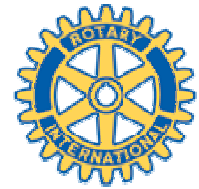


# Rotary District 6080 Newsletter

District Governor Don Brackhahn



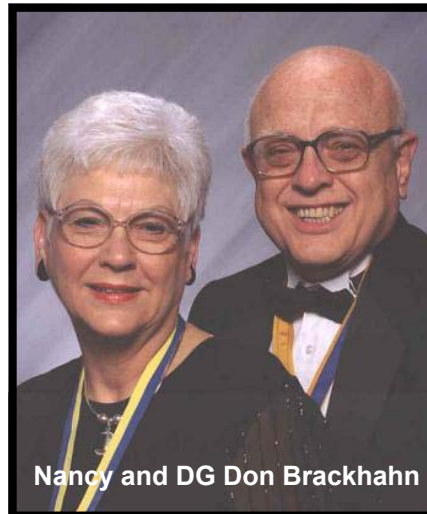
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Nancy and DG Don Brackhahn

Did you know that

- the DG visit schedule
- the 6080 Directory
- the District Officers
- the 6080 Committee Chairs
- the ability to do attendance
- the forms for Grants
- the GSE/RFE status

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tons more information  
are at [www.rotary6080.org](http://www.rotary6080.org)

**M**embership month (August) in Rotary has been a successful one in our district. The Membership Seminar held at the Osage National Golf Course on August 13th brought the leadership of 28 clubs and the Columbia Rotaract club together to learn more about how to acquire new members and retain those who are already Rotarians. Thanks to the leadership of Bill Rohlfing (membership chair), PDG Jerry Franklin, PDG (District 6510) Greg Yank, district trainers Don Alberti and Rita Esterly, the clubs came away from the meeting with some great ideas.

In my official visits to the clubs in July and August, I've already seen that many of them consider membership their major goal for the coming year. There have been a number of new members initiated into Rotary already this year and the RI Presidential Citation objective of "one net member increase per club" for this year seems to be within the reach of all in District 6080.

The month of September in Rotary is New Generations month. We should celebrate the Interact and Rotaract clubs in our district that spread the ideals and programs of our organization throughout our part of Missouri. The Youth Exchange, both incoming and outgoing, has been a great way to spread the Rotarian ideal of Peace and Understanding around the world. RYLA has been important in developing student leaders to spread the Rotarian concept of Service Above Self throughout their communities. We all need to pay special attention to what Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer, RI President, has to say about the importance of youth in our future, by reading his introductory article in the September ROTARIAN.

Membership and New Generations lead us into the Foundation month. The foundation or fund raising month is also one of the primary interests of our clubs. The importance of "helping others" is the key to our providing financial resources to those in need. This is true in helping those that have been disenfranchised due to recent Hurricane Katrina or those that have improper water, health or hunger problems during their entire lifetimes. We hope that your clubs will participate in The Foundation Seminars to be held on September 17th at the Community Blood Center in Springfield or October 1st at the Best Western Hotel in Sedalia.

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## DG Don's Comments

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Another way to assist in our fund raising efforts is to participate in the First Foundation Gala to be held in Springfield on Saturday November 5th. We are fortunate to have Cliff Dochterman, Past President of Rotary International and premier speaker, to be with us and help us celebrate this inaugural event. Special recognition will be given at that time to all those who have achieved Paul Harris Fellows this year and others who have made special contributions to the Foundation.

The diversity of membership, the programs to involve the youth, and our wide range of projects to help others continues to make me proud to be known as a Rotarian.

- Don Brackhahn, DG  
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In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history, Rotary clubs and districts from throughout the affected Gulf Coast region and beyond sprang into action to collect necessary food and supplies, raise money, and provide shelter to refugees. Based on preliminary reports coming in to Rotary International, Rotarians are responding en-masse to RI President Stenhammar's call to help communities affected by the disaster. Districts in Louisiana and Mississippi have led the charge. Throughout the area Rotarians are doing what they can to ensure the most affected regions are stable. District 6820 (Mississippi) Governor Stuart Vance reported via e-mail that Rotary districts 6820 and 6840 (Louisiana) established a relief fund and have the mechanics in place to collect money. Funds will be available to all affected. Donations may be sent to Rotary Katrina Fund, Bill Simmons, District Treasurer, 627 Sherwood Road, Starkville, MS 39759.

District 6200 (Louisiana) Governor Don Chauvin reports that the district committee is holding a meeting on Friday, 2 September, to develop a course of action. Chauvin noted that the District 6200 Foundation will be accepting monetary contributions for hurricane aid. Checks may be mailed to Janice Bradshaw, P.O. Box 44365, Lafayette, LA, 70504, USA. Rotary clubs on Marco Island in District 6960 (Florida) are collecting donations as well. Rotary club secretaries and presidents can consult their Official Directory for club contact information. In Tennessee, Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Oak Ridge-Breakfast and Oak Ridge have parked a truck at a local Wal-Mart and are seeking donations of hygiene and health necessities. Water, paper products, personal hygiene products, diapers, baby formula, and canned foods are being accepted in a weekend-long effort. Working with the American Red Cross, the group will bring the truck to a designated relief center in the affected area. Farther from the immediate fray, the Rotary Club of Decatur, Illinois, is collecting summer clothes in an effort to meet basic needs of victims. Donation centers are being set up at a local mall and radio station.



Left to right: Al Garson, Executive Director - Tantone Industries, Steve Harris, 2005 FOTO Chairman, Susan Martin, Executive Director - Ozark Mountain Country Habitat For Humanity, Stan Bess, President - Branson-Hollister Rotary Club

The Branson-Hollister Rotary Club recently presented checks to Ozark Mountain Country Habitat For Humanity and Tantone Industries. During the month of June, the Branson-Hollister Rotary Club held their annual fundraiser called "Flavor Of The Ozarks". This popular event draws hundreds from around the area for a day of golf, and an evening of food, fine wines, and a benefit auction. Each organization received a check in the amount of \$13,521.92