



July 2004

# Centennial Celebration

Rotary International District 6150

## District Governor Update

“Celebrate Rotary.” That is R.I. president Glenn Estess’ theme for Rotary’s centennial year and that’s exactly what Rotarians throughout District 6150 are doing. Community involvement, fellowship, and “Service Above Self” are being combined to create a celebratory attitude that is exciting to observe.

As I visit the clubs of our district, I am amazed and impressed with what our Rotary volunteers are doing to make a difference in our communities, our district and our world. Clubs are taking on new projects and revamping existing ones. They are considering president Estess’ areas of emphasis (literacy, family of Rotary, water and health) and the district’s (centennial projects and activities, recruitment, retention, district event participation by all clubs, literacy, and achieving the goal of every Rotarian, every year) and tailoring their activities to enhance those areas.

From five men in 1905, to over 1.2 million men and women in 31,603 clubs, 529 districts and 166 countries – we’ve come a long way and have much to celebrate. But, in celebrating we need

to be mindful of why we are celebrating. It’s not because of the numbers, though they are impressive, but because of the century of service. The children who have books and clothes and playgrounds; the ones who won’t get polio; the villages that now have safe water; the children and adults who have wheelchairs or can walk because of artificial limbs; the families who have a meal and presents at Christmas. While there are 1.2 million Rotarians, there are many more than 1.2 million children and families who have been served by Rotary. They are the reason for Rotary and the reason our motto is “Service Above Self”.

As we celebrate Rotary this year, I want you to know how grateful I am to get to visit your clubs and observe first hand what a difference you are making. I look forward to the year and thank you for the opportunity to be....

Your Centennial governor,

Jake



District Governor  
Jake Morse

## Induction Ceremony for Jake Morse

*Submitted by June Morse*

Celebrate Rotary is the theme for the Centennial Year of Rotary International – and set the tone for the induction ceremony of Jake Morse, Jonesboro-University Rotary, as the Centennial Governor for District 6150. From the music of a family stringed quartet to the “turning on” of the Centennial Assistant Governors and the ringing of the Centennial bell, it was an evening of celebration and appreciation.

The three Jonesboro Rotary Clubs, under the leadership of Bob Warner, joined together to host the event. The evening highlighted Rotary areas of service and fellowship and

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demonstrated that service can be meaningful and fun at the same time.

The District 6150 GSE team that just returned from Sweden thanked the Rotarians and the Rotary Foundation for providing them with the opportunity of a lifetime. They talked about their experiences, the warmth of their Rotarian families and how the trip had impacted their lives.

Deb Turner, president of Jonesboro-Metro, emphasized the uniqueness of the upcoming Centennial year. Marilyn Hummelstein, DGE, introduced a video presentation highlighting the Centennial Celebration in Chicago next June. She explained the district's plans for rooms for the convention and encouraged Rotarians to sign up soon.

PDG Diana Holmes shared updates on many of the club's Centennial Projects and the impact they will have throughout our district. She encouraged clubs that have not decided on a Centennial project to do so and send her details so they can be included on the web page. There will be updates, dedications and events throughout the year.

PDG Jerry Brackett informed the group of the plans for the Centennial District Conference next April in Little Rock. The event will be an exciting weekend spotlighting Rotary's century of service with outstanding speakers and music and many fun-filled activities. Events will

be held at the Clinton Library, the Doubletree and other Riverfront venues. Every club in the district is encouraged to have at least one Rotarian in attendance.

PDG Ken Stacks introduced Jake Morse. He and DG Sam Chaffin then inducted Jake as the Centennial Governor. Jake thanked Sam for the outstanding job he did as DG. He presented Sam and Charlie with a gift.

The seven PDG's in attendance assisted Jake in inducting the new Assistant Governors and presented them each with a pin. Jake told the group that the flashing pins symbolized how "turned on" the district leadership is about the coming year and the opportunities for service through Rotary.

Jake expressed his appreciation to the Jonesboro Rotary Clubs for the evening and to the district for the opportunity to serve as DG. He promised a year in which we will all Celebrate Rotary.

The meeting closed with the three Jonesboro Rotary Club Presidents ringing the Centennial bell.



## Centennial Bell Honor

*Submitted by Diana Holmes,  
PDG, Centennial Committee  
Chair, Blytheville Rotary*

The Centennial Bell, which the District has purchased, is available to honor ROTARIANS (past or present) from your Club. For a \$500 contribution, you may have his/her name engraved on the bell itself. This could be the Rotarian your club feels is most deserving of recognition on the Centennial Bell. Each club may submit one name with a check payable to District 6150-Centennial Bell and mailed by October 15 to:

Jake Morse  
P.O. Box 5000  
Jonesboro, AR 72403-5000

This gives you time to meet with your board to make a decision. There are 40 slots for names available on the bell. Your club can "reserve" a slot by sending your check by 10/15/04 and provide the name within 45 days. After October 15, if all slots are not reserved, then names of ROTARIANS and checks will be accepted from any club or Rotarian until all slots have been taken.

Expenses associated with purchase and engraving the bell are projected to be \$1000-\$1200. An additional amount (not to exceed \$3800) will be used for special District Centennial activities. The balance (estimated at \$15,000-\$16,000) will go to our Rotary Foundation from the District. Specifically, the bal-

ance will be used by the DG and Centennial Chair and Committee to name Paul Harris Fellows at the Centennial District Conference.

The Centennial Bell, mounted on a beautiful walnut stand, will be available throughout our Centennial year for Club and District events and in future years as clubs celebrate their anniversaries (especially the 100th). The walnut base (and it is gorgeous) was hand crafted by Bill Stanley, President of the Rotary Club of Marked Tree, as a gift to the District.

This is a great way to recognize a special Rotarian because the bell will outlive all of us! The base will have a plaque list-

ing all of the clubs of District 6150 in 2004-05. This year, the bell can be "checked out" for use at your parties and events.

Please take this into immediate consideration so that your honoree's name and check will be received by October 15.

A photo of the bell will be on the District web site very soon.

## It's Application Time for Group Study Exchange!

*Submitted by Sarah Spencer Little Rock Club 99*

We are off and running in the recruitment for this year's Group Study Exchange Team. This year's exchange will be with District 2260 of Norway, located in the southeastern corner south of Oslo. The dates of the exchanges are as follows:

Arkansas Team to Norway May 20 – June 18, 2005

Norway Team to Arkansas April 17 – May 15, 2005

Applicants for Team Leader must be Rotarians. Team Members must be young professionals between the ages of 25 and 40, who are not Rotarians. The application deadline for Team Leader is September 20, 2004. Interviews will be held on October 2.

The deadline for Team Member applications is October 20, 2004. Those interviews will be held on October 30.

Applications and additional information may be found at the District website at [www.rotary6150.org](http://www.rotary6150.org). For more information, please contact Sarah Spencer, District GSE Chair, [cadi2000@aol.com](mailto:cadi2000@aol.com) or at 501-569-8026 (office) or 501-374-3644 (home).

Let's make this the best GSE team ever for our Centennial Year!



Bill Stanley, President of the Rotary Club of Marked Tree, presents the wooden base for the Centennial Rotary Bell to DG Jake Morse. Stanley personally hand-crafted the base and donated it to the District.

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

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