



February 2005

Centennial Celebration

Rotary District 6150

District Governor Update

It is finally here – the date and event we have been pointing toward for a very long time, February 23, 2005, Rotary’s Centennial Birthday. A century ago Paul Harris and three friends started on a journey we continue today; a journey of fellowship, service and commitment. What a legacy they left us!

The foundation they laid we continue to build on with projects that they couldn’t have begun to imagine. We carry their mantle of service throughout our communities, our district and the world. We volunteer our time and talents at our local schools, send shelter boxes to disaster victims, provide milk and cheese to families in countries on the other side of the world. We raise funds that support incredible projects locally and worldwide. RYLA, Youth Exchange, GSE and Rotary Peace Scholars are

possible because of our contributions of time and money.

All the projects we undertake today are done in the name of Rotary and our motto “Service Above Self”. What a debt of gratitude we – and the world – owe four men in Chicago who began meeting in 1905.

A variety of birthday celebrations are scheduled throughout the district this month. Some of our clubs will celebrate with parties, cake, and music. Some will celebrate with service projects. Each has a common denominator of thanksgiving and appreciation for the past and commitment to the future. The past 100 years have brought Rotary from a group of four men in one club to over one million, two hundred thousand men and women in 31,936 clubs, 529 districts and 166 countries. What an achievement! And, what a unique oppor-



District Governor Jake and June Morse

tunity we have to continue that growth and to expand our “Service Above Self” in new areas and avenues.

Since June and I can not be at each of your Centennial events we want to send you our congratulations and our appreciation for what you are doing for Rotary and for all the people whose lives you impact. Our thoughts will be with you on February 23. While you are celebrating here, we will celebrate Rotary’s birthday in Delhi, India as part of a Rotary Polio Immunization team. We look forward to hearing about your celebrations when we return.

Happy Rotary Birthday!

February is World Understanding Month

Dr. Glenn Bowers, AG Coordinator

The Fourth Avenue of Service is International Service. International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary’s humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace. In addition, the Fourth Object of Rotary states: ‘The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united

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in the ideal of service.' The month of February is special in the Rotary calendar since it is designated World Understanding Month. February 23, Rotary's birthday, is designated as World Understanding and Peace Day. February provides, for Rotary Clubs and Rotarians, the opportunity to focus on Rotary's programs designed to foster world peace and understanding. Despite continuing international tensions and conflicts, Rotarians will always transcend such barriers by joining in service to assist families and communities in need anywhere in the world.

In observation of this month, many clubs arrange international speakers, invite Youth Exchange students to club meetings, plan programs featuring former Group Study Exchange team members, and schedule other programs with an international emphasis. In recent years, District 6150 has participated in Group Study Exchanges with countries like Sweden, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, and Russia. Did your club ever invite any of these team members or team leaders to relate some of their experiences to your club members? If not, you have missed an opportunity for a great program. You still could ask a GSE alumnus to your club, as a guest or as a speaker.

Is your club hosting a long-term Youth Exchange student? Is there one in a neighboring community? Are there any other foreign-exchange students attending your local high school? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, why not reach out to this student and make her or him feel welcome. Invite them to your club meeting. Ask them to tell your members about their culture.

Does your club have a Twin Club? Does your community have a sister-city? Make the effort in February to make contact. If you do not have a Twin Club, take the opportunity to identify one. This relationship can lead to activities such as Friendship Exchanges, collaboration on a Matching Grant, or having a joint Rotary meeting via the Internet.

Many clubs take the opportunity to launch an international community service activity in February. If you cannot develop a new project, considering fulfilling, or even exceeding, your PolioPlus pledge this month. Provide financial assistance to the survivors of the tsunami or other natural disasters. Participate in Heifer International projects or other efforts designed to alleviate hunger in the world. It is very important to remember the connection between humanitarian service and peace. Hunger, poverty, and ignorance breed despair, anger, and fear. These emotions too often lead to intolerance, conflict, and war. World Understanding Month is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world.

Marshall Rotarians off and Running on "Trail of Jonquils"

Submitted by Bill Henning, Marshall

As soon as they heard that each Rotary Club in the district was to adopt a Centennial Project, the Marshall Rotarians began considering options. It didn't take long to decide to embark on developing a trail of jonquils along the 36 miles of US Highway 65 in Searcy County.

Pat Halsted, club treasurer, took the lead in organizing the project. A tentative goal of 1,340 Daffodils was set for the first year. Now, as the year has ended, about 3,500 bulbs have been set out. Someone suggested that, if they hurry, all 36 miles of shoulders along the highway can be blooming profusely in time for the bicentennial of Rotary International in 2105!



Centennial Celebrations Around The District

Submitted by PDG Diana Holmes, Centennial Chair, Blytheville Rotary Club

Rotary Club of Blytheville: The club's annual banquet will be held the evening of February 24 at the Blytheville Country Club. Spouses and friends will join the Rotarians as they celebrate Rotary's 100 years and honor the latest Paul Harris Fellow recipients.

Rotary Clubs of Jonesboro, Jonesboro-Metro and Jonesboro-University: The three clubs will meet together on February 22 at noon at St Bernard's Auditorium. There will be entertainment, a brief history of Rotary and the District and a large birthday cake.

Rotary Club of Little Rock (Club 99): The club will meet on February 22 with the program presented by two of the authors of their history book. The history books will be distributed at that meeting.

Rotary Club of Paragould: The club will meet at the Greene County Court House at noon on February 23 in celebration of Rotary International's Centennial. There will be group photos made on the grounds displaying their centennial project, a gazebo. The Interact Club has been invited to participate with Rotarians at the party.

Rotary Club of Pocahontas: Rotarians will have a potluck party on the evening of February 15. Then on February 23 at their regular weekly meeting, a long time member will talk about the history of the Rotary Club of Pocahontas. There will be a special cake for dessert and a group photo made to commemorate the occasion.

Rotary Club of Stuttgart: The club will be meeting on March 1 to celebrate the completion of their centennial project, a playground at the Child Development Center. They will hold an open house and cookout on the playground.

Rotary Club of West Little Rock: The club will be celebrating all of the month of February. On the 2nd Past President Fred Williams will present the program, "100 Years of Rotary History." On the 9th Past District Governor Jim Scott will present the program, "46 Years of History of the Rotary Club of West Little Rock." On the 16th several past presidents will present the program, "Highlights and Memories of Their Rotary Life." On the 23rd, in honor of Rotary International 100th Anniversary Celebration, hosted by Past District Governor Mike Kumpuris, the program will be: "Recognition of the Outstanding Services of the Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services (MEMS) in Central Arkansas for the Year 2004."

West Little Rock Rotarians Commemorating a Century of Service

Kelsy Caplinger, MD, chairman of the WLR Rotary Club Centennial Project Planning Committee, presented a \$2,000 check to Bobby Roberts, library director, of the Central Arkansas Library System on September 8, 2004.

Dr. Caplinger said, "Volunteerism is an important part of civic life. We recognize the efforts of all community volunteers and honor the work of Rotary International as it celebrates its 100th birthday. This contribution to our library system is a small part of Rotary's international scope of volunteerism. Serving communities is what we do best. Whether donating literature or immunizing millions of children to eradicate the crippling effects of polio, Rotary projects continue to span the globe."



District Team Training Seminar is a Success

Submitted by Marilyn M. Hummelstein, DGE

The purpose of the District Team Training Seminar (DTTS) is to develop a cohesive team of district leaders who have the necessary skills, knowledge, and motivation to support the clubs in the district to:

- Sustain and increase their membership base
- Implement successful projects that address the needs of their communities and communities in other countries
- Support The Rotary Foundation through both program participation and financial contributions
- Develop club leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level

On January 15, 2005, the first gathering of Rotarians from around District 6150 who will provide leadership during the 2005-2006 Rotary year was held on the ASU Beebe campus. The Assistant Governors, Committee Chairs and various leaders met to learn more about how they will support the thirty-eight Rotary clubs in the district.

The nearly 40 district leaders participated in sessions on understanding the roles and responsibilities of club and district leaders, techniques for working with clubs, identifying and using resources and identifying and solving problems leaders might encounter.

New this year was the development of a District Training Committee which was responsible for planning the seminar, leading sessions and facilitating discussion sessions.

One of this year's highlights was provided by Training Committee Member and District Newsletter Editor, Len Frey, who employed his unique facilitator skills to open the session with a fun and highly effective team building exercise. Len helped close the seminar with a thought provoking problem solving session



that engaged the participants to address real-world issues within our district and clubs.

Participants left the seminar better informed and motivated to help Rotary clubs in District 6150 reach even higher levels of success and service in the coming year.

Special thanks to this year's trainers who did an outstanding job:

Len Frey, PDG Jim Watkins, Debbie Frazier, Glenn Bowers, DGN Frank Winfrey, Debbie Allen, Jon McKinnie, June Morse, Bob Warner, PDG Diana Holmes and Sam Hummelstein.

Centennial District Conference

“Celebrate” is the theme for the Centennial District Conference to be held in Little Rock, April 22 and 23. And, celebrate is exactly what we are going to do. The Clinton Presidential Library, the River Market area, lots of recognition and an outstanding Broadway style musical performance by singer and pianist Barbara Gay are just a few of the reasons to make plans to attend.

Conference co-chairs Martin Thoma and Jerry Brackett are planning an event that promises fellowship, fun and Rotary information. Touring the Clinton Library and participating in “Taste of the River Market” will make

Friday a day you won’t want to miss. And, Saturday will cap off the conference with the introduction of the President-Elects for 05-06 and Barbara Gay’s performance. There will be some of the traditional sessions including the Norway GSE team presentation, a flag ceremony by Youth Exchange participants and a memorial service for Rotarians who have died during the past year. There will be a presidential representative of R.I. president Glenn Estess and other special speakers. Sessions are designed to entertain, inform and inspire. The House of Friendship will be open & feature exhibits of Cen-

tennial and other service projects. All past presidents and past district governors will be recognized and outstanding clubs and individuals will be honored.

The conference will be the culminating event of this Centennial year. Every Rotarian’s conference registration fee is already paid. Costs for the conference include rooms at the Double Tree and meals. Registration information will be sent to you in the near future. For now, mark your calendar and plan to join us as we “Celebrate” an outstanding Rotary century of service. See you in Little Rock April 22 & 23.

Lusty To Attend District Conference

Rotary International President Glenn Estess will be represented at the District 6150 District Conference by PDG David Lusty and his wife Wilhelmina.

David Lusty is a Certified Financial Planner and Registered Investment Advisor Representative. He is president of David Lusty Financial Services, LLC and branch manager of the Athens, Ohio and Parkersburg, WV offices of Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. David is a graduate of Marshall University, with a Certified Financial Planning Degree from the College for Financial Planning in Denver, Colorado, and an MBA from Ohio University.

David is active in the Athens community with the Regional Planning Commission; City Council, Area Chamber of Commerce, Dairy Barn Southeastern Ohio Cultural Arts Center; and as the founding Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Athens.

David joined the Rotary Club of Athens, Ohio, USA in 1986 and served as Club President in 1991-92. He was the youngest District Governor to serve in District 6690 and has served as chairman of numerous committees.

He has been very active in Rotary at the state and zone level and will serve as the Zones 29 & 30 Governors-Elect Training Seminar Team Leader for the 2005 Zone Institute in Memphis, TN.

On the International level David has served in several leadership roles. In 2004 and 2005 he was an International Assembly Training Leader and RI President’s Representative to district conferences.

David is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Benefactor of the Rotary Foundation, a charter member of the Rotary Foundation Bequest Society, a Major Donor and a recipient of The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. David’s wife Wilhelmina, is also a Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow.



Upcoming Events

For Rotary District 6150

February

23 Rotary's Centennial Birthday

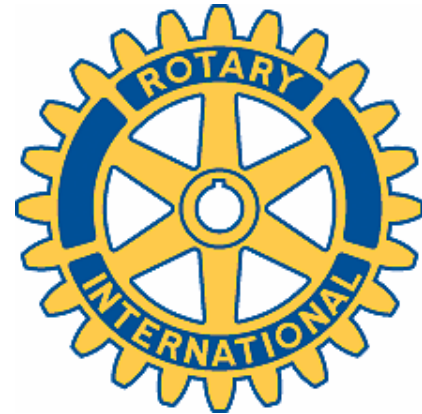
March 1 Deadlines

Participate in Club History Project
Participate in New International Project
Participate in Literacy Project
Make Contribution/Pledge to TRF

11-12 Multi-District PETS

April 1 Deadlines

Fulfill Polio Pledge
Have a Centennial Project
Submit Presidential Citation Certification Form
Submit Governor's Banner Certification Form



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