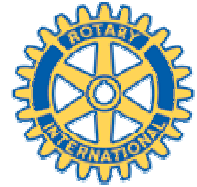


# Rotary District 6080 Newsletter

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The Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in Springfield had a joint meeting on Wed. March 1, 2006. Buck O'Neil was the guest speaker.

DG Don and Nancy visit with Buck O'Neil of the historic Kansas City Monarchs baseball team.



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**T**he month of March will be Club Development and Improvement Month for our District 6080. This is probably the most important designated month of the entire year for our clubs. It will bring together many of the emphases from prior months. In the 2004 Manual of Procedure (page 3) there are four areas of importance in the definition of an effective Rotary Club:

1. Sustain and/or grow their membership base.
2. Implement successful service projects in their community and communities
3. in other countries.
4. Support the Rotary Foundation, both financially and through program participation
5. Develop leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.

If you review your past Presidential Citation forms, you will find the first three categories above very prominent in those categories that need to be accomplished. Rotary International is attempting to emphasize those programs that will help improve and develop our clubs around the world.

You will note that to sustain and grow your membership base is the first item to be shown on the Citation Form this year by having "a net increase of one member". You must not only acquire new members to have a net increase of one, but you must also retain your current membership. In reviewing the membership and attendance report for January, I found that 28 clubs had increased their membership by one or more through the first seven months of the current year and another 12 were still even or down only one. It appears that if this trend stays the same over the next two or three years, this district has a large number of healthy clubs that will not only have the financial resources, but also the human resources to sustain local and international service projects. We all know that some clubs may have a down year, but that can not continue if your club wants to retain its viability.

As most of you will remember, I used a very old equation during my District Governor visits to emphasize the importance of continuing communication and involvement in improving the clubs in the district .

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The only way that your clubs can get commitment from its members is to implement the following:

- Communication+ Involvement = Commitment.
- Commitment is continuing to
- Communicate + remain an active member in your club that will support your service projects, contribute to the Foundation, and willing and able to take responsibilities on the district, zone, or international level.

You do have to prove to your membership that Rotary is not an eating social club, but one that requires "Service Above Self" among all its members. There are plenty of publications provided by RI that can be read, a large number of speakers that can provide motivation to Rotarians, but it is up to the club to develop programs that will use financial and human resources to assist others in need. Otherwise it is up to you to make sure that you have involvement from your membership in your programs. Remember you have "to ask" to get involvement and you can not take maybe for an answer.

What needs to be done is to keep our clubs growing and involved if we are to improve and develop in the years to come. The first thing that all our clubs need to do is to use the Presidential Citation as a stepping stone for the future. I believe that every one of our clubs can and should qualify every year for this citation.

The only item that is not included in the Citation for an effective club is developing leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level. This will be up to the clubs to train your leadership to think of Rotary beyond the club level. I have talked to the DGE and DGN about this issue and we will be developing a district program to identify such leadership.

We look forward to seeing you at the District Conference in Rolla on May 5-6, 2006!

Don Brackhahn, DG  
Service Above Self

## TOP TEN for January

### Membership

(gains since July 1, 2005)  
Columbia Northwest 6  
West Plains Sunrise 6  
Columbia south 5  
Branson Hollister 4  
Jefferson City 4  
Jefferson City Evening 4  
Laurie Sunrise 4  
Springfield 4  
West Plains 4.

### Attendance %

Butler 86.43  
Salem 85  
Springfield North 81.5  
Springfield Southeast 81.1  
Pulaski County 81  
Pettis County 78  
Mountain View 77.64  
Marshfield 77.25  
Lake Ozark Daybreak 76.2  
Rolla Breakfast 75.34.

### Foundation Contributions since July 1, 2005

Springfield SE \$15,411  
Columbia South \$11,235  
Harrisonville \$7,500  
Branson Hollister \$7,300  
Warrensburg \$5,970  
Sedalia \$5,959,  
Lebanon \$5,833  
Columbia \$5,690  
Springfield Sunrise \$5,300  
Springfield \$4,700

Since 1955, the Jefferson City Rotary Club has hosted Student Government Day. Rotary Clubs throughout Missouri invite local high school juniors and seniors to come to Jefferson City for one day to learn about state government. A Rotarian chaperone(s) from each club provides transportation to and from Jefferson City for the students chosen by each club. Each club may sponsor up to six students. Student Government Day will be held this year on Monday, March 20, 2006. Please fill out and return the registration form for your club by March 16.

