

# NEWSLETTER

“We are a diverse, active group of Rotarians who proudly and consistently support local and global projects”

March 20, 2020

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## This Week Mar 20

### Columbia South Meetings Cancelled until May 8

The CDC has released its recommendation that all events of 50 or more participants should be canceled for the next eight weeks. As a result, I am saddened to report that our District Conference which was originally planned for April 17 – 19 will also be canceled. Our Conference planning committee will convene early this week to begin our plans for an alternate approach for us to “Connect the District”, even if not fully in person as planned. While this is a disappointment, it will not slow down the connectedness we have as Rotarians, nor our passion to make a difference in our communities. More information will be forthcoming on the details impacting all who have already registered for the conference.

## Next Meeting May 8

**The Missourian, Past, Present & Future**  
**Ruby Bailey**

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C4BA8AF2FA7F85-weekly](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C4BA8AF2FA7F85-weekly)

**Thanks to all who have signed up.**

## Water and Sanitation Month

## Note from the Pres

After the CDC (Center for Disease Control) released new community guidelines, I am asking for your support in making the difficult decision to cancel Rotary meetings through May 1, with the intention of coming together as a club again on May 8. This would include meetings, socials and community service events sponsored by our club. We will continue to send out weekly correspondence, and if for some reason this community guidelines are lifted during this time period, we can get back together sooner than later.

I know some of you will support this decision and I know some of you may not, but this directly follows the guidelines of the CDC and the Governor of MO and, in my opinion, I think it would be irresponsible to go against them.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Yours in Rotary - Amy

## **Global Grant Approved**

Congratulations! Your global grant application for funding to will provide a 100,000-liter water tank, two (2) 6-stance line pit latrines with 2-washroom with a boy's urinal and Hand-Washing Stations each, renovations to the girls washroom, training in WASH programs for teachers, PTA, and school administration, operation and maintenance, and MHM., submitted by Kyotera and the Rotary Club of Columbia South, has been approved by The Rotary Foundation. The award is in the amount of US\$69,392.00.

## **RI vision statement:**

"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

## **Rotary is monitoring coronavirus outbreak**

Rotary is closely monitoring the outbreak of COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus, and continuously assessing the potential impact on Rotary operations, events, and training meetings. The annual convention is still scheduled for 6-10 June in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

**Notice –**

**The Show Me Rotary Leadership Council  
regretfully informs you that the  
Show Me Rotary Leadership Institute (PETS)  
scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
in Jefferson City, Missouri  
has been cancelled due to health concerns  
stemming from the Covid-19 coronavirus.**

**Information concerning the rescheduling of  
President-elect and other leader training  
will be communicated as available.**

**Every Rotarian Deserves a Trained Leader.**

## Family of Rotary

Joe Weston wrote:

Seeing both Bill Regan and Mel West was a great treat for all and recognizing them as Honorary Rotarians was meaningful for both of them. Bill and Mel have contributed ideas for service and helped implement those projects. Bill has been in our club nearly since its beginning and was instrumental in our first big project - the patient garden at Ellis Fischel Hospital on the Business Loop. Before coming to Columbia, Mel was a Rotarian (and club president) of the Golden City Rotary Club in his hometown.

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Columbia Rotary South,

In early February, you presented me with an honorary membership. The great support I received from Rotary South, my family, church and other friends was so important to my survival during my hospitalization and the rest of the past year. That support kept me going! Thank you so much for everything!!

It was my honor to be there to cheer for Mel West when he received his honorary membership! His years of leadership and forethought have made it possible for so many disadvantaged people to live functionally and have productive lives around the world. He is one of my personal heroes. It is wonderful to have him in our club!

Again, thank you for the honor. The past 30 years of membership in Columbia Rotary South have always been a privilege. Especially because of the outstanding people who are members!

Sincerely,

Bill Regan

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Bill's nice letter caused me to realize that I had not likewise responded to the gracious acts of Rotary South toward me. So many wonderful things have happened to me since I joined Rotary South.

John Wesley said, "If your heart is as my heart, give me your hand." In Rotary I found hearts that were as my heart and we joined hands.

It is always a most satisfying experience to be in a room filled with persons who are of like mind and spirit. When the goals and dreams of one's religion and one's social service group are one and the same, it adds power and direction to one's life.

Thank you, Rotary South, for all you have done to make the "after 90" years of my life some of its best.

Mel

## Bill Regan

Here is where you can reach Bill in the Augusta GA area:

Bill Regan; c/o Julie Miller 3784 Dunn Court; Applying, GA. 30802

## Rotary for Life

Our interest in working with Organ Donations began with the late Tom Thomas, our club's charter president and recipient of a donated heart at St. Luke's.

Columbia Rotary South has carried the local education and awareness effort forward since Tom died in 2016

## Gates Foundation

Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are renewing their partnership to end polio. Under the agreement, Rotary is committed to raising \$50 million a year over the next three years, and each dollar will be matched with an additional two dollars by the Gates Foundation. The extended partnership will raise an additional \$150 million for polio eradication every year for three years. Donate today and your contribution will be tripled.

## PolioPlus

When we talk about PolioPlus, we know we are eradicating polio, but do we realize how many added benefits the program brings? The “plus” is something else that is provided as a part of the polio eradication campaign. It might be a hand-operated tricycle or access to water. It might be additional medical treatment, bed nets, or soap.

The second of three strains of wild poliovirus is eradicated

An independent commission of experts announced on World Polio Day, 24 October, that wild poliovirus type 3 has been eradicated worldwide. It is the second strain of poliovirus to be wiped out, after wild poliovirus type 2 was certified as eradicated in 2015. Type 3 was last detected in northern Nigeria in 2012. Since then, the strength and reach of the polio eradication program's global surveillance system has been critical in verifying that the strain is truly gone. Investing in staffing, innovative tools, and a global network of laboratories helped us determine that type 3 is no longer a threat.

## St Baldrick Foundation

EVERY 2 MINUTES SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD A CHILD IS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER. ALL DAY, EVERY DAY - about the time needed to log onto your laptop, order a coffee, or brush your teeth. It's also about the time it takes to have your head shaved to support childhood cancer research. Participate in a St. Baldrick's head-shaving event near you.



### HELP!

This little boy is sick from chemotherapy. His big sister has empathy for him, Mom and Dad, in the other room are heart-broken. I also have empathy for him, the reason I will have my head shaved in the next 3 weeks. I will then be with him in baldness.

In the past 55 years childhood cancer cure rates have gone from 100% mortality to 20%; this for certain cancers. Dollar contributions have funded research enabling more children to survive. The **St. Baldrick's Foundation** is the second largest funder of childhood cancer research, second only to the United States government. They funded \$17.5 million last year in new grants. Since their inception in 2005 they have funded \$275 million in research.

As a **St. Baldrick's** Shavee I will again have my head shaved so that this little boy is not alone in being bald. I and other Shavee's raise funds through head-shaving enabling the **St. Baldrick's Foundation** to fund research grants at research facilities such as the University of Missouri. Dollars are needed to fund even further continuing research.

Giving philanthropy is personal. To the extent that you also have empathy for this little boy and his family, a gift of \$100 will fund 4 hours of a clinical trial. Any amount will be a great help.

Make checks payable to: **The St. Baldricks' Foundation** and mail them to Raymond E. Plue at 2805 Butternut Ct., Columbia, MO 65201. I will turn in the checks on April 04.

## Interact

### **Take action, build international understanding, and make new friends around the world.**

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of **Service Above Self**. Find out how serious leadership can be seriously fun.

#### **What are the benefits?**

Connect with leaders in your community and around the world to:

- Take action to make a difference in your school and community
- Discover new cultures and promote international understanding
- Become a leader in your school and community
- Have fun and make new friends from around the world

#### **What's involved?**

Interact clubs organize at least two projects every year, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. Rotary club sponsors mentor and guide Interactors as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills.

Celebrate the global impact of Interact by getting involved in:

- World Interact Week
- Interact Video Awards
- Rotary Youth Day at the United Nations
- Global Youth Service Day

#### **Interact at Rock Bridge**

The Rock Bridge Interact Club is a high school-based Club and sponsored by Columbia Rotary South.

The Club has different community service activities:

- working together with Rock Bridge Reaches out
- Mobility WorldWide
- Baking for the Police
- Increasing Internship Opportunities for RB Students
- Bell Ringing with Rotary for the Salvation Army
- Christmas Drive for the City of Refuge
- Earth Day
- MHDay Walk

President: Shruti Gautam

#### **How do I join?**

Check with your school and contact the Interact club to find out how you can join its next meeting, service project, or community event.

Contact us

[shrutigaut2003@gmail.com](mailto:shrutigaut2003@gmail.com)

<http://columbiarotarysouth.org/interact-at-rockbridge/>

## Member Orientation

**We ask new members to do the following: How many have you done?**

**Be a Greeter; Give your Classification Talk; Attend a Board Meeting**

**Attend a Committee Meeting and Join One; Make up at another Rotary meeting**

**Invite a guest to Rotary; Attend a Fellowship event; Participate in a Club Service Project; Attend a District Seminar or Conference; Get involved and enjoy Rotary**

## **The Four-Way Test**

**OF THE THINGS** we think, say, or do:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**