



November 2004

Centennial Celebration

Rotary District 6150

District Governor Update

November is Rotary Foundation month on the Rotary calendar, and I hope each club is having a program related to our Rotary Foundation during the month.

Have you ever been asked (or wondered) "What does the Rotary Foundation do"? As District Governor, I have been asked many times, and my short answer is, "It makes a difference." Then the usual follow up question to me will be "how" and "where" it makes a difference. In response, I'll provide more specifics about feeding children and adults, immunizing children against polio, provide matching grants for sanitary water wells, GSE, Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Scholars, etc, etc.

Sometimes the question is "Does any of the money we send to our Rotary Foundation ever come back to us" (i.e. at the club level)? My answer is yes. Typically, the next question is really more of a statement along the line of "I don't remember us (local Rotary club) ever getting any of that money." Then I explain that this year each club in

our district is eligible to receive a minimum of \$500 in matching funds for a local community project from the District Simplified Grants Program. The Rotarian is getting interested now, and the next question is "Well how do we get the money?" My answer is, contact the District Grants Chairman Dr. Vasu pvasu@sbcglobal.net or District Foundation Coordinator Gary Speed speedlaw@speedlaw.com for complete information.

A frequent follow up question is "Does it involve a lot of paperwork and take a long time?" My answer is no and no. Just contact Dr. Vasu or Gary for details. If your club has not taken advantage of the District Simplified Grant funds available to you, there is still time to do so.

What does the Rotary Foundation do? It "makes a difference," a very positive difference, in the lives of tens of thousands of children and adults around the world, and in our Rotary district here in Arkansas.

Please make a pledge to our Rotary Foundation this month and feel good about "making a



District Governor Jake Morse

difference" in the lives of other human beings, both here and around the world.

The world will not be a perfect place at the end of this Rotary year, but it will be a better place because of the generosity of the Rotarians and clubs in District 6150.

Together we "Celebrate Rotary," and together we "make a difference" through our Rotary Foundation.





**Nominations for District Governor 2007-08
Due by December 1, 2004
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District Governor Elect Honored

District Governor Elect Marilyn Hummelstein received two honors recently. The Greater Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce presented Marilyn with the Roy H. Jolly Volunteer award at its annual meeting. This award is given annually to an individual who exemplifies the spirit of servant leadership and community involvement that Roy Jolly personified.

Marilyn has said that “each of us has our own legacy of leadership – a legacy that motivates us to become involved in making our community a better place in which to live and in which to work.” This attitude and her tireless devotion to the community made her an excellent choice for the award.

Marilyn’s success at work was mentioned by the Jonesboro Business and Professional Women – USA when she was named Business Woman of the Year. Her outstanding achievements in a male dominated profession, her leadership skills and the professional manner she has exhibited in many community efforts were all reasons she was selected.

Those of you who know and have worked with Marilyn know that both these awards were well deserved. Those of you who will be working with her when she assumes the helm as District Governor in July 2005 are in for a treat. Marilyn truly exemplifies our Rotary motto of Service Above Self. Congratulations Marilyn on two well-deserved honors.



Rotarians Stand Tall with Relief Project

by Bob Warner,
Rotary Club of Jonesboro

Hurricanes have dominated our news this summer and fall. Can you remember Hurricane Charley?

On August 13 Hurricane Charley hit landfall in Southwest Florida. The devastating category 4 hurricane left many dead and thousands without the basic necessities of life including food, water, shelter and above all money.

Watching this news on Sunday morning August 14th brought back memories of 35 years earlier.....

On Sunday, August 17th at 7 PM Hurricane Camille made landfall hitting the Mississippi Gulf Coast with winds gusting to 210 mph and water 24 feet above normal high tide. This category 5 hurricane was one of the most powerful hurricanes ever to strike the North American continent. At least 250 lives were lost. 5,000 homes were totally destroyed.

During these weeks survival quickly became a cooperative community effort. Those with standing houses gave shelter to those without homes. Sharing of food, water, and necessities was the practice. Terms like “neighbor”, “community”, “generosity”, and “help” took on a real meaning. The relief efforts from people all across the nation renewed confidence and gave much needed strength.

The darkness, the wind, and

the water of August 17 changed our community forever. The kindness and caring gave hope in the aftermath. It allowed the people to survive and begin to heal. This experience made a lasting impression on me as a 7th grader. It taught the importance of helping others in need. I have never forgotten the appreciation everyone felt for help from those that they we would never meet.

I shared these thoughts and the news from Florida with my friend Gene Wing. Knowing how much help was needed seemed like a Rotary “natural” to President Gene of The Rotary Club of Jonesboro. He sprang to action.

After several phone calls, emails and meetings over the next 48 hours a plan was made.

The Rotarians partnered with the local food bank, local radio and TV, and all area banks to organize the relief effort. In the next 2 weeks an 18-wheeler

packed with food and “Rotary Water” was loaded for transport to Florida. Additionally \$2,200.00 was sent to the relief effort. President Gene and Relief Project Co-chairs Doug Doggett and Christi Jordan led this effort.

This well organized effort for me was special on two levels – the relief made a difference for real people with real needs and we can all be proud to be Rotarians.

John Arnold a fellow Rotarian in Florida wrote to President Gene:

“While I was unloading, one of our re-supply trucks brought in several pallets of water from the Rotary Club of Jonesboro. Within 90 minutes of receiving it, it was on its way out to provide relief.

Although my back was pretty sore at that point, as a Rotarian, I stood a little taller as that product went out of the door!”



The Rotarians are (left to right) Tom Trevathan, Christie Jordan, Gene Wing and Doug Doggett.

World Interact Week

Steve Maxwell, Interact Co-Chair, Rotary Club of Little Rock Metro

Kenna Harrelson, Interact Co-Chair, Rotary Club of Jonesboro

World Interact Week is Nov. 1-7. The goal of Interact is to foster leadership and responsible citizenship locally and to promote International understanding and peace. It gives students, ages 14-18, opportunities for community service, for ways to make new friends and have fun, and scholarship opportunities.

In addition to the rewards from helping others through service, Interactors have the opportunity to:

- begin preparing for their future by speaking at a Rotary club meeting, shadowing a Rotarian to learn more about a specific profession, and attending career fairs sponsored by Rotary Clubs.
- broaden their horizons by getting to know the variety of people they serve—the elderly, children with disabilities, the homeless, and many others throughout the community.
- develop a strong work ethic and sense of individual responsibility by organizing projects to improve the environment, eradicate polio, promote drug awareness and address other community problems.
- learn more about other cultures by communicating and working with Interactors around the world in over 117 countries.

Many of the (21) Interact Clubs in District 6150 are involved with community projects for World Interact Week, such as: participating in the Make-A-Wish Miracle Rodeo, Rice Depot, Boo at the Zoo, tutoring projects, blood drives, volunteering for the needy in clean-up activities, and many more such projects. It truly is an inspiring group of young adults.

Through service projects, Interactors start to learn the habit of giving back to their community. They also learn about different cultures, promote goodwill between nations, and sometimes even travel abroad to work with their international service partners. If your club is not yet involved with an Interact Club and would like to be, please contact one of your District Interact co-chairs or the District Governor.

Deadline for GSE Team Member Applications Extended

The deadline for Centennial GSE team member applications has been extended to 11/30/04. You have additional time to recruit an applicant to represent your club on the District 6150 team going to Norway in May of 2005.

The Centennial GSE teams are very special, and clubs sponsoring team members will receive special recognition at the Centennial District Conference April 22-24, 2005 in Little Rock. For more information, contact Sarah Spencer, District 6150 GSE Committee Chair at gse0405@Rotary6150.org or by phone 501-376-6854 (office) or 501-374-3644 (home) or click on the following link <http://www.rotary6150.org/gse/index.html>.

You may submit as many applicants from your club as you feel are qualified.

I hope you are having a great year. Let me know of anything I can do to support you.

Celebrate Rotary!

Jake Morse

DG District 6150

Ways to Participate in International Projects

Several Clubs have expressed interest in participating in an International Project, but have been concerned about the cost. The following are a few ways a club can make a huge difference in the world for a small amount of money. If your club is involved with a different International project, write it up and send it to Len Frey at lfrey@astate.edu. We'll include it in the newsletter and put it on the district website.

The Wheelchair Foundation distributes wheelchairs to children and adults throughout the world. For \$75 the foundation can deliver a wheelchair, \$150 will provide two. The Arkansas contact for The Wheelchair Foundation is Rotarian Noel Morris in Springdale. His email address is nmorris@wheelchairfoundation.org.

For more information call toll free (877) 378-3839. To watch videos of wheelchair distributions around the world, visit www.wheelchairfoundation.org.

Shelter Box USA is a grassroots Rotary Club project conceived and developed in the UK. to provide emergency shelter when disasters strike. Each Shelter Box provides shelter and warmth for up to 10 people. The box includes a 10-person tent, 10 sleeping bags, water purification tablets, flashlight/batteries, rope, mess kits and tools. A complete Shelter Box costs

\$720. Sleeping bags can be purchased for \$35 each and a 10-person tent is \$300. For additional information contact DG Jerry Hearn, (941) 907-8013, or go to www.shelterboxusa.org.

Heifer Project offers numerous opportunities for involvement through providing animals to families throughout the world for amounts from \$20 to thousands of dollars. For additional information call (800) 422-0474, or go to www.heifer.org.

Presidents-Elect Training Update

*Marilyn Hummelstein, DGE,
Rotary Club of Jonesboro*

Plans are almost complete for the first Mid-America Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS) to be held March 11-12, 2005 at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock. District 6150 is proud to partner with Districts 6170, 6190 and 6110 to present a very informative and motivational training for the approximately 180 presidents who will be attending. These four districts include the entire state of Arkansas, and parts of Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Louisiana.

Some of the highlights during the day-and-a-half training will include presentations by:

- John Germ, Vice President and Director of Rotary International
- Ray Klingensmith, a current Trustee of The Rotary Foundation

- Ed Futa, General Secretary, Rotary International
- Mouzon Biggs, a highly motivational speaker, and past president of the downtown Tulsa Rotary club
- District breakout sessions for presidents-elect and other district leaders to conduct district business.

In addition to meeting with Presidents-elect from our own district, several other advantages of the Multi District PETS are:

- Increased opportunity for networking over a broader geographic area
- Presidents-elect will have discussions with other presidents-elect who share commonalities (i.e., club size, level of experience, or level of Rotary knowledge)
- Presidents-elect experience Rotary beyond their own club and district

Multi-district PETS is new to us, but over 80% of the districts in the United States now utilize the Multi-District PETS concept to provide the best possible training for incoming Presidents.

Additional information about speakers, tentative agenda, registration forms and information about Little Rock can be found on the Mid-America PETS web site at

www.MidAmericaPets.org.

Additional information will be mailed to Presidents-elect by the end of the year.

Upcoming Events

For Rotary District 6150

Nov. 30

- Extended deadline for GSE Member applications to be submitted to Sarah Spencer

Dec. 1

- Deadline for Club Nominations for DG 2007-2008 to be submitted to Sam Chaffin
- Deadline for Long Term Youth Exchange Applications to be submitted to each club



If you have contributions for future issues or questions concerning this newsletter, please send them via email to:

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