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June is Rotary Fellowship Month

June is Rotary Fellowship Month. Rotary Fellowships should not be the best kept secret in Rotary, but they are! There are over 70 different Rotary Fellowships. Each Rotary Fellowship focuses on a specific

vocational or recreational discipline. Rotary Fellowships give Rotarians the opportunity to network with other Rotarians with whom they share interests. Fellowship is the foundation on which Rotary was built, and it is

the source of Rotary's strength. Learn more about Rotary Fellowships and how they benefit you, your club and Rotary's global mission by going to www.rotaryfellowships.org.



Governor Judy's Comments

My dear
friends in
Rotary,

This has been an amazing year in District 6150! As of May, 2007, we have exceeded our Rotary Foundation Goal of \$183,370 and our total giving (including the Permanent Fund) has reached \$242,406. That's an amazing total -- and this amount does not reflect the final year end total. The year-to-date change in giving is up 52.21%, and I am grateful to you for your generosity. Although we have not met the \$100 per person goal for our district to the Annual Fund, we have already attained an \$85.68 level that should increase within the next month's report. With your support, we might reach that \$100 per member yet!

Our membership has grown from 2,347 to 2,368 so far, and I am pleased that you have invited your friends and associates to join our wonderful organization.

We have provided dental health education, toothbrushes and toothpaste, plus a coloring book to thousands of second grade children in our district. Rotarians have read books on oral health and a visit to the dentist to the children while Joanie Mashburn, RDH, has provided valuable tooth brushing instructions to them.

Our District Designated Fund (DDF) Budget totaled \$175,893.99 this year. Through international partnerships with our district clubs, we have submitted to Rotary International a total of \$134,857 in grants and other related items. We supported the Zone 29-30 Peace Scholar Foundation with a \$10,000 contribution, plus an annual contribution of \$23,500 to the Rotary Center for International Studies. Funding for the GSE team, ambassadorial scholars, and a \$10,000 contribution to PolioPlus, were paid from the DDF. International grants included

cisterns in Madagascar, 2 dental units for Brazil, toilets in Brazil, a computer island in Brazil, water purification in Honduras, a dental van in India, milking machines and cooling tanks in Romania, a portable ultrasound in Argentina, and a computer, camera, and projector for Brazil. These are just part of the good project submitted to Rotary International for funding.

Local grants included Healthy Smiles, Dictionary Projects, I Like Me, Coats for Kids, Youth Empowerment to Succeed, and others. . District clubs have had excellent grant funded projects this year.

Thank you, Rotarians, for allowing me to be your district governor and for your service to Rotary. Collectively, we did "Lead the Way" this year to a very successful 2006-07.

Gov. Judy

District 6150 Rotarians in Romania

These photos were taken during the dedication ceremony in Romania week before last. They include John Craft Rotary Club of Maumelle Arkansas cutting the ribbon at the new milk collection site. DGE Bob Warner 6150 at the passing on ceremony for the milking machines. That is DGE Bob Warner 6150, DGE Ovidiu Cos 2241, Ovidiu Spinu (the Rotarian from Cluj who was my original contact when we first considered this project) and me in the photo with the Spacic family. They have been our model family and were featured in the Rotarian Magazine and the Rotarian Video Magazine. They have come along way in the 4 years I have known them. They have 2 cows now, have passed on 2 to new project partners, they have repaired the hole in their roof that flooded the house every time it rained, leased about 5 acres of property to farm and graze their cows and they continue to contribute back milk to our partner institutions for children. This is just one of over 200 families! To date we have fed over 20,000 children and have over 200 profitable farm families. Thank you all for helping change these peoples lives forever. Rotary at its BEST!!!

Gary Parrish



Gary Parrish and DGE Bob with Spacic family and original Romanian contacts



Rotarian John Craft Cuts ribbon at new site



Dedication ceremony

Salt Lake City— A Convention of Firsts

Please take time to go to the Rotary International website at rotary.org to read the article about the convention in order to get a feel for what went on in Salt Lake City. The convention was a huge success!

“No word or picture can describe the great feeling of being at an RI convention. You have to go and see it for yourself”

Manon Lennon—Rotary Club of Laval, Quebec, Canada

Chesapeake Energy Teams with Rotary Districts 6150 and 6170 to Launch Scholarship Program

Chesapeake Energy Corporation announced on June 21st an agreement to fund \$50,000 in scholarships over the next year to state students who have or will be graduating from high schools

The initial \$1000 scholarship was presented to Jesse Foster who will attend the Proficiency of Petroleum Technology Program at Arkansas State University - Heber Springs. Chesapeake contributed the funds to the Cleburne County Rotary Club which provided it to the university. Congratulations Jesse.

“Our hope is that this scholarship program will help encourage young people to consider fields of study that are area relevant to the energy

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I'm Proud to be a Rotarian

Samantha Martin

When I first started attending the Marked Tree Rotary Club, I saw it as just another part of my job. It was something I knew I should do to build good relationships with the leaders in the community. Plain and simple, it's just good public relations to be involved in a civic organization like Rotary. Boy, let me tell you. It's so much more than that.

I can't tell you for sure when Rotary became more than a meal on Wednesday for me. I can't point to a specific moment when it became an important part of my heart. I suppose it was a gradual process – it kind of snuck up on me. If I could point to an influential moment, I guess it would be handing out dictionaries to third graders. Those kids were so excited to get a shiny new dictionary all of their own. I remember the smiles on the faces of the children at Tyronza, Lepanto and Marked Tree. Then the cute thank-you notes poured in, and the project became even more special to me.

It probably wasn't until I agreed to be president of the club and attended my weekend training that I really got a grasp for what Rotary truly is. The world-wide club that consists of 1.2 million members in more than 200 countries around the world can be summed up in three words: "Service Above Self."

The club's motto is more than a nice catch phrase. The more I've gotten to know Rotarians around the state, the more I've come to believe that they really are people who are committed to making a difference not only in their own communities but in the world.

Did you know that Rotary is one of the key players that has helped to almost eradicate polio from the planet? Now they're moving on to projects like clean water for everyone. Some may think that's impossible, but people said the same thing about polio eradication and look how wrong they were. Now there are only a few remaining cases in the world where once it was a disease feared by millions.

Our local Rotary club in Marked Tree is always finding ways to reach out to the communities it serves including Lepanto and Tyronza. Besides the dictionary project, I've come to love our new "healthy smiles" project just as much. Last month we gave every second grader at Marked Tree and EPC elementary schools a toothbrush, some toothpaste and a coloring book. That may not seem like a big deal to some, but for children who learned something about how to take care of their teeth, it will be a big deal to them when they have healthy teeth later on in life.

I like to brag on Rotary because I want others who have a pure desire to serve to be aware that Rotary is a great place to use your talents and energy to help people. We do everything from gathering food and toys for a family at Christmas to helping seniors have money for college. Plus, it's a lot of fun!

If you'd like to join us for a meeting – and some good food – come on down to the Marked Tree Methodist Church. We meet at noon in the fellowship hall every Wednesday.

Samantha Martin is past president of the Marked Tree Rotary Club. She is the editor and general manager of the Tri-City Tribune in Marked Tree and the Trumann Democrat. The following was the editorial in a recent edition of the paper.

Rotary and Chesapeake Energy, continued

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industry," said Mike Churchwell, Chesapeake's production superintendent in its Searcy field office. "Our significant investment in Arkansas is expected to continue for the foreseeable future, and we are thrilled to establish a solid relationship with Rotary and the community leaders from the club's membership base."

The Chesapeake scholarships will be offered through Rotary Clubs in White, Faulkner, Cleburne Van Buren Conway and Pope Counties where Chesapeake is currently focusing its exploration and development of natural gas from the Fayetteville Shale formation. The clubs are in Rotary Districts 6150 and 8170.