



Rotary International District 6060, Jerry W. McClanahan Records (CG0043)

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Abstract: The Rotary International District 6060, Jerry W. McClanahan Records contains records from Rotary International District 6060 and the individual clubs within its jurisdiction. It includes meeting minutes, individual club newsletters, correspondence, directories, membership information, conference materials, and promotional resources.

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Historical Note:

Rotary International, a service organization founded in 1905, encompasses 1.2 million members and more than 35,000 clubs worldwide. The mission of the organization is to address and solve a variety of issues through projects that promote peace, education, sanitation, healthcare, and economic opportunity. Rotary International District 6060, which largely comprises the eastern and southeastern regions of Missouri, currently holds 51 clubs and represents around 2,000 Rotarians. The origins of District 6060 can be traced back to a piano dealer named Bruno Batt, who founded the St. Louis Rotary Club on February 22, 1910. Following the charter of the St. Louis Rotary Club, other rotary clubs began forming in eastern and central portions of Missouri. As more organizations were founded, geographic districts were formed. The number of districts, and the boundaries they encompassed, have changed over the years. For most of the twentieth century, rotary clubs in eastern and central Missouri belonged to District 6050. Substantial boundary changes during Rotary year 1999-2000 resulted in the formation of District 6060.

The leadership within Rotary International includes a Rotary International president, district governors, and individual club presidents. All tiers of leadership are comprised of volunteers. District 6060, and the districts that formerly comprised this service region, has included several notable leaders, such as Robert E. Lee Hill (Rotary International President, 1934-1935) and Ray Klinginsmith (Rotary International President, 2010-2011).

Jerry W. McClanahan was born on February 29, 1940. He became a member of the Cape Girardeau West Rotary Club in 1976. He has served in a variety of positions in both the club and the district. He was a member of the club board, served as club president in 1983-1984, and was a team leader of a Group Study Exchange to Nigeria in 1991. He became District Governor in 2002-2003. He married Barbara Ann Cossou on February 20, 1960. Barbara was born in Saginaw, Michigan, on August 29, 1942, and worked in the Cape Girardeau school district as a language pathologist until 2003. She passed away on March 7, 2020. She is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Bell City, Missouri.

Projects promoted by District 6060 today include initiatives such as the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program, Community Assistance Program (CAP) Grants, and the Missouri Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA).

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 4 series:

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Conferences
Individual Clubs
Activities, Promotional and other papers

Scope and Content Note:**Administration**

This series contains materials related to the administrative tasks and objectives of Rotary District 6060. Material in this series encompasses the years 1983 and 1991 to 2007. It includes advisory board meeting minutes, newsletters, correspondence, District Leadership Council meeting

records, planning guides, directories, and membership logs. Many of the records in this series were created during Jerry McClanahan's governorship of District 6060, including district governor correspondence in folder 04 and an inauguration address in folder 13. Other records in this series include an office building feasibility study for the southeast district of the United Methodist Church, information pertaining to the Council on Legislation, and club membership retention and development records.

Conferences

This series consists of materials pertaining to conferences organized by Rotary International. Material in this series encompasses the years 1998 to 2012. It includes records from Show-Me Rotary Leadership Institute meetings, annual district conferences, and Rotary International convention programs. Conferences of interest in this series include records from the 2003 annual district conference in Cape Girardeau, the 2005 Missouri joint district conference, and material from the Rotary International Convention in Barcelona, Spain (2002) and convention in Brisbane, Australia (2003).

Individual Clubs

This series contains records from individual clubs within Rotary District 6060. Material in this series encompasses the years 1951 and 2001-2007. It includes newsletters, programs, and reports from a variety of Rotary clubs in eastern and southeastern Missouri. Of interest in this series are charter documents for the Rotary Club of St. Louis County, membership lists for Cape West Rotary Club, Rotary Club of St. Peter's, and Jackson Rotary Club, and correspondence regarding the disbandment of Rotary clubs in Malden and University City.

Activities, Promotional and other papers

This series contains records of activities, promotions, and other efforts conducted within Rotary International District 6060. Material in this series encompasses the years 1987-1988, 1991, and 1998-2010. It includes records pertaining to the Rotary Foundation, group study exchanges, polio eradication campaign efforts, soapbox derby programs, and awards. Other papers include condolences for the death of Randy Carnahan, information regarding the candidacy of Dr. Dan B. Cotner for Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award, and obituaries for former Rotary district governor George Gillerman.

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