

THIS MONTH'S
CLUBS IN THE
SPOTLIGHT

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October is Vocational Service Month

Every October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus their attention on vocational service. Discussions among clubs and districts on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational service month is an opportunity to begin yearlong vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects. Below you'll find a number of ideas to help

your club celebrate.

- **Introduce a "mini-classifications talk" series** in which each member gives a five-minute talk on his or her vocation. Schedule one speaker for the beginning of each meeting until everyone has made a presentation. The purpose: promote vocational awareness among Rotarians and help them recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations.

- **Present a vocational award to someone** in the community who has exemplified outstanding

professional achievement while maintaining very high ethical standards. Promote the presentation within the community, and consider making it an annual October event.

- **Invite experts to give a presentation** on the vocational needs of the community and develop a project in response to those needs. Possible projects could focus on developing character, providing career information to youth, mentoring small businesses, or organizing workshops that provide employees with new skills.



Governor's Comments

The fall and winter seasons offer Rotarians tremendous opportunities for fundraising events and community service projects. For many clubs, these seasons are their busiest time of the year, and many say it's when their members are willing

to be more involved financially and with their time. If your club needs funds, service projects, and member involvement, this may be your greatest opportunity to do all three.

During recent visits to your clubs, I have been pleased with the creative activities that you do to increase club revenues. Many of these activities could provide any club an

opportunity to add to their resources. What better way to have fun, fellowship, and to gain income than having football "tailgate parties" at your local high school games! You can sell beverages, snacks, and other items – and certainly have a great time! Radio auctions work well during the cold months when people remain inside

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First Healthy Children Healthy Smiles Implementation in Marshall

Tom Nowlin, President

AG Ned James and I thought you might enjoy the pictures taken during our Healthy Children – Healthy Smiles campaign this past Friday (Below). In these pictures you will see our dental hygienist Joanie Mashburn (who was absolutely terrific!), the children, the Rotarian volunteer classroom readers, and a portion of our Marshall club during Rotary meeting (Joanie was our speaker for the meeting!). Just so you'll know, we successfully recruited a new Rotary member through this campaign, a school administrator. Therefore, from every point of view, the campaign can be called a success.



Club 99 Dedicates the Miracle Field Centennial Project

The Little Rock downtown Rotary enjoyed a fellowship evening to dedicate the Miracle Field, built as a Centennial project by the club as a place where physically challenged children can have the experience of playing baseball. These pictures are from the first practice game played at the Miracle Field, located in the Junior Deputy baseball facility in Little Rock.



Professor Robert L. Thompson from the University of Illinois gave a terrific presentation at the Zones 29-30 Institute in Columbus. He talked about water conservation and all of the economic, health and welfare issues related to non-potable water. Professor Thompson discussed the challenges of potable water on a global basis. For instance, when talking about foreign aid, surveys show that Americans believe that 24% of federal budget is spent on foreign aid and they favor reducing this to about 10%. In reality, the U.S. spends less than 1% of total federal spending on foreign aid. 78% of Americans see fostering economic development in poor countries as important in fighting terrorism.

[To see Professor Thompson's slides, click here.](#)

Spotlight On...

The Clubs in the “Spotlight” this month are: Brinkley, Forrest City, Hughes and Wynne. Their Assistant Governor is David Henderson. Here are some things you may not know about these clubs.

Brinkley

By Beverly Chapple, President, Rotary Club of Brinkley

The Rotary Club of Brinkley would like to share the project that is one of the most rewarding during the year, not only for the Rotarians involved, but for the students as well. Club members will be going into the local Elementary Schools during the months of October and December to read to all fifth grade students. We will also be participating in the “Healthy Children, Healthy Smiles” program that will involve the second grade students in the local Elementary Schools.

Forrest City

By Johnnie Nell Carroll, President, Rotary Club of Forrest City

The Rotary Club of Forrest City has a busy year planned with numerous projects, and wasted no time getting started. In July we announced that as one of our literacy projects we will donate a book each week to devastated libraries along the gulf coast in honor of our speaker. We also participated in the Healthy Children, Healthy Smiles project, and distributed over 400 kits to area 2nd graders. As a second literacy project we will be distributing dictionaries to area 3rd graders. This is our third year to do this and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Our annual Rotary Carnival fundraiser will be in town at the end of October. We also continue the upkeep on the “Welcome to Forrest City” signs as well as the crepe myrtles lining the highway as you come into town. One highlight of the year will be the naming of 8 Paul Harris Fellows in a special ceremony to be held soon. Finally, we will continue to support all of our local charities as we have in the past, including Tots for Tots, Angel Tree, Relay for Life, Boy Scouts, Special Olympics, sponsoring a baseball team, and providing food baskets for poor families during the holidays. We will also award a \$250 scholarship to two nursing students at East Arkansas Community College, as we do each year. Our members look forward to continuing our history of lending and assistance to those in need.

Hughes

By Charlie Sorrels, President, Rotary Club of Hughes

The Rotary Club of Hughes is having a raffle fund raiser for a ham and a turkey for Christmas. We are also participating in the “Healthy Children Healthy Smiles” program at our school and we are making plans for our annual Christmas Dinner and awards program in December.

Wynne

By Gary Sparks, President, Rotary Club of Wynne

We have committed to the Healthy Smiles Project, Dictionary Project, and a water project that is being coordinated by the Jonesboro clubs. We have given 2 \$500 academic scholarships and made donations to the Cross County Literacy Council and the Wynne Soccer Association. We have also renewed our participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program. Lastly, I am excited that we have added 5 new members since July 1st.

If You Don't Come Across I'm Gonna Feel Down

What do Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt, Mia Farrow and Club 99'er Vic Fleming all have in common?

They are all featured in the September Rotary Celebrity Corner News in the premiere issue of Rotary International's new online magazine, Rotary International Interactive.

<http://www.rotary.org/interactive/celebrity.html>

Judge Vic, soon be regular contributor to The Rotarian has created a puzzle for the district, [You can download 6150 Grand Poobah in PDF form by clicking here.](#)

The first Rotarian to email Governor Judy the name of a well known Rotarian found in this puzzle will win a Gift Certificate that can be redeemed in Salt Lake City. The answer to the puzzle will be in next month's Newsletter

Pulaski County Fundraisers

Camp Aldersgate Fish Fry- Sponsored by the South Little Rotary Club- raised over \$36,000 for Camp Aldersgate.



PDG John Bennett, Linda and DG Judy



SLR President Andrew McCauley



Rotarians hard at work frying fish

"Paws for a Cause" Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Maumelle- \$6000 raised for an International Project that will help children in orphanages in Romania.



Best Kisser 2nd year in a row!

Photo by Bryan Thornhill/ Maumelle Monitor

Note from an Ambassadorial Scholar

This is part of an e-mail message I received from Kate McLean, our current (2006-2007) Ambassadorial Scholar.

C. Fred Williams, Scholarships Chair

"I arrived in Edinburgh about 3 weeks ago. I'm really starting to get settled. I've also had the chance to meet a few Rotary Clubs in Edinburgh. I actually give my first presentation this Thursday. I was looking over my presentation and realized I might need a little more specific information about District 6150. I've done some research on current projects the district has worked on, but I was hoping you could give me some more specific detail of some of the recent community projects the Rotary Club is currently working on so could mention it in my presentation.

"I hope you're having a great semester!"

Katie McLean

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and listen to their radio. Several clubs have made thousands of dollars with these fun auctions! Holiday gift wrapping can provide income for your club and local malls and stores are searching for organizations to assist with this project. For holiday parades when it is cold, setting up a booth to sell hot chocolate, coffee, tea, and sodas is commonly a half day event and it can generate money with little upfront expense. Holidays also can offer clubs a chance to sell candy, fruits, candles, cookies, baked hams, turkeys, etc. to households to help with their holiday entertainment. The ideas are limitless to generate income and

with every project you will find members having fun and building good friendships –with good community recognition. Rotary gives great opportunities to do good things and to have fun. All of these events provide you a chance to tell others about Rotary!

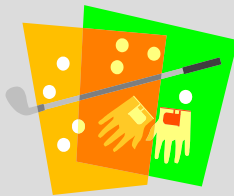
With the new funds generated from the suggested seasonal activities, I hope you will support the Rotary Foundation and your community. Some ideas beyond the Rotary Foundation may include; Coats for Tots, Shoes for Schools, Socks, Calendars, and Toiletries for Nursing Homes, Food Baskets for the Needy, Angel Trees, and many more ideas. There are

numerous special community needs that you can meet during the fall season and Holidays.

Make this fall and winter season one that is gratifying to you and your club. Rotarians know how to “Lead the Way” in their community, and I applaud each of you for your service. Doing good things and giving more than we take is the Rotary way. The ideas that you have shared with me during our visits have been fantastic. Thanks to each of you.

Governor Judy

Congratulations to **Jack Keathley and Brad Holloway!** They recently played in the Optus Senior Open (sponsored by University Rotary Club) with golf pro Franco Sebastian on their team



IMPORTANT NOTICE

For all Rotarians and Clubs that remit their dues and send contributions to North America

Effective 1 October 2006, lockbox addresses are changing for Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, and The Rotary Foundation (Canada). For a complete listing of clubs and districts affected by this change in mailing address, please consult Rotary's website: www.Rotary.org

Please take note of our new mailing addresses below.

For Rotarians and clubs that remit payments and contributions to the US:

Send membership dues and payments to Rotary International:

Rotary International
14255 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693

Send contributions to The Rotary Foundation:

The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693