



"The 'Can-Do' District"

Rotary District 6080 Newsletter District Governor Don Brandes



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The opening article this month will be about THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY. You've seen some information on it in the E-Flyer and it is now ready to go active. This SOCIETY is not something new to Rotary because a number of Districts have had the program in place for sometime, but it is new to our District 6080.

The purpose of the program is to encourage Rotarians to pledge a minimum of \$1000 per year to the Annual Programs Fund of our Foundation. The donor may wish to designate someone who will be honored by their contribution. By offering membership in the SOCIETY, we will find some Rotarians willing and able to give more each year thereby enabling us to have returned higher amounts to our District to use for Matching Grants, District Simplified Grants, Ambassadorial Scholarships and other Humanitarian programs of our Foundation, and for helping those less fortunate within our own communities and around the world.

The following will be the mechanics of how the SOCIETY will be administered by the District and what our Rotarian contributors will do to join the SOCIETY.

The requirement is that in order to be a member, the Rotarian must sign a form agreeing to contribute \$1000. per year. In recognition of that wonderful commitment, the member will receive a certificate evidencing membership in the SOCIETY, and will receive a banner to affix to the Paul Harris pin. The form signed by the member and the check for the contribution will be given to the member's club Foundation Chair. The Chair will send the contribution in the normal manner to the RI Foundation indicating that the contribution goes to the ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND. These contributions MAY NOT be made to any other fund or program. The club Chair will then maintain a file of all of the application forms. As indicated on the form, members can either make the entire \$1000 contribution or may make smaller contributions as long as the entire \$1000 is made within the year in which the form is signed. A new form need not be signed each year and the club Chair will monitor the contributions reminding a Rotarian if an amount is due prior to the Rotary year end to fulfill the commitment. A member may withdraw from the SOCIETY at any time if, for some reason finances do not allow a donor to continue in the Society.

The club Chair will send an email to the District Governor Don Brandes, and the District Annual Programs Fund Chair, Brent Dunn. Their email addresses are: brand108@ilandd.net and brentdunn@missouristate.edu. The email must include the contributors name, address, club name, and amount of contribution. The DG will issue the certificate of membership and send it with the pin to the member's club president for presentation at a club meeting.

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The District APF Chair will maintain a list of the names of all SOCIETY members and will provide that list to successor Chairs and to the DG as he/she may require it.

The enrollment form for joining the SOCIETY can be downloaded from this District website. Also on **(Page 4)** of this newsletter.

The District Governor is challenging the District membership with a goal of 30 SOCIETY members by the end of this Rotary year.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2007 International Convention is being held in Salt Lake City June 17-20, 2007. Organizers have promised that this will be one of the best ever. International Conventions are not just for officers and committee chair people, they're for everyone. Salt Lake City is driving distance from Missouri and all members in the District are encouraged to attend. If you've never been to one, then you really can't appreciate Rotary as an international organization. The conventions give members the opportunity to meet and make friendships with other Rotarians from all over the world. Also, importantly the Rotary International officers all attend and it provide us all with the chance to meet and talk with them on a one-to-one basis. The plenary sessions are outstanding and often the speakers are individuals who have had unique experiences they want to relate. Generally there is more than one internationally known, famous speakers willing to share his/her knowledge and experiences. On-line registration is supposed to be available this month, so check out the RI website. Early registrations for the convention and early registrations for hotel space are always encouraged. Plan now to attend. In 2008 the conventions will be held in Los Angeles, and then will go to Seoul, Korea before returning to this continent in 2009.

BLANE COMMUNITY IMMUNIZATION GRANTS

I have previously mentioned the availability of these grants in the past, but because they are easily attainable I thought it a good idea to repeat information about them. These grants are to be used within your own community and are to be used in conjunction with your local health department, health providers or other community-based organizations. Rotarians interested in establishing a partnership with an existing coalition are encouraged to visit the Immunization Action Coalition Web site. The deadline for submitting the application is 31 December 2006. For more complete information, visit the RI website: www.rotary.org/foundation/grants/blane.index.html

PUBLIC RELATIONS GRANTS

I also previously mentioned these grants and that the deadline for applications for these is October 31, 2006. This is a wonderful opportunity to tout Rotary and your club within you own community. Public Relations properly done can be a big incentive for individuals to WANT to join Rotary. There are times when very little is known about what Rotary does, some clubs even going out of their way to not publicize what we do for convey might be perceived as "blowing their own horn." If you don't blow it the citizens in your own community may not know of all the good Rotary does and when it comes time to seek their support on a project or fund-raiser they don't know enough about you. Take advantage of the \$3000 grant and develop some great PR projects in your city. If you need additional information or help you may contact our District PR Chair Norman Benedict - email: Norman@normnrobert.com. also, check out the RI website www.rotary.org/newsroom/announcements/060815_prgrant.html

POLIOPLUS

At the Institute in Columbus, the attendees got an update on the status of this program. There are only 4 countries that still have polio as endemic, a fact we have know for a while. The four countries are Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. It is still hoped that by year-end only Nigeria will

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remain on the list. I was pointed out that there is importation of polio into countries that had polio eradicated. This means that individual with the virus travel to the other countries and affect others. It is then necessary to send in teams with the vaccine to immunize children in those areas. Another problem is in countries such as India and China where there are so many children born that teams have to return to stop any spreading of importation polio.

The 4-Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

You all have, or should have, the Presidential Citation requirements. If you have not reviewed the form, it is not too early to do so. This year's citation program allows clubs to earn recognition for promoting membership development and the four Avenues of Service. RI is asking for 1 net new member per club for the year, our district goal is a total of 74 net new members, but your DG has issued a challenge to every club to have a net increase of 1 member PER QUARTER. Are you equal to the challenge?

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Our District Conference will be held in Sedalia the first week-end in May, 2007. Plan now to attend. These conferences are not just for officers and committee people, but for all members. Like the International Convention, it gives members an opportunity to meet other Rotarians from around the District and have an exchange of ideas. The Conference committee has been meeting and planning for the past several months and they promise that it will be fun time as well as a learning experience. Club presidents should encourage all of their members to attend. Some clubs pay the registration fee for any member attending. Members that have attended these conferences in the past have come away from them with a better idea of what Rotary is about and a sense of fellowship they may not have felt to the same degree within their own clubs. As usual, there will be one or more guest speakers representing RI President Bill Boyd, and they are all worth listening to.

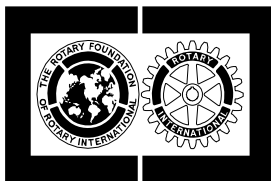
PETS/SETS

The PETS/SETS Council, (planning committee) meets every two months to put together these training meetings. All President Elects are required to attend if they wish to serve as their club's president. While it is not mandatory for Secretary Elects, it really should be. Some have said that since they have already attended they don't need to go but there are always new requirements, and a review of what needs to be done. Though the club elections have not yet been held, the date of the training should be noted and all PE's and SE's, when elected, should plan on attending. The dates for this training is March 30-31, 2007. The site has been moved from Lake of the Ozarks to the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City.

Until next month—

Don Brandes
DG 6080





PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY OF DISTRICT 6080

In consideration of my interest in the Paul Harris Society of District 6080 and in consideration of our Rotary Foundation's promise to use this gift to support the Annual Programs Fund, I would like to be awarded Membership in the Paul Harris Society of District 6080 .

- o Enclosed is my gift of \$1,000.00 or more * designated for the Annual Programs Fund. * \$_____.
- o I have already contributed \$1,000.00 or more since 1 July 2005 to the Annual Programs Fund of our Rotary Foundation and want my gift credited as my initial Paul Harris Society gift.
- o I pledge to donate \$1,000.00 or more to the Annual Programs Fund before June 30, 2006. Here is my initial contribution of \$_____.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

** All gifts also count towards Paul Harris Fellow Recognition and Major Donor Recognition.*

Please complete the following information and return with your gift.

- o Check enclosed. Please make payable to "Rotary Foundation". **Do Not Send Cash.**
- o Please have our Rotary Foundation charge my contribution to my:
 - o VISA o MasterCard o American Express o Discover (Please check one)

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Amount: \$_____.

Please credit this gift as follows: (please print)

Name _____ Rotary ID No. _____
If you don't know your number we will add it.

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone (____)- _____ Fax (____)- _____ E-mail _____

Rotary Club of _____ District 6080

Please give this completed form along with a check payable to "Rotary Foundation" or credit card authorization to your club Foundation Chair Person.

Club Foundation Chair. Upon receipt of this form and the member's contribution please inform the District Annual Program Funds Chair and the District Governor of the member's name, address, and amount of contribution. Forward the contribution to the RI Foundation in the usual manner. Retain the form for your club file. The District APF Chair is Brent Dunn, email: brentdunn@missouristate.edu The DG's email address is: brand108@iland.net

NOTE: You should receive a receipt acknowledging your donation from our Rotary Foundation within the next month.