



Rotary District 6080 Newsletter District Governor Don Brandes



Bonnie & DG Don Brandes

"The 'Can-Do' District"

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- Six months to go in our current Rotary year. We've accomplished a lot, but we still have things to be done to be sure our year has been as successful as we hoped and planned.

GRANTS

We received excellent news from RI that all of the Public Relations Grants submitted from our District had been approved. Although the amount of dollars granted were less than requested our members can be proud that theirs were selected out of 4000 grant requests submitted. Congratulations. We all look forward to seeing what you produce so we hope that you will share your media presentations with the rest of the District. You may want to display your printed work at the District Conference in May. There will be an area at the hotel for displays featuring projects and your PR material will show the rest of the District what you have done and give others ideas they can perhaps use.

CLUB ELECTIONS

As a reminder, please notify your DGE Joe Beltz of the names and contact information of your newly elected President Elect and the name of your Secretary or Secretary Elect. Your elections should have been held by now and you should have notified RI as well as Joe.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT FORMS

I have had some inquiries about the SAR forms that were to have been sent to you by RI. The report, as you all know. Was due to RI on Jan. 1. I emailed RI and was told that the forms have been sent out late and if you have not received them by January 15, contact our RI Club & District Service representative, James Damato, and he will see that they are mailed out.

PULASKI COUNTY

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, I was invited to attend this club's first Annual Foundation celebration banquet. Bonnie and I had a great time visiting with the club members. Their two Paul Harris Fellows were recognized and the club awarded a PHF to Wayne Strohschein, their Founding President, in recognition of his work and dedication in helping to get the club started. My congratulations to them, and my thanks to all of their club members for their contributions to the Foundation.

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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?"



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RI PRESIDENT BOYD RECEIVES RECOGNITION

RI President Boyd was recently bestowed with the Companion of the Queen's Service Order award. This is an award given to New Zealand residents who have served as a valuable volunteer to the community whether in elected or public office. President Boyd stated "----we recognize that this is recognition of the standing of Rotary in our community."

Rotary has been recognized many times by many different organizations, government agencies and individuals for the work done by them Internationally. Recently, Secretary General of the United Nations in a speech at the Truman Library in Independence stated, "wonderful partnership between the UN family, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (and prevention) and, crucially, Rotary International" is close to eradicating polio worldwide.

So, my fellow Rotarians, you are entitled to feel much pride when wearing your pin or when you tell others you are a Rotarian. There is a considerable list of recognitions received by the Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation and Rotarians for the PolioPlus program from governments all around the world for the immunization of over 2 billion children since the start of the international drive in 1985.

Do not believe however, that the PolioPlus program is the only program to receive recognition for the work of Rotarians. All over the world there are projects smaller in scope than PolioPlus but nonetheless important to those individuals that have been served and helped. Let us never forget why we exist and never forget that we care enough about others, even though we don't know them, that we want to make their lives and their environments better for them.

OUR SIZE

The latest information about the size of Rotary is shown in the Rotary World publication distributed to some of us. Here is where we are: ► 1,208,562 Rotarians worldwide ► 530 Rotary districts ► 32,554 Rotary clubs. However, do not think that because of the size of the worldwide organization we are insignificant because we are not. The success of Rotary is because each and every one of us is important and the work we do on behalf of others is worthwhile and meaningful. If each of us supports Rotary, the Foundation and our own clubs the success of what we do will be assured.

ANOTHER COUNTRY HEARD FROM

The Laos People's Democratic Republic, also know as Laos, has become the newest Rotary country with the establishment of a club in Vientiane, the administrative capital. It was chartered on October 18 with 35 members and is part of RI District 3360. The sponsoring club was Chiangmai Thin-Thai-Ngam, Thailand. Laos is a landlocked, Southeast Asian country of 6.4 million people bordered by Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar, and China.

Not too long ago, Russia was added to the list of countries with Rotary clubs. Rotary continues to grow in other countries thus expanding its ability to address the needs of the world. Through Rotary its members can influence the cause of peace by the interaction of clubs and while sharing in projects to help others.

PLANNING GUIDE FOR EFFECTIVE ROTARY CLUBS

This form is one that is in the President Elects Training Manual. This is an effective tool for the club President and his/her board to use in planning the club goals for the year and charting the progress towards those goals. Your District Governor Elect will ask each of you to complete that form, as I did and will ask for a copy of it, as I did. I sincerely hope that those clubs that chose not to provide me with a copy, will provide them to Joe. Without a copy, Joe won't be able to tell in what areas you require some guidance, nor will your ADG. Rotary International provides many guides for clubs to use in their administration, tools that will help assure the success of that club. All clubs should take advantage of those guides and of the assistance offered by both your DG and ADG.

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GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

The GSE Committee met last Saturday at State Fair Community College and interviewed four applicants to go as a team to Germany District 1900, in the western part of Germany. The four will all be good ambassadors for our club, our district and our country. They will leave on May 27 and return on June 2. The members are Corey Sengstacken, Springfield, and Interior Designer, Breck Frerking, Columbia a Bookkeeper Assistant to a Profession Investor, Richard Bruce, Warrensburg, Assist. Professor of Construction Management at UCM, and Shonna Tropf, Warrensburg, Assist. Professor of Communications at UCM. Team Leader will be Mary McIntosh, VP for Institutional Advancement and Past President of the Sedalia Rotary Club. We wish them a successful trip. Each member understand that upon their return, they may be asked to give a talk on their experience to Rotary clubs throughout the District.

ALUMNI AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

We are attempting to contact as many Rotary Alumni as possible to attend and be recognized at our District Conference in May. If any of you know of any Alumni of a GSE Team or Ambassadorial Scholar, please contact Stephen Stark, District Alumni Chair at: sjjstark@msn.com.

PETS/SETS

This is fast approaching. The dates are March 30/31 and will be held at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. The registration form is part of this newsletter. Please make copies for your use. It is suggested that you register immediately for this. All PE's are required to attend and all SE's are urged to attend.

Continue to encourage your members to contribute to the Foundation and to invite prospective members to your club. We still have a long way to go to reach each of our goals.

That is that for this month. Don't forget to **LEAD THE WAY**, and use your **POWER OF ONE**.

- DG Don Brandes, District Governor

District Calendar for the next three months

January

1/1

01/06-7, 2007

1/13

1/15

1/15

1/28-2/4

Rotary Awareness Month

Clubs focus on completion of [Presidential Citation](#) requirements

Inbound/Outbound gathering-Columbia families hosting

SMR Council meeting Jeff City Capitol Plaza Hotel

District Governor mails application forms for DG Nominee to Clubs

Deadline for clubs to submit Membership reports and Semi-annual Dues

International Assembly - San Diego

February

2/1

02/-04

2/10

2/23

World Understanding Month

Clubs begin completing [Presidential Citation Forms](#)

SCRYE 2 Conference

Leadership Training - Jefferson City

Rotary's 102nd anniversary

March

3/1

3/1

3/3

3/15

3/15

3/29

3/30

3/30-3/31

3/31

Literacy Month

Deadline for RYLA camp applications

Deadline for Humanitarian Grants to be submitted to District

Outbound Orientation #1

Deadline for clubs to submit nominees for District Governor Nominee

Deadline for applicants to submit Ambassadorial Scholar applications to clubs.

SMR Council meeting Jeff City Capitol Plaza Hotel

Deadline for clubs to submit Ambassadorial Scholar applications to the District.

[Show Me Rotary \(PETS/SETS Training\)-Capitol Plaza, Jefferson City](#)

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