



## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

During the past month it has been my pleasure to meet with the following clubs: New Berlin, Fond du Lac Noon, Princeton, Whitnall Park, Fond du Lac Morning, Neenah, Menomonee Falls, Waukesha Sunrise, Lake Geneva, and Mukwonago. As expected I was warmly welcomed at all of the clubs. I am always amazed at the difference in our clubs and yet all are working towards the same goals of service above self, service to the community, and service to the communities of the world. I am coming to the belief that it is our diversity that gives us our strength.

August was Membership Month. What did you and your club do to Lead the Way in Membership? How many qualified individuals were invited to attend your meetings and join this wonderful organization of ours? Don't stop just because Membership month is over! We should all be looking for prospective members all year round. Does your club have an active Membership Committee? If not, talk to your president about forming one. Rotarians are prepared to share and give; they offer friendship and opportunities to all people to make the world a better place to live. Membership is the greatest asset of the greatest service organization in the world. Won't you please share the joy of Rotary membership with others?

Remember, in order for your club to receive the Presidential Citation, the club must demonstrate a "plus one" net membership growth for the year.

In the August issue of Rotarian Magazine, President Bill Boyd was quoted as saying, "I believe the best way to strengthen our numbers isn't by focusing on our numbers – it's by focusing on our clubs. A truly strong club offers opportunities for friendship, fellowship, and meaningful service. It offers new connections within a community and a chance to meet like-minded friends, the kind of friends who will still be close decades from now."

On the Rotary calendar, September is New Generations month. This means working with and planning for Rotaract, Interact, and Youth Exchange activities. However, as President Boyd suggests, this would also be a perfect time to focus on our clubs. A perfect time to take a serious look at our clubs and decide if they are what the new generation of Rotarians is looking for.

What are you doing to 'Lead the Way'?

Yours in Service  
Mike Slawny

## FOUNDATION CORNER

Effective October 1, 2006, The Rotary Foundation will have a new address for receiving contributions:

The Rotary Foundation  
14280 Collections Center Drive  
Chicago, IL 60693

The Share System is the mechanism through which Rotary Foundation program awards are distributed worldwide. In the Share System Annual Programs Fund contributions to the Foundation (EREY) are transformed into Ambassadorial Scholarships, Matching Grants, Group Study Exchanges and more.

Annual Programs Fund contributions are invested for three years and used for programs three years after they are received. The three-year cycle gives the districts time for program planning and participant selection and allows the Foundation to pay for administration and fund development costs from the earnings from those investments.

At the end of every contribution year, each Rotary District's contributions to the Annual Program Fund are divided into two funds: 50 percent to the World Fund and 50 percent to the District Designated Fund (DDF).

The 50 percent to the World Fund pays for worldwide programs available to all Rotary districts and clubs regardless of specific contributions. The remaining 50 percent is used by the district to fund the Foundation programs it chooses to participate

in, such as Ambassadorial Scholarships, credit toward the sponsorship of a Matching Grant, or an additional Group Study Exchange, and is called "DDF". Clubs can access these funds through the district Rotary Foundation Committee.

## DISTRICT EXECUTIVE MEETING



The District 6270 Executive Committee met at Lohmann's, Menomonee Falls, WI on Aug 16, 2006. Present were District Governor Mike Slawny, Past District Governors Margaret Wittkopp and Jim Garvens, District Governor Elect Ted Gurzynski, District Foundation Chair Dave Laske, District Secretary and PDG Bob Hosch, and District Treasurer John Scherer.

After approving minutes from the previous meeting, the Exec Committee approved an increase in assessment to district clubs for the PETS seminar. The tuition for PETS had increased to \$225 two years ago and the district had only billed clubs \$175. The fall district dues billing to clubs will include a one time charge of \$100 to recoup the increase in PETS tuition. The district treasurer will enclose a letter explaining this to each club as part of the billing cycle.

The District Foundation Chair, Dave Laske, reported that Foundation contributions for the district are looking good. In fact, District Simplified Grants for 2007-08 and 2008-09 will be up to \$21,170 and \$24,542 respectively. This compares favorably to 2005-06--\$11,076--and 2006-07 which was \$14,506. "This is good news for the District", stated DG Mike. However, our per capita giving for Rotary Year 2005-06 in district 6270 for EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) contributions to the Foundation was \$69.23. "This places us 10th of 11 districts in Zone 27 explained DG Mike. I urge all district 6270 Rotarians to support EREY and help improve our district wide per-capita giving".

District Secretary Bob Hosch updated the Executive Committee on the Youth Protection Program for the District. Good progress is being made certifying clubs that are involved in youth exchange activities. The District will implement a 24/7 800 number that Rotary Exchange Students can use to report any problems.

After updating the district calendar, the committee enjoyed a meal at Lohmanns. The next executive committee meeting is scheduled for November 29th at Lohmanns.

## BROOKFIELD ROTARY PUBLISHES HISTORY BOOK



The Rotary Club of Brookfield's newly published book is presented by Paul Hundt to incoming president Trace Tendick at the club's Changing of the Guard Dinner. Paul was the editor of the book and led a group of eight Rotarians in this endeavor. The 154-page book covers the facts and photographs of the personalities and events of the club back to its founding in 1962. It also explains and includes photographs of all its past and ongoing projects and programs. Selected quotations from Paul Harris, Abraham Lincoln, and others, as well as artistic touches, give it a quality, professional look. Copies have been made available to present and former members. New members will also get a copy. Copies are available from Sandy Shultz, club administrative assistant, at [sanshu@aol.com](mailto:sanshu@aol.com). Other clubs may want this input in their club history-writing efforts.

# **AWARDS PRESENTED BY THIENSVILLE-MEQUON ROTARY CLUB**

The following awards were made at the Family Day/Changing of the Guard at Mequon Rotary Park on July 18, 2006, announced by Awards Committee Chair, Nancy Witte-Dycus:

Rotarian of the Year: Roger M. Kirgues

Service Above Self: Gregory Sommersberger

Honorary Paul Harris Fellow:

Ramon H MacFarlane

All our members offer our congratulations to our fellow members on their dedication to all our club efforts on behalf of our community, and especially to our leaders named here for their extraordinary efforts on behalf of our club.

## **Rotary Group Study Exchange Seeking Candidates**

The Group Study Exchange program, sponsored by Rotary International, is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business and professional men and women ages 25 – 40. The program is designed to promote peace and understanding between cultures, develop professional and leadership skills that will better prepare young people to address the needs of their communities and an increasingly global workplace. This year, District 6270 is sending a Rotarian leader, plus four non-Rotarians from southeastern Wisconsin to Bahia, Brazil from approximately March 24 – April 25, 2007.

Additional information and applications can be found on the Rotary International website <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse/index.html>. The application deadline is September 25, 2006. All interested applicants must have their candidacy endorsed by a local Rotary club in District 6270.

We are excited to announce that Stacy Harriott has been chosen as the GSE team leader to Brazil spring 2007. Stacy is a member of the Sheboygan Rotary Club and has extensive international experience having traveled with her family while her father served in the military and then having lived in Jamaica for 5 years. We are

confident that she will successfully lead and represent District 2670. Dee Fiske, Lake Geneva club, has been chosen as the alternate in the event that Stacy is not able to fulfill the commitment. Both individuals are now responsible to train and prepare 4 non-Rotarians from our district to share southeastern Wisconsin's economic and cultural wealth with Rotarians in District 4550, Bahia, Brazil. Now that we have a team leader, it is time to recruit team members. The deadline to apply is September 25, 2006. Applications can be sent to either Erik Moeser (262-252-3693) or myself.

Judy Marquardt

District 6270 Group Study Exchange Co-Chair  
(920-457-4258 or 920-254-8833)

## **The 98<sup>th</sup> Annual RI Convention – June 17-20, 2007**

The Wild West is the setting for the 98th annual RI Convention, slated for 17-20 June 2007. But you won't find anything rough or unsophisticated about Salt Lake City. Utah's state capital boasts all the amenities of a big city — world-class accommodations, entertainment, dining, and culture — as well as the family atmosphere and safety of a small town. And like Rotary itself, Salt Lake City offers a welcoming environment with more than 80 languages spoken by its citizens.

Known as the Crossroads of the West, this cosmopolitan U.S. city makes an ideal base camp for visiting the many natural attractions and historic sites nearby. Stay in the city and visit the Olympic Legacy Plaza, historic Temple Square, or the Family History Library. Or take to the road and tour one of 15 scenic national parks, including Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, and Arches, and historic monuments within a day's drive of Salt Lake City.

Why not make this year's convention a family affair and plan a vacation before or after the meeting? It's a unique chance to involve your family in the international family of Rotary. In addition to the city's many family-friendly venues, including the Children's Museum of Utah, Clark Planetarium, and Utah's Hogle Zoo, the Salt Lake City convention offers a variety of activities and events sure to please everyone.

## A GOOD EXAMPLE OF SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Eugene Albee, a member of Burlington Rotary Club, recently resigned as club secretary after serving in that position for 48 years! Gene says he is training someone to take over his position, but will remain a member of the club. What a great example of "Leading the Way"! Thanks, Gene!

## 2007 WORLD AFFAIRS SEMINAR

District 6270 has provided a subsidy enabling each club to sponsor one well qualified high school sophomore, junior, or senior student at the 31<sup>st</sup> annual World Affairs Seminar ("WAS") next June 16-22, 2007 at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at a very affordable cost.

The District \$250 per club scholarship fee grant means that your club will pay just \$215 for your first selected student. The regular 2007 fee is \$465. Multiple student group and early payment discounts are available.

The very timely theme for 2007 is:

### GLOBAL HEALTH:

#### Rx for Survival—Who's Responsible?

Please encourage your Youth Committee to jump on this opportunity. Let Rotary *Lead the Way* to WAS in your area schools...public, private, home, and parochial.

For more information, visit the WAS website: [www.worldaffairsseminar.org](http://www.worldaffairsseminar.org) or contact PDG Rick Luedke, General Manager, by toll free phone: 888-404-4049 or by email: [luedkef@uww.edu](mailto:luedkef@uww.edu)

## 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 2009-10. The application deadline is October 1, 2006.

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 lifelong 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 and talk to that person about becoming a candidate for Governor. Then contact PDG Margaret Wittkopp (phone: 920-893-5262 (W); 920-892-6583; email: [Margaret.Wittkopp@lpl.com](mailto:Margaret.Wittkopp@lpl.com)).

## DEHAVAN-DARIEN ROTARIAN ESTABLISHES DENTAL CLINIC



Dr. Prakash at the clinic

Thirty-five year Delavan-Darien Rotary Club member, Dr. Prakash Chadha has established, at his own expense, a dental clinic in Dayalbagh, India. Dayalbagh is a suburb of the Agra City Area of India. Rotarian Prakash, chair of the International Service Committee of the Delavan Darien Rotary Club, had the idea to establish a dental clinic in Dayalbagh to help children who could not afford dental care. The dental clinic is up and running with two dental chairs, a small laboratory and a waiting area. Rotarian Prakash has been taking equipment from Wisconsin during his frequent visits to his native India. Recently the Delavan-Darien Rotary Club received a District Simplified Grant to help buy supplies for the clinic. Prakash's current emphasis is applying sealants on children's teeth. The clinic will accept any and all patients, regardless of their ability to pay. This project is an outstanding example of what one committed Rotarian can accomplish!

## RI ANNOUNCES NEW PR GRANT

As part of the campaign to improve Rotary's public image, the RI Board of Directors has allocated funds to assist clubs in their local media outreach efforts. With the funds, clubs are encouraged to promote Rotary by putting up Rotary billboards or placing Rotary ads, supplements, the RI prepared TV and Radio public service announcements in their local newspapers, TV and radio stations. Each club can apply for a grant up to US \$3,000. Applications are due by 31 October 2006

The grant program started last year. Thanks to the help of Rotarians around the world, we had a

very successful year. Rotary clubs from over 30 countries, none in the US, have taken advantage of the funds to promote Rotary in their communities. We hope to build on last year's success, enlist your help and involve more Rotary clubs.

Following is a link to the PR Grant information on the Rotary.org website. Please visit the site, investigate the details, and consider with your club how best you can use this opportunity. The grant application is available in downloadable format on the website:

[http://www.rotary.org/support/prtools/awards/pr\\_grants.html](http://www.rotary.org/support/prtools/awards/pr_grants.html)

## ELKHORN ROTARY'S FESTIVAL OF SUMMER



Elkhorn Rotary puts on their annual Festival of Summer Corn & Brat days on Aug 4 & 5 this year. It is held downtown at their beautiful Court house square. The entire Rotary club and even some of their family member help out to cook and serve brats, hot dogs and chicken on the grills besides roasting the best corn available. Elkhorn Rotary teams up with the Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce to add craft vendors and a Farmers Market to the mix. On Friday evening the festival hosts the semi-finals for the Walworth County Fair Country Idol Contest. The Elkhorn Rotary Club schedules entertainment from the local dance studios, magicians, gymnastics, country and Rock & Roll bands throughout the 2 days. One of the highlights of the weekend is when the Elkhorn Rotary Club teams up against the Elkhorn Kiwanis Club in a golf putt-off. There is a mini putting area set up and both clubs have a team of 4. They are given a limited number of tries to make a putt. The team with the most putts made wins. This year makes the 3rd consecutive year that Rotary beat the Kiwanis. Everyone who comes has a great time at this family outing.

## **DISTRICT 6270 CALENDAR**

Sept. 4-6, 2006 – Zone 27 & 28 Training DGE, DGN  
& DT, Sheraton Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada  
Sept. 6-10, 2006 – Zone Institute, Sheraton Niagara Falls,  
Ontario, Canada  
Sept. 13, 2006 – WCS Committee Meeting,  
We-Energies, West Bend  
Sept. 20, 2006 – District Leadership Meeting, Mount  
Mary College, Milwaukee  
October 21, 2006 – District Fall Seminar, Slinger Middle  
School  
November 8 – WCS Committee Meeting – We-Energies  
– West Bend  
November 10 – PETS Council, Radisson Hotel, Appleton  
November 26 – Executive Committee Meeting,  
Lohmann's Steak House  
April 27-29, 2007 – District Conference,  
Grand Geneva, Lake Geneva, WI  
June 17-20, 2007 – Rotary International Convention,  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
June 16-22, 2007 – World Affairs Seminar,  
UW-Whitewater

## **Directory Changes**

### **New email address & phone:**

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Office phone: 262-569-1111

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
2007 DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
APRIL 27-29, 2007  
GRAND GENEVA RESORT**