



October 2004

Centennial Celebration

Rotary District 6150

District Governor Update

A report on the first 100 days of our district Rotary year seems appropriate as we celebrate our Centennial. The following list is not comprehensive, but will give you a good feel for some of the many Rotary activities in our district since July 1.

- 38 (all) clubs official visits completed by D.G. & A.G.s
- Multi-District PETS planning meetings held in Little Rock
- Centennial District Conference planning meetings held in Bald Knob & Little Rock
- 32 four person teams competed in the District Foundation Golf Tournament at Cabot and raised approximately \$6,000 for the Rotary Foundation
- District Room Block (50 rooms) for the Centennial International Conference in Chicago sold out
- Four International Young Exchange students arrived in the district
- Youth Exchange recruitment meetings scheduled throughout the district
- RYLA 2005 planning meetings held
- Nominations for 2007-08 District Governor solicited
- District Centennial Bell traveled to all clubs
- District Dictionary Project introduced and adopted by numerous clubs
- District History Project presented to all clubs
- Four highly successful membership seminars conducted
- Governor's Centennial Banner recognition criteria presented to all clubs
- Outstanding District Foundation Seminar held at ASU-Beebe
- Matching Grants Committee met at Brinkley
- Two Ambassador Scholars selected by District Scholarship Committee
- GSE Team Leader to Norway selected by GSE Committee
- Three issues of District newsletter placed on District 6150 website
- New District Website software developed and ordered



District Governor
Jake Morse

- DG, DGE, DGN & PDGs attended Zones 29 & 30 Institute in Chattanooga
- Applications for team members for GSE trip to Norway solicited

This list does not reflect or include the numerous Centennial and community service projects in process or completed by our clubs. In future newsletters we will have reports from clubs on their projects.

The Rotarians and clubs of District 6150 have initiated and accomplished many worthwhile activities in the first 100 days of our Centennial Year. It has been a privilege for me to see first hand these projects and the difference they are making in our communities. With more than 250 days remaining in the Rotary year, we will have plenty of time and countless opportunities to Celebrate Rotary in our clubs, our communities, our district and around the world.



Nominations for District Governor 2007-08
Due by December 1, 2004
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New Polio Documentary

Submitted by Paul Holmes, Jonesboro University

Beginning this October, a powerful new documentary "The Last Child: The Global Race to End Polio" will begin airing on public television stations across the United States. This one-hour program captures the dramatic story of the largest public health initiative in history - the global effort to halt the spread of polio by 2005 -- an initiative in which Rotary is a spearheading partner.

Just as volunteers drive the global effort to eradicate polio, viewers drive public television stations' program selection process. In certain markets, public television station programmers are still considering whether to broadcast The Last Child, which is being offered to them free of charge through American Public Television (APT) Exchange, the documentary's U.S. distributor.

A sample letter asking stations to broadcast "The Last Child", plus a list of the public television stations that have either committed to air the program or remain undecided, can be downloaded in the Effective Public Relations section of the RI Website. If one of these outlets serves your community, please consider adjusting the letter's language to fit your local situation and sending it to the station.

Click below to go directly to the sample letter and list of stations.

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/support/publicrelations.html#lastchild>.

As of October 18, the Arkansas Educational Television Network does not have the documentary scheduled to air in Arkansas. Please follow the following link to view a trailer of the movie. <http://www.lastchild.org/video/tease.html>

Editor

A very chance meeting...

by Sam Hummelstein,
Jonesboro Rotary Club

In 2003 Marilyn and I took a side trip to New Zealand on our way to the Rotary International Convention in Brisbane, Australia. Departing the U.S. on May 18, 2003, we arrived in Auckland, New Zealand very early on Tuesday morning, May 20 (you lose a day due to crossing the International Date Line). One reason for visiting Auckland was to meet Roger Thomas, founder and president of Clubmate, the Rotary Club Administration software that has now been purchased by RI. Roger and I had developed a friendship via e-mail and it seemed logical for us to “drop in” to meet Roger and his wife Ingrid since we were going to be in the “neighborhood” anyway.

As it turned out, Roger’s club, the Rotary Club of Newmarket, meets on Tuesday at noon so after a quick tour of Auckland and the Clubmate offices, we headed off to Rotary. As Roger drove us to the meeting he mentioned that this wasn’t a good day to make up because the program was some guy talking about the Rotary Foundation. We insisted that we still wanted to attend his club.

On a side note, the meeting felt very familiar, lots of kidding, discussions about the food, talk of fund raisers and the

table everyone knew was “reserved” for the same long-time members even though no sign could be found on the table to indicate its “special status”.

When the program was introduced, based on Roger’s warning, we prepared ourselves to endure the speech. Much to our pleasant surprise, the speaker was a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation who had been personally involved in the Polio Eradication effort at the highest levels. His talk was inspiring and well done. He talked about his personal experiences of being hands-on, administering the two life-saving drops to children around the world. It was a great program!

After the meeting, Marilyn was introduced to the speaker as our district’s governor for the 2005-2006 Rotary year. The speaker, Bill Boyd, mentioned that he would be one of the conveners at the International Assembly in Anaheim, California in February, 2005 where Marilyn and the other 500 plus district governors from around the world will receive their week-long DG training. While they chatted, I took a photograph of the encounter.

On September 14, 2004, Rotary International’s Board of Directors announced that Bill Boyd of New Zealand was elected to serve as RI’s President in 2006-2007. Needless to say, when we read this news on the RI web site, Marilyn and I started searching our photos from that trip last year.



Bill Boyd and Marilyn Hummelstein after the meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2003 at the Rotary Club of Newmarket, Auckland, New Zealand.

What Can the Rotarian Magazine do for You?

Jake Morse, District Governor

Where can you find information on Rotary basics, tips for keeping new club members, or how to contact other Rotarians who enjoy the same leisure activities you do?

Where can you go to get inspired, obtain information you need, and get ideas for programs and projects? Is there any place with current Rotary information and statistics? Is there a good recruitment tool you can give to a prospective Rotarian?

The answer to all of the above is – the Rotarian Magazine. The publication comes to you each month and is chock full of excellent articles that will educate, enlighten, inspire and humble you.

District Foundation Golf Tournament

The Mountain Springs Golf Course at Greystone County Club in Cabot was the site of the District 6150 Rotary Foundation golf tournament. The 32 teams Celebrated Rotary and enjoyed a day of golf, fellowship and good food – for a good cause - the Rotary Foundation. Approximately \$6,000 was raised to be presented as Paul Harris Fellows at the District Conference.



Co-chairs Bill Sowell, Club 99 and Mike Webb, Jonesboro-University put together an outstanding event. They were assisted by volunteers from Little Rock, Cabot, Jonesboro and Jonesboro-University.

Club 99 (Doug Ford, Dave Gieringer, Wade Anderson, Mike Miller) went home with the District Cup for the lowest score by a team of Rotarians. Heber Springs (Jon McKinnie, Paul Roberts, Gary Redd, Kevin Leach) garnered the low score honors for a team of Rotarians and non-Rotarians. Kevin Leach of Heber Springs won the longest drive contest. Gary Reed of Heber Springs won the Paul Harris Fellow drawing and is entitled to name a Paul Harris recipient. Thanks to all the clubs who participated by sending a team or being a hole sponsor. Your support of the tournament helped make it a huge success. Thank you!!!



Leo Camsing, Long-Term Rotary Exchange student from France, poses with the Indian Family at the ASU Family Day of Rotary Tailgate.



Members of the Trumann Rotary Club visit with Cedar Park Elementary Third Grade students in Trumann prior to distributing dictionaries to each student.

Upcoming Events

For Rotary District 6150

Oct. 25

- Deadline for GSE Member applications to be submitted to Sarah Spencer

Oct. 30

- GSE Team Member Interviews



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

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