

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL,
DISTRICT 6150

**THIS
MONTH'S
CLUBS IN
THE SPOT-
LIGHT**

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Marshall

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Rotary District 6150
Central & Northeast Arkansas

"Humanity in Motion"



April is Magazine Month

More than half of the Rotarians worldwide are served by one of the 30 magazines produced independently by Rotarians through the *Rotary World Magazine Press*. These magazines are distributed in 133 countries, published in 22 languages, and have a combined total circulation of 715,000. Each magazine is

unique, with a local editorial slant. At the same time, they include required articles and photographs of international Rotary interests that they receive from *The Rotarian*.

The *Rotarian Video Magazine (RVM)* is collecting stories and chronicling achievements of projects of Rotarians worldwide. *RVM* documents

Rotary's global impact from providing basic necessities like shelter, food and water, to bringing new life through new limbs. *RVM* shows what Rotary can accomplish throughout the world. *RVM* current and past issues are available for purchase and make wonderful Rotary Programs.



Governor Judy's Comments

April brings showers, allergies, and the blooming of beautiful flowers and trees in our Rotary district. It's a grand time of the year! With this new season, one can feel newness in the air – an awakening of our spirit that revives our enthusiasm to complete tasks that we committed to do at the beginning of our Rotary year. We have two months left to evaluate where we are and what we must complete to reach our goals. It is not the time to quit being an effective leader.

At the end of March, the assistant governors met to review their club's many accomplishments with me.

That was truly an amazing experience! It literally took several hours for the group to outline each of their club's projects, membership growth, the programs that they had held, and other topics. Each AG notably exhibited pride in the way they presented the information about their club presidents and how they had "led the way" this year. At the close of the meeting, we all agreed that this has been a wonderful year in our district and that the club leadership has been exemplary. I am grateful to all Rotarians that have made this an exciting and successful year.

Even though this Rotary year is coming to a close, there are some important dates for you to remember. The Paul

Harris Birthday Golf Tournament is April 20th, District Assembly is April 21st (where the winner of the baseball fund raiser will be announced), District Conference in Little Rock on May 4th - 5th (club and individual recognitions will be awarded during this meeting), and the International Meeting in Salt Lake on June 17th - 19th. All of these events give Rotarians an opportunity to be involved in great fellowship and educational experiences. I hope to see you at each of these events so I can personally thank you for being an important Rotarian in our district.

Lead the Way-
Governor Judy

District Conference— May 4 & 5

Double Tree Hotel— Little Rock, AR



The sky's the limit at this year's conference! Highlights include an informative tour and luncheon at the Little Rock Air Force Base to honor those who serve in defense of our country, and an exciting Brazilian Carnival to celebrate the rich heritage of our esteemed guests from Brazil Rotary International District 4490.

Join us as we soar toward new horizons in service.

RYLEA Camp held at Ferndale March 22-25



38 RYLEA Campers at Ferndale



YE Student Ashley Corbin and Rotarian Debbie Brinkley

The event was a huge success under the direction of Melanie Bryant. Volunteer Rotarians that assisted with the camp were: Brenda Fasulo, Rhonda Cline, Merle Williams, Stephen Posey, Junior Counselor Laura Young, AG Coordinator Debbie and Phyl Brinkley, Rick Love, DGN Ray Keller, Don Peters, and PDG Gary Speed. Breezy Osbourn was a big hit on Saturday morning.

Spotlight On...

The Clubs in the “Spotlight” this month are: Cleburne County, Fairfield Bay, Heber Springs and Marshall. Their Assistant Governor is Ned James. Here are some things you may not know about these clubs.

Cleburne County

By Alex Aitken and Sherry Niehaus, Rotary Club of Cleburne County

A presentation at the Rotary Club of Cleburne County, in Heber Springs, by a pediatrician from Arkansas Children's Hospital demonstrated the need for improved utilization of child passenger safety car seats.

A project leader volunteer from the Rotary Club of Cleburne County organized the club's Centennial Project that concentrated on the need for improved car seat utilization. To do the project, a certified technician must train for five days and pass a certification test on the last day. The club accepted the challenge.

Free public inspections began in April, 2003 with club members and certified technicians volunteering from the surrounding area. Misuses of child car seats are corrected and caregivers are trained in the correct use of the car seats at the events. Defective seats are replaced at no charge to the family by the Rotary Club of Cleburne County.

Two to three inspection events are conducted annually with a total of ten events held-to-date. Three-hundred and sixteen car seats have been inspected, 285 (currently at 90% down from a high of 97% in 2003) were improperly used and corrected; and, 151 seats have been replaced by the club.

Funding for the project was provided by club fundraisers, The Wal-Mart Foundation, and Arkansas Children's Hospital Safety Program. Partnering organizations include: Arkansas Children's Hospital, Little Rock; Arkansas Dept. of Health/Arkansas SAFE KIDS Coalition, Little Rock; Conway Police Dept., Conway; Heber Springs Mayor's Office, Heber Springs; Mays Mission for the Handicapped, Heber Springs; SAFE KIDS Coalition/White County Medical Center, Searcy; White County Medical Center/Healthworks, Searcy; and UAMS CPS Education Program, Little Rock. For more information, please contact Alex Aitken at 501-362-0775 or the Rotary Club of Cleburne County at 501-362-7526.

Fairfield Bay

By Marie Niec Rotary Club of Fairfield Bay

Rotary in Fairfield Bay is full of hard working members. Our main goal continues to be literacy in our county. The majority of the money we collect in any venture from happy bucks each week (if you're happy for something you pay a dollar) to our annual golf outing goes directly to our scholarship fund. This dedication to our goal has produced \$185,000 in scholarship money through the years. We are also concerned leaders in our community.

April finds us volunteering to help with the Ozark Roar. The speedboat races are scheduled for April 21st – 22nd. This event brings renewed economic growth and shows our Bay to the world. We have also done a joint venture with the Black Stallion Literary Program and supplied books for the Shirley School. This gave some children their very first books ever. In cooperation with the Black Stallion Literary Program, an atmosphere is created to encourage children to read.

Polio Plus is still another of our concerns. We have set a goal of \$500.00 this year and have already collected \$300.00. We are planning a miniature golf outing in May of this year and all proceeds will go to Polio Plus. Come join us in April for the Ozark Roar and in May for our golf outing. Both of these events will be great fun. See you there. For more information call Ben Heimann, 884-3579, Al Niec 8845448, or the Indian Hills Pro Shop 884-3852.

Spotlight Clubs, Continued...

Heber Springs

By Paul Roberts, President, Rotary Club of Heber Springs

Heber Springs Rotary Club prides itself on increasing the number of Paul Harris Fellows in our Club. At the present time, we have 41 members who have received a Paul Harris Fellow distinction of which 15 are multiple Paul Harris Fellows. We currently have 28 members who are contributing to their first or to multiple PHF. We are very proud of Jack Dowell who is a major donor. We are working to increase our number of sustaining members. Thus far this year, we have awarded or are in the process of ordering 7 Paul Harris Fellows.

We are also proud to have 18 past presidents active in our club.

Marshall

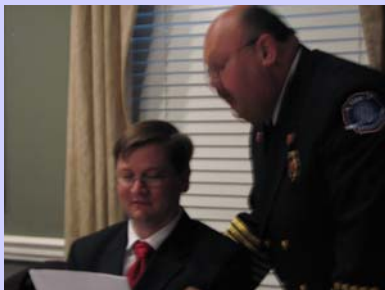
By Tom Nowlin, President, Rotary Club of Marshall

The Marshall Rotary Club is comprised of a group of highly committed individuals reflecting a representative cross-section of persons from the various walks of life in and around the city of Marshall, including two adjacent counties, Searcy County and Van Buren County. Because of the warm fellowship, interesting weekly programs, concern for community, and the high commitment to the principles of Rotary, the Marshall Rotary Club remains strong and healthy to this today. Some members even routinely commute as far as 45 minutes one way to attend weekly meetings.

After gaining 3 new members this year, there are currently 22 members total and every member has an assigned task, serving on a team. Because of its size everyone is involved in club functions and activities. Among its many activities and accomplishments this year, the Marshall Rotary Club helped 8 single parents further their education by fund-raising and awarding \$8,000.00 in scholarships, something the club plans to continue and increase next year; participated in the Healthy Children – Healthy Smiles campaign; donated dictionaries to the third grade children of the Leslie, Marshall and St. Joe school districts; and issued a challenge grant of \$500.00 to help the Searcy County Sheriff's Department raise money to train its Drug Enforcement Dog and Handler in Search and Rescue techniques (the same dog the club helped purchase last year for the county). If you are ever in the area stop in and visit us at noon on Fridays at the Sunset Restaurant in Marshall.

Rotary Club of Maumelle Honors Public Safety Personnel

The Maumelle Country Club was the site for the 7th Annual Department of Public Safety Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Maumelle. Rotarians and community sponsors joined the 90 plus Public Safety Personnel and guests. Attorney General Dustin McDaniel, a Rotarian from Jonesboro, was the speaker for the evening. This is one of Maumelle's finest events!



Maumelle President Adam Cunningham confers with Fire Chief George Glenn (who is also the Maumelle Club Secretary)



Firemen and Policemen enjoying fellowship and food

GSE Team Arrives from Brazil



Monday morning, April 9th marked the arrival of the Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team from Brazil at the Little Rock Airport. They were greeted by enthusiastic District 6150 Rotarians: Ed Linck, Lynn Robert, Bobby and DG Judy Sims, PDG Sam Chaffin, and Francine Bruyneel. It was difficult to tell who were the most excited upon seeing each other – the Americans or Brazilians!! We are pleased and excited at having them in our District. You are encouraged to find an opportunity to visit with our guests and to show them true Arkansas hospitality. Many of you will have a chance to have them stay

in your home, while others will see them in Rotary meetings and special events. Regardless of where you meet this team, we are confident that you will truly enjoy getting to know all of them.

Here's a little information about the team:

Francisco Caminha – Team leader

A Rotarian since 1999, Francisco is married with 2 children. He is a Lawyer, State Internal Auditor and Legislator, speaks English and Portuguese. He is 48 years old and he is very interested in meeting legislators, seeing court settings, and knowing how our judicial system works. Francisco says, "I would like to visit Arkansas School of Government, Arkansas House of Representatives and Arkansas Energy Office and Arkansas University".



Mila Siebra – Team member

Mila is an artist, divorced, speaks English, German, and Portuguese. She has her own art and specialty studio. She's interested in visiting art museums or galleries, craft shops, schools of art. Observing various types of art work in our area is of interest to her.



Karla Mendonça – Team member

Karla is an elementary school teacher and is single. She wants to visit different kinds of school, such as: kindergarten, elementary school, high school, a university, private school, plus museums and parks. From the AR State website, she has indicated an interest in seeing the Arkansas Museum of Discovery, Little Rock Central High School and the University of Arkansas.



Poliana Camelo – Team member

Poliana is a manager. She's interested in visiting companies and factories, as well as, an Arkansas University and learning about the educational system in general. She wants to learn how businesses are managed in our country and how managers are trained to do their jobs. She is divorced.



Ricardo Barbosa – Team member

Ricardo, single, is a state treasury auditor (equivalent to our IRS agent). He wants to know about technology systems for managing government, software, and government budget. He is interested in our tax system and is a wine collector.

If you have any questions about our GSE Team and their arrangements, please contact Lynn Robert for information. He has done a magnificent job in planning the exchanges for our district. Thanks, Lynn, for a job well done.

Mid America PETS in Fort Smith

Mid America PETS was a tremendous success. All 39 club Presidents-Elect have received the required training. The 400 participants in the mid-March event held in Fort Smith were from 4 area districts (districts 6110, 6150, 6170, 6190). It was a great treat to have Rotary International President-Elect Wilf Wilkerson and his wife, Joan, join in the meeting. Rotarians enjoyed having their pictures made with President-Elect Wilkerson following his speech on Saturday evening. He elaborated on his theme for next year – “Share Rotary”.



Pres John Carter, Gov Judy and Pres Elect Wilf Wilkerson



District 6150 Leaders for 07-08



DGE Bob Warner addresses the group



Pres Elect Wilf Wilkerson with DGN Ray Keller

Important Dates:

1. Paul Harris Birthday Golf Tournament April 20th- It is not too late to register. See form on line.
2. District Assembly April 21st at ASU Beebe. Club leaders for the 07-08 year need to attend.
3. District Conference May 4-5, Little Rock at the DoubleTree Hotel - registration must be in by April 15th for security clearance at the Little Rock Air Force Base.

