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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

My first statement to all of you in District 6270 as your new Governor is this.....I am so very proud to take over this position and look forward towards working with all of you to strengthen our clubs....to share the passion that I have for Rotary....and by all means to HAVE FUN !!

Yes, we will have a monthly newsletter and it will be made available both on our website and hard copies sent to your clubs. Please feel free to send articles to Sandy Shultz, the District's Administrative Assistant. This is, after all, your newsletter. Let's all utilize it as an effective communications tool to keep us all aware of what the clubs are doing throughout the district. Sandy's e-mail is sanshu@aol.com

RI President Wilf Wilkinson's theme this year is Rotary Shares...and indeed we do. As Wilf also likes to say, "the magic of Rotary is that it allows ordinary people to do extraordinary things". This year my goals for this district are as follows:

1. First, is to hopefully create a passion for Rotary.
2. Expand the offerings available in our World Community Service by 20% and communicate the projects available throughout the district.
3. Take on the Shelter Box program and Flour Power as district emphases (more on these in later issues).
4. Expand the youth programs, more Interact, and start a Rotaract in the Milwaukee area.
5. Reconnect with the past ambassadorial scholars, GSE team members as potential speakers (at our clubs and district events) and members.
6. Encourage more cooperation between clubs to work on projects together.
7. To form two new clubs centered around certain types of interest groups (e.g. A young professionals club and a Hispanic business persons club).
8. Encourage greater participation at our District events. We need to know what is going

on and what resources are available. In that regard, our next District gathering is our Fall Seminar. This will be held on Saturday morning on October 13th at the Slinger Middle School. Watch for the flyers in the next couple of weeks. We need to have as many of you there as possible so as to be able to learn from one another. The fewer of you that come, the fewer opportunities we have to interact and to learn. So please come !!

I look forward to meeting with all of you during my club visits. I hope as many of you attend those meetings as possible. I promise to make them upbeat and positive. Thanks for all you do.

Your friend in Rotary,
DG Ted

Group Study Exchange – Applicants Needed

Currently, District 6270 is seeking Rotarians to lead the two (yes, two) GSE teams to Korea and to the Philippines. Outgoing District Governor Mike Slawny decided that our district could send an additional GSE Team, so our second match is to the Philippines. We all need to be talking to suitable young people, who have no "blood" connections to current Rotarians and who are between the ages of 25-40. All of us as Rotarians need to assist the district GSE Committee in locating, recruiting and assisting these young people to serve as our representatives and ambassadors of Rotary, Southeastern Wisconsin and the United States in Korea and the Philippines. Remember we will need clubs to serve as hosts to the visiting GSE teams. If you need assistance or have questions about these wonderful and exciting GSE responsibilities please contact: Erik Moeser, Judy Marquardt, Alice Sedgwick or Jim Ford. The deadline for GSE team applicants is 9/24/2007.

2009 Rotary Convention Site change

Were you planning on going to the June 2009 convention in Seoul Korea? Sorry to disappoint you – the 2009 site has been changed to Birmingham, England by the RI Trustees at the conclusion of the 2007 convention. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

“Rotary Shares” Leadership

Welcome to Nita Krenz – Assistant Governor in Zone C. Here are some of Nita’s thoughts:

“As a new Assistant Governor, I'm thrilled to take on the position. There are some definite challenges, but my first goal, one that may be hard to measure, will be to try to bring clubs back into the Rotary International fold. They're all great local service clubs, but I think some clubs, and some individual Rotarians, don't feel connected with the district and with Rotary International. This may be a flaw in our recruiting of members. We talk to them about our meeting programs, about the camaraderie, about local projects, but I'm not sure we make them aware of the big picture. Then the DG shows up and asks for \$100 EREY. I hope to raise the level of enthusiasm for, and knowledge of, Rotary International.”

Seeking -- Interested Rotarians

The District 6270 leadership team is seeking Rotarians who would be interested in getting involved more with Rotary on the District level. There are and will be openings for people to serve on different committees, in coordinator positions, assistant governor positions, trainers, youth protection committee and other key positions. If you are interested or know other Rotarians that may be interested in getting involved more in Rotary activities, here is an invitation to serve and to share Rotary with others. Please contact any assistant governor, or DG Ted, DGE Tamie, DGN Bill or PDG Mike.

SPECIAL SPEAKER AT DELAVAN DARIEN ROTARY CLUB

On Monday, July 9th, Father Clarkson Vincent of the Catholic Diocese of Nakuru, Kenya, spoke to the Delavan-Darien Rotary Club at Lake Lawn Resort. Father Vincent is a missionary in Kenya and gave a very moving talk to assembled Rotarians. He runs 4 orphanages with 60 children in each. Many of the children are orphaned because of AIDS. The average life expectancy in Kenya for a man is 46 years. Father Vincent explained that

many people in Kenya do not acknowledge that AIDS exists, even though they are being educated about the disease. The state of children in Kenya, stressed Father Vincent, is pathetic. One in every three is a child worker and has only one meal a day. Many suffer parental neglect and are orphans at much great risk of contacting HIV/AIDS.

The majority of children in Father Vincent's region have ended up in the streets as their only home. This is a result of the death of their parents and being abandoned by their families and relatives. These young people are considered by many as the rejects of society and are shunned and avoided by most. Father Vincent's goal is to provide homes for these abandoned children. The Delavan-Darien Rotary Club has pledged support for 10 children for one year, a total of \$2100.00. For those interested to helping Father Vincent's orphanage, the local address for donations is: St. Benedict Parish, 137 Dewey Ave, Fontana, WI 53125. In the memo write: Fr. Clarkson orphanage. This project is a typical example of the International Service Committee's work at the Delavan-Darien Rotary Club. The Rotary Club meets at Lake Lawn Resort at noon every Monday.

--John Scherer



Delavan Darien Rotary Club members with Father Vincent at the center.

CLUB SECRETARIES:

Please remember to send in your club’s attendance report by the 15th of each month (e.g. August attendance report should be submitted by the 15th of September). Please email, fax or mail them to Sandy Shultz (sanshu@aol.com; 414-543-4288; 10405 W. Manor Park Drive, West Allis, WI 53227).

DISTRICT 6270 EXECUTIVE MEETING



On August 7, 2007, the District 6270 Executive Committee met at M.J. Stevens Restaurant in Slinger, WI for its regularly scheduled meeting. Attending were DG Ted Gurzynski, DGE Tamie Koop, DGN Bill Wresch, PDG Cathy Zimmerman, PDG Margie Wittkopp, District Secretary and PDG Bob Hosch, District Treasurer John Scherer and District Foundation Chair Bob Nolan.

After routine business, Foundation Chair Bob Nolan told the committee that District 6270's per capita giving in Rotary Year 2006-07 for the Foundation reached \$80.00 per Rotarian...a significant increase over the previous year! Additionally, the District Simplified Grant amount for Rotary Year 2007-08 will be \$21,170. District Simplified Grants are from the Rotary Foundation for worthwhile projects in District 6270. A district committee selected recipients for these grants. Checks will be distributed to clubs in late September or early October.

DG Ted gave his report and has visited 10 clubs already in the district. He also recently visited the first of RI President's Wilf Wilkenson's membership seminars in South Bend Indiana. Six Rotarians from District 6270 attended the fast-paced seminar that featured strategies to recruit and retain high-quality Rotarians. DG Ted also will be forming a District Strategic Plan Committee to help District 6270 plan for future years.

The next District Executive Committee Meeting will be at M.J. Stevens on November 28, 2007 at 4:00 PM.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP MEETING

Twenty-six Rotarians attended the District Leadership Meeting on August 7, 2007 at M.J. Stevens Restaurant, Slinger, WI. DG Ted asked all members of the District 6270 Leadership Team to this meeting to set the tone for his year as District Governor. DG Ted said, "I wanted

the team to be on the same page". He also set his expectations for the year, asking Rotarians, "If I ask you to do something, I expect you to do it". DG Ted explained that he had small but measurable goals for his year as DG. He stated that he will give progress reports throughout the year to help keep all of us accountable. DG Ted introduced six new positions to the District Leadership team, an outgrowth of RI President Wilf Wilkenson's emphasis on Literacy, Youth, Hunger, Water, Health and Family of Rotary. Joining the District Leadership team as District Coordinators are: Literacy, Barb Felix; Youth, Marty Janssen; Hunger, Jim Thorsen; Water, Rob Bassett; Health, Fred Wittenberger and Family of Rotary, Liz Nevit.

Turning to the assembled Assistant Governors, DG Ted asked that AGs continue to be heavily involved in their clubs. He also asked for help from the AG's to ensure club presidents get their planning guides into the District Governor. As of August 7th, only 23 of 58 clubs had turned in their planning guides. Additionally, the Foundation Goal Sheet is important for each club. Thirty-two of 58 clubs have turned in their Foundation giving goals. Of the 32 Foundation goals received, notably 28 of them had at least the \$100.00 per capita giving for the Foundation.

DG Ted also asked District Committee Chairs to ensure their committees have a good succession plan. DG Ted will also be working with the 7 Rotary Clubs within 10 miles in the Milwaukee area, urging them to work together. Perhaps establishing Rotaract and Interact Clubs in the Milwaukee area will be an example of working together. Ted also encouraged District Clubs to reconnect with former exchange students and Ambassadorial Scholarship recipients as they make outstanding Rotarians.

New District World Community Service Chair PDG Mike Slawny will be working on increasing the number of countries that the district provides support.

DG Ted closed the meeting by urging Rotarians to help create a passion for Rotary. Rotarians have done great things for the world--like the eradication of polio! After a great buffet meal, the 26 members of the district leadership team left motivated to make Rotary better.



District Governor Nominations

Now is the time to nominate one of your past presidents to be a candidate for District Governor for the Rotary year 2010-11. The application deadline is November 1, 2007.

The successful candidate will experience a once in a lifetime opportunity as THE officer of Rotary International in District 6270. He/she will have the fantastic opportunity to meet and work closely with all of the Rotarians and clubs in District 6270, as well as forming new life long friendships with 500+ other governors from throughout the world of Rotary International.

To qualify as a candidate, a Rotarian must meet these basic criteria:

1. Be a member in good standing (except honorary) of a Rotary club that is in good standing with Rotary International.
2. Have served one full term as club president.
3. Have completed at least seven years of membership in one or more Rotary clubs.
4. Must attend the international assembly for its full duration just prior to taking office.

Duties of a Governor

The governor is charged with the duty of furthering the Object of RI in exercising direct supervision of the clubs in the district. The governor shall be responsible for the following activities in the district.

- a) organizing new clubs;
- b) strengthening existing clubs;
- c) promoting cordial relations between clubs and between the clubs and RI;
- d) planning for and presiding at the district conference and assisting the governor-elect in the planning and preparation for the presidents-elect training and district assembly;

- e) personally visiting every club as early in the year as possible, but preferably during the first six months;
- f) issuing a monthly letter to each club president and secretary in the district;
- g) reporting promptly to RI as may be required by the president or the board;
- h) supplying the governor-elect, prior to the international assembly, full information as to the condition of clubs with recommended action for strengthening clubs;
- i) transferring continuing district files to the governor-elect; and
- j) performing such other duties as are inherent as the officer of RI.

Look around, Rotarians! There are highly qualified leaders in District 6270 who meet these qualifications.

If you know of a Rotarian meeting the above qualifications, take the initiative today, and talk to that person about becoming a candidate for Governor, then contact PDG Margaret Wittkopp, PDG Mike Slawny or the District Office for the application form.

Council on Legislation

In the spring of 2010, the next Council on Legislation will convene. To qualify as the District Representative to the council one must be a past officer of Rotary International, and be a member in good standing, in a club within the district represented.

Under the new rules the selection of the Council Representative and the alternate will be done by the nominating committee. Any interested past district governor should have his /her club submit their name to Margaret Wittkopp or Mike Slawny, for consideration by the nominating committee. The deadline is November 1, 2007.

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

- Have you ever observed a trial where a deaf person has assistance from a person who is “signing”? Debra Gorra has been a professional translator in the court system for over 20 years. Debra can be reached at 414-881-1244.
- Do you remember “Joe on the Go” at Fox Channel 6 in Milwaukee? He was at the District Conference In Lake Geneva. Joe is a great resource advising how you communicate with the media. He can be reached at LaBarbera Media Group 262-264-0767.
- Harvey Padek runs a Post Polio Resources Group at 262-240-1037
- Do you want to arrange for Steve Marcus, CEO of Marcus Corp? Please contact Adrienne Cox at 414-905-1530.
- Contact Milwaukee Magazine contributor Tom Bamberger to hear his architectural comments regarding the Milwaukee area. He has also been the curator of Photography at the Milwaukee Art Museum. He will also talk about the changing demographics of suburbs and urban areas. He can be reached at 414-975-5711.
- Does your club have members who enjoy Vodka? Guy Reyhorst, Founder and Distiller will talk and sample Reyhorst Vodka. This distillery is the first one in Wisconsin since Prohibition. This is a vodka made exclusively with Wisconsin products. Guy can be reached at 414-431-1637.
- Doug Neilson, President and CEO, VISIT MILWAUKEE.. He can be reached on 414-287-4233.
- Bridget Clementi directs the Children’s Health Education Center. Some Rotarians may remember that this was a Rotary supported project. It is now a part of Children’s Hospital. Bridget states that they provide children’s safety education on a statewide basis. She can be reached at 414-390-2177. Children’s Hospital, located in Wauwatosa, has satellites in Kenosha and Fox Valley.
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- Dr. Jim Burkee, PhD. And Dr. Jeff Walz, are 2 professors at Concordia University with political views at opposite ends of the spectrum. They have formed Americans for Responsibility in Washington. Their mission is to clean up the negativity and shallowness of political campaigns. To hear their interesting program you can contact Jim at 262-573-9462.

READ YOUR NEWSPAPER

Many program ideas come from a newspaper. Many people in the news are happy to accommodate a Rotary Club request.

ASK YOUR MEMBERS

Ask your club members ‘Who do you know?’ Perhaps it is an interesting client.

CLASSIFICATION TALK

Ask your members for a classification talk. This is an opportunity for your club membership to learn about other members. It is also a wonderful opportunity to provide a free commercial. Allow 10-15 minutes. schedule this in conjunction with a business meeting. Perhaps a max of two classification talks per meeting. Schedule this once a month. You may also wish to do an after work classification “wine and cheese” hosted at the member’s place of business.

REMINDER—RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT

- Please remember that the quality of your PROGRAMS DRIVES MEMBERSHIP. By maintaining these quality programs, you retain current members and attract new members. Insure that your club gets the word out about your outstanding programs. Appoint a public relations/media relations person to disseminate a press release. Where else can you attend a weekly breakfast or luncheon with an outstanding speaker, at such a low cost?

Please feel free to contact me for program suggestions, assistance with your programs or anything else that I might be able to help you with.

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DISTRICT 6270 CALENDAR 2007-2008

- September 3-5, 2007 - DGE Training, Quad Cities,
Davenport, IA
- September 6-9, 2007 - Zone Institute, Quad Cities, \
Davenport, IA
- October 13, 2007 - Fall District Seminar, Slinger Middle
School, Slinger, WI
- March 8-9, 2008 - Tri-District PETS, Radisson Hotel,
Appleton
- April 19, 2008 - District Assembly, Slinger Middle School
- April 1 – 30, 2008 - Group Study Exchange – Outbound –
South Korea. Tentative – Philippines
- April 30 – May 30, 2008 - Group Study Exchange – Inbound
- South Korea. Tentative - Philippines
- May 16-18, 2008 - District Conference, Grand Geneva, Lake
Geneva, WI
- June 15-18, 2008 - Rotary International Convention –
Los Angeles, California
- June 21-27, 2008 - World Affairs Seminar –
UW-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI
- April 24-26, 2009 - District Conference,
Osthoff, Elkhart Lake

On the road to LA

Don't miss the chance to "See the Stars" in Los Angeles at the 99th annual RI Convention, June 15-18, 2008. Plan on attending NOW! I personally want to urge all Rotarians in District 6270 to sign up for the host hospitality event on Monday evening for \$10.00! Make sure to add this event on your form!! Let's have a super representation of our district out in LA at the end of Route 66!

Make sure you sign up online before October 1st of 2007, and you'll receive a special, limited edition "Star Voyager" pin. Tell your Rotarian colleagues and help them get registered! So you can share Rotary in 2007-08 as *Rotary Shares* with you. To register today, visit www.rotary2008.org or the Rotary International website and click on the link.

At the convention, you and your family will meet old friends and make new ones, all while learning about great Rotary projects and opportunities. Los Angeles, the second largest U.S. city, is the entertainment capital of the world. In L.A., you'll enjoy world-class restaurants, pleasant weather, and dozens of attractions. There are many unique opportunities to register for this convention.

If you need assistance or have questions, please feel free to contact me. Tamie Koop, District 6270, DGE tkoop@wi.rr.com or 262-542-4471.

TIME DATED MATERIAL

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