nominated for district governor in accordance with the provisions of the RI Bylaws.

Date

District governor's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
District governor's signature

**District governor:** Please email this form to [Club and District Support](#) by 30 June.

# Springfield Southeast Rotary Establishes Endowment

**Springfield Southeast Rotary Club** has raised more than \$500,000 through various fundraisers and donations over the past eight years. Yearly dividends from this fund will soon be disbursed to local charities on the front lines of pressing issues including poverty, abuse, hunger, health, education, and safety.



"The establishment of this fund represents a milestone in our

commitment to the Springfield community," said Dr. Steve Rice, chairman of the Rotary Club of Springfield Southeast Endowment. "Our mission has always been to create lasting change, and with these funds, we are poised to support vital programs that tackle our most challenging issues head-on."



The funding initiative promises to be a sustainable resource for local nonprofits. Preference will be given to organizations that focus on children's issues and community safety. By providing annual grants, the Rotary Club ensures that these organizations can continue their work with less financial pressure and more consistent partnership.

This program was officially unveiled during a special Rotary luncheon May 16 when Rick Van Pelt, Steve Rice and Gary Whitaker outlined the journey creating and increasing the funds in the Rotary Club's Endowment. The Endowment now stands at \$550,000, which will enable the club to start distributing funds (approximately \$18,000 next year).



The club celebrated the event with champagne, "hand clappers" and roaring applause. All Springfield Southeast Rotarians who contributed to the Foundation were also recognized, in particular Bill McNeill for his stellar work leading the annual Golf'tober Tournament and the annual raffle for a vacation trip.

# Springfield Rotary Clubs Hold All-City Rotary Meeting

**Springfield Rotary Clubs** gathered May 9 at the annual All-City Rotary Meeting to talk leadership, perseverance and community.



Art Hains spoke about his sports broadcasting career and his recovery from West Nile Virus.



## COMO Interact Installs Peace Pole at Battle High School

**COMO Interact Club** at Battle High School in Columbia has worked to strengthen the community since 2018. Work has included dialogues on gun violence, raising funds for suicide prevention, providing mental health training for teens and facilitating student-staff dialogues on mental health, and other community-based service projects.



On April 30, a ribbon cutting was held for Battle's latest project, a Peace Pole. With installation of the Peace Pole, Battle High School joins a movement spreading the universal message "May Peace Prevail On Earth." With over 250,000 poles worldwide, placed in over 180 countries, peace poles are a truly worldwide phenomenon.



A Peace Pole is an internationally recognized symbol of peace, unification, and hope for the entire human race. Every pole bears the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in several different languages as a testament to the unifying mission. The languages on Battle's pole are all spoken at the school. They are: English, Mandarin, Arabic, Hindi, Spanish, Portuguese, Hebrew and French.

At Battle High School, the pole acts as a reminder to students, faculty, and the greater community around BHS to commit to these values of unity and peace. Beyond serving as a beacon of peace, Battle High School's Peace Pole serves as a memorial to BHS families who have lost lives to violence in the community.

## Mobility Worldwide Founder Turns 100 Years Old

**Columbia South Rotarian** Mel West has lived a lifetime of Service Above Self helping others throughout the world. Rotarians and community members gathered May 9 to celebrate his 100th birthday at Mobility Worldwide, which is named the Mel and Barbara West Cart Center.



When Mel was 70 he came up with the idea of Mobility Worldwide to provide mobility to those unable to walk. Carts are now distributed to third-world countries.

But as Mel says, "I am proud to be a Rotarian but there is so much more work yet to do." Happy Birthday Mel!

# Harrisonville Rotary Conducts Projects with Students

**Harrisonville Rotary** visited its Bright Futures Harrisonville Classroom Partner at McEowen Elementary Wildcats May 3. They planted pansies (purchased from the FFA Plant Sale) and painted the pots. The students even “landscaped” their pots with moss, acorn tops, sticks and rocks they found.



Harrisonville Rotarians worked to prep the Little Free Libraries on May 4 for Senior Day of Service. The next day, HHS seniors helped give the libraries a fresh coat of paint. On May 7, the club served lunch to 150 HHS seniors as part of their Senior Day of Service.



Harrisonville Rotary hosted its Bright Futures Harrisonville Classroom Partner, Mrs. Jimenez’s class, for a celebratory pizza lunch May 8 to wrap up the school year. Several students shared their favorite classroom partner project. Then Cass County librarians talked about the summer reading program with the help of their friend “Dug” the shark.



# Clinton Rotary Places Flags, Donates Shoes

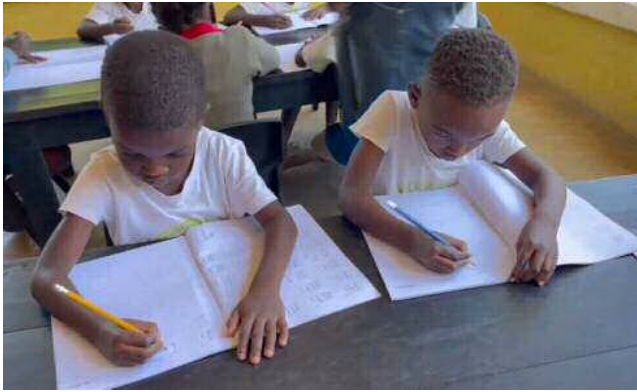
**Clinton Rotarians** placed flags on Veterans graves at Englewood, including the one of James A. Parks, who was the first President of the Clinton Rotary Club in 1918.



Clinton Rotary Club also donated several cases of shoes for third-world countries. In addition, they donated a case to Henry Elementary for less fortunate kids in conjunction with the Rotary Sports Camp for kids that might not have an opportunity to play organized sports. The three-day sports camp is a fun service project that Rotary has sponsored for several years.



## Springfield Sunrise Rotary Supports Center in Zambia



Earlier this year the Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise partnered with the Baobuyu Learning Center in Zambia to support their mission and the work they do for their students. The center will be a partner for the club's international service efforts for three years.

Sunrise member Ken Homan visited Zambia and brought the needs of this school back to the club. Club members were so moved by what they are doing that they had to get involved. Ken will serve

as the club's International Services chair and help the club maintain its relationship with Baobuyu Learning Center.

These pictures were taken from a video sent by the students and teachers. To learn more about the Baobuyu Learning Center, check out their website: <https://baobuyulearningcenter.org/>



## Branson-Hollister Rotary Gifts Book Vending Machine



Branson-Hollister Rotary Club and community members gathered at Hollister Elementary School May 14 to celebrate a new book vending machine that was recently donated to the building. The machine was the result of a grant from Flavor of the Ozarks. The Hollister School Foundation brought the grant project to the Rotary club.



The vending machine will be utilized as an incentive for students, who will have an opportunity to earn tokens through drawings, as a reward for good character, attendance, and so on. Hollister ECC and Elementary School Principal Mark Waugh expressed his enthusiasm about the vending machine and the opportunities it will present for students.



## Mountain View Rotary Serves Breakfast to Senior Class



**Mountain View Rotary** served breakfast to the senior class of Mountain View Birch Tree RIII School District on May 14 and spoke about Rotary and the importance of Service Above Self.



## Hollister Rotary Holds Annual Reading With Rotary



**Hollister Rotary Club** held its 12th year of Reading with Rotary at Hollister R-V School District. They shared some best practices on water and boat safety and showed the students around a couple of boats donated by State Park Marina. Josh the Otter even made an appearance.

## Lake Ozark Noon Rotary Holds Golf Tournament

**Lake Ozark Noon Rotary Club** celebrated another fun and successful Greg Gagnon Memorial Golf Tournament on May 3. A founding member of the club in 1982, Greg was 58 when he died in 2012.



# Springfield Rotarians Make Dinner at Ronald McDonald House

Springfield Rotary Club members prepared dinner for families at the Ronald McDonald House at Mercy Kids on April 25.

Springfield's second Ronald McDonald House® opened in November, 2012, and serves families of children who are hospitalized. The 8,200-square-foot "home away from home" is located on the sixth floor of Mercy Children's Hospital. The Ronald McDonald House features overnight accommodations for up to 10 families. In addition, the House may be used during the daytime by all families of hospitalized children as a place to relax, catch up on email, have a bite to eat, do laundry, or take a nap. Many families also find comfort in meeting other patients' families and sharing their experiences.



# Rotary Clubs Provide Hands-on Service, Funding

**Pulaski County Rotarians** volunteered at the Good Samaritan of the Ozarks food pantry.



**Springfield Sunrise Rotary** helped out at Isabel's House with various cleaning, landscaping and organizing projects on their to-do list.



**Jefferson City West Rotary** heard from their Rotary Youth Exchange student, Nina, who shared her experience in Jefferson City. They also provided donations from the club's successful Music Fest to the Boys & Girls Club of Jefferson City and Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association.



**Columbia South Rotary** assisted with packing food at The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri.

## Other News from Rotary Clubs in District 6080



*Matt Carver (in dark polo shirt) and Mark Register (right) did all the tough work of digging to just the perfect depth for the Kwanzan Cherry Tree.*



*Greg Boswell waters the tree while club members (left to right) Harry Antibus, Dale Yelton, Mark Register and Stan Bohon look on.*

**Sedalia Rotary** planted a Kwanzan Flowering Cherry Tree at the Sedalia Public Library in honor of Don Morton's decades of service to Rotary and the community. Don, who died in November, was the former Sedalia Public Library Director. He joined Rotary in 1966 and served two years as District 6080 secretary and nine years as the Sedalia Club secretary.

**Branson Daybreakers Rotary** (right) donated \$1,000 to Scout Troop 2001.

**Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary** (far right) had an offsite visit to the U.S. District Courthouse in Jefferson City.



*Susan Cook, executive director of Cole County's Habitat for Humanity, presents the keys to Sheen Gul Safi.*

**Fulton Rotarians** proudly watched on May 29 as the keys to a Habitat for Humanity home were turned over to Sheen Gul Safi, an Afghan refugee and father of 12. What began as a Fulton Rotary initiative to help four Afghan families settle in Fulton in 2021 grew to involve other organizations and churches. Volunteers have secured housing, furnishings, food and clothing, connected them with local services, enrolled the children in school and helped the men find jobs. Housing for the Safi family proved most difficult because of the size of the family, so Rotarians approached the Cole County Habitat for Humanity, which agreed to cross county lines and help out.



*The home that love built. Land was donated. Planning took six months and building by volunteers took a year.*



*This shirt, worn by a Habitat for Humanity volunteer, says it all.*



*Rotarian Andy Branson, project manager, opens thank you gifts, while his wife, Bonnie, looks on.*



*An Afghan boy wraps himself in the quilt he was given as a housewarming gift.*



*Young Afghan men carry furniture into the new house after the celebration.*