

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 6150

THIS MONTH'S CLUBS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- MARION
- WEST MEMPHIS
- OSCEOLA
- MARKED TREE

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Rotary District 6150 Central & Northeast Arkansas

"Humanity in Motion"



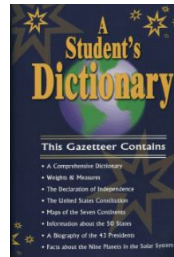
# July is Literacy Month

What is your club doing to promote literacy?

Close to a billion people lack the most basic literacy skills with millions more functionally illiterate, lacking the tools to meet the demands of everyday life.

Every July, Rotary clubs across the world focus on ways to address these problems through literacy initiatives. In our District, the primary emphasis is on the Dictionary Project. See the link on the website for specific information. Have you thought about simply

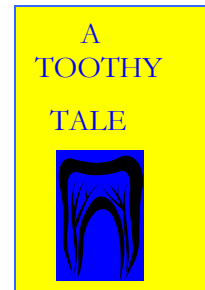
volunteering your time to go to your local Elementary School and reading to the children?



Another great opportunity this year is in conjunction with the Healthy Smiles Project. Your club just by being involved with that project will have the

opportunity to distribute and read the coloring books regarding Dental Health to 2nd graders in your local schools.

Did you know that a District Simplified Grant could help with the expense for these projects? Ask your Assistant Governor how to apply.



## Governor's Comments

As I have begun my official visits with Rotary Clubs in District 6150, I am amazed with the amount of service projects either underway or being coordinated for this year. Rotarians are busily

doing things to impact their communities and the world -- and they are excited about their plans.

I want to encourage every Rotarian to wear their Rotary Pin this year. It provides an opportunity for people to ask you about your pin, and it says a lot about you and our

organization. It indicates, "I'm Dependable" "I'm Reliable", "I'm Available", and I give more than I take". The Rotary Pin also represents 1.2 million Rotarians that are involved in Service Above Self. Please join me in wearing the Rotary Pin with pride this year.

## Baseball Drawing



### The winners are...

David Ferguson- Jonesboro RC, David MacDonald – Jonesboro Metro RC, Pat Kelly – Hughes RC, and Sandy Levine – West Memphis

## Annual District Golf Tournament



The Red Apple Inn in Heber Springs is the place to be on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>. All clubs must be involved by either entering a team or having two hole sponsorships. Two tee times (morning and afternoon). **Your clubs' participation is required to qualify for the Governor's Banner.**

## Deadline Approaching For Ambassadorial/World Peace Scholarship Grants For University Teachers



There is still time for your club to sponsor someone in

any of these categories- deadline is on or before July 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have been holding an application, please send it on now.

If you have been "intending" to nominate someone, please do. Details about the scholarship and

application forms are available on the Rotary website- look under the Rotary Foundation.

C. Fred Williams

Scholarship Chair 2006-2007

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## Membership/Foundation Seminars

Which location for the Membership/Foundation Seminars is best for your club representatives? **Attendance at both Seminars is required for the Governor's Banner.** See the website link to register.

- August 3rd - Jonesboro-6:00 Holiday Inn Oaks Restaurant - \$12 Buffet—Holiday Inn 3006 South Caraway Rd Jonesboro - (870) 935-2030
- August 10th - Little Rock - 6:00 - QualChoice/QCA Corporate Office - \$10 Catered Bar BQ Dinner 10825 Financial Centre Parkway - Suite 400 - West Little Rock—Little Rock - 501-951-7111
- August 17th - Heber Springs - 6:00 - Red Apple Inn - Garden Room
- August 24th - Helena - 6:00 - Helena Country Club - \$10 Chicken and Rice Dinner—19 Walden Ridge Drive West Helena, AR 72390 P: (870) 572-2877

# Spotlight On...



The Clubs in the “Spotlight” this month are: Marion, West Memphis, Osceola and Marked Tree. Their Assistant Governor is Ernest Crawford. Here are some things you may not know about these clubs.

## Marion

By Kim Hollowell, President, Rotary Club of Marion

The Rotary Club of Marion is excited to let the entire District know about the current project that they have in the works. The project is a trail along Marion Lake that was actually part of the “**Trail of Tears.**” The Native Americans turned due West at this point and headed to Oklahoma. The sight seeing stations along the way will feature Butterflies, Day Lilies, Birds native to the area, Historic Artifacts and one that the AR Game and Fish Commission is sponsoring. The work is being made possible by partnering with many organizations around the state. There will be an observation deck, an elevated boardwalk, and pier, all with handicap accessibility. The Elementary School is close by, so the students will have a wonderful learning environment to access. This sounds like something that we all will want to see!

## West Memphis

By Steve Kaplan, President, Rotary Club of West Memphis

The Rotary Club of West Memphis is active with many different projects. Let’s take a look at an overview of their ongoing projects: Sponsoring Russian business owners for the purpose of touring local businesses, providing dictionaries to every third grade student in West Memphis, sponsoring both boys/girls ball teams, sponsoring an Interact Club, providing 7 scholarships to Mid South Community College for both the fall and spring terms, sending 10 girls to Girls State and sponsoring a golf tournament with proceeds going to the Rotary Foundation and scholarships. This year they plan to add a project that includes working with the Memphis Grizzlies. Wow, what great ideas!

## Osceola

By Steve Mcguire, President, Rotary Club of Osceola

The Osceola Rotary for 2006-2007 intends to conduct our annual fund raiser activity, our radio auction, we are going to diligently strive to enhance our member attendance, work with our local industries to increase membership as well as any other means to attract new members, we are desirous of participating in the State Dental Program, and we will disperse dictionaries to the third graders in the Osceola School District and the South Mississippi County School District.

## Marked Tree

By Samantha Martin, President, Rotary Club of Market Tree

The Marked Tree Rotary Club has a rich history of serving its community. From helping build a road in the early years to providing scholarships for education in recent years, the Rotary club of Marked Tree seeks to find new and innovative ways to meet the needs of a community that is always changing.

Service is a number one priority for the club, as it should be, upholding the Rotary motto of “service above self.” One of the club’s newest projects is a walk-a-thon to raise funds for breast cancer research. The walk is dedicated to the late Peggy Bankston who died from breast cancer while the walk was being planned last year.

The club also enjoys a number of other local projects including distributing dictionaries to third graders and sponsoring a needy family during the holidays.

# July 2006 *The Rotarian*

As we embark on a new Rotary year, we look ahead to new responsibilities, new challenges, and new opportunities.

Rotary has flourished for so long because it offers constant values to its members: fellowship, friendship, and doing good work in the world. And Rotary has been welcomed into new communities and new countries because it is not afraid to adapt and respond, to embrace different cultures, and to hold firm to its core principles of honesty, tolerance, and unselfishness.

While the mission and motto of Rotary remain constant, we must always be open to the need for change. Part of our ongoing task as Rotarians is to stay aware of needs — in our own organization and in the communities we serve. Our membership is evolving, and we are welcoming more and more new members who, a decade ago, would never have thought to join Rotary. Our

work is evolving, just as our communities' needs and our ability to address them are.

In a world where so much is in flux and so little can be predicted with certainty, Rotary cannot afford complacency. Challenges are constant; so are opportunities. Today, we need every Rotarian more than ever, because in our diversity lies our strength.

In the coming Rotary year, I ask all of you to join me as we *Lead the Way* to a better Rotary and better communities. By this, I mean to ask you to be leaders in your communities — to show others that solid integrity, concern for others, and generosity of spirit are ageless values and that good business does not preclude good ethics.

As Rotarians, we are not content to let matters stay the way they have always been, whether in our clubs or in our communities. We are the ones who ask,



**Rotary International President,  
2006-2007 Bill Boyd**

Why not us? We are the ones with the skills and the desires to build a better future. And we are the ones who must *Lead the Way*.

Every Rotarian has so much to offer that I wish there were a Rotary office for everyone. But the strength of Rotary is that around the world, all of our tremendous talent flows into the clubs. In the last year, as I have met so many of you, I have become more and more confident that Rotarians are ready and able to *Lead the Way* — and that the best years of Rotary are yet to come.

## Happy Anniversary to the Jonesboro University Club!

Jonesboro University Club celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a party on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

The event was held at the Jonesboro Country Club and proved to be a wonderful evening of fellowship and recognitions.



Charter Members:  
**Dave Davidson, Jake Morse, Charles Harris, and  
Bob Holloway**



**PDG Jim Scott** was Governor when the club was chartered