



"The 'Can-Do' District"

Rotary District 6080 Newsletter District Governor Don Brandes



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District Dates to Remember

March 19 – Student Government Day. The agenda and registration form can be found with the February newsletter here on the District website. For further information contact Marc Ellinger, President of the Jefferson City Club email: mellinger@blitzbardtget.com Registration deadline is March 16. A special notice was sent to all presidents on Monday, March 12 as a reminder and a request to put the information out again to the members since registrations are slow and low.

March 30-31 PETS/SETS All Presidents Elect are required to attend even if he/she has attended one in the past. All Secretaries strongly urged to attend. Registration forms and hotel reservations forms can be found on this District website. The latest registration report shows our District leading with 96 registered but a breakdown between PE's and SE's is not shown. RI President Elect Wilf Wilkinson and International General Secretary Ed Futa will both be featured speakers at this training session. As mentioned in last month's newsletter meal prices are \$20. for Friday noon, \$25 for Friday evening, \$12.50 for Saturday breakfast, \$20 for Saturday. PE Wilkinson will speak at the Friday evening banquet, General Secretary Futa will speak at the Saturday noon lunch. If an individual wants to attend more than two of the meal then they must register for the entire conference. Registration for the meals and checks for them must be sent to ADG Bonnie Brown, 7812 NW 79th Place, Kansas City, MO 64152. Questions about this may be sent to Bonnie at: bbrown@co.platte.mo.us These training meetings are open to everyone and all members are encouraged to attend to get a better grasp on what Rotary is about and to help them perhaps get involved at the District level.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Although a number of rooms have been reserved at the Best Western, we have had very few conference registrations. Those forms are also available on the District website. We would like members that are planning on attending to register early so we can get some idea of the attendance to help with our planning. So – if you have not already done so, please register and, we encourage all district members to register and attend. Information will be sent to all Presidents in a few days encouraging all to register.

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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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It is hoped that all clubs have contacted their High Schools to encourage students to write their essay on the 4-Way Test. Those essays must be judged by their sponsor clubs and the winner from each club sent to Paul Beard for the District committee to judge for the three finalists.

Here are some figures that may surprise some of you. Since inception of this District and its prior entities (there was a District realignment a few years ago), District members have contributed \$4,621,061 to the Foundation. During this Rotary year you have contributed \$253,409. as of the end of January. As of June 30, 2006, there were 2,721 Paul Harris Fellows and 267 Benefactors. We started the Paul Harris Society in this District this year and there are currently 5 members in that Society. I am really hoping we can show a nice increase in those figures. I notice that as of the end of January some of you clubs have not yet contributed. I would appreciate it if you would do so in the near future so we can brag on your contributions at the District Conference. I will put the updated current year contributions information in the E-Flyer as soon as I receive them from RI.

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

I had an inquiry from one of the clubs about the use of contributions to PolioPlus counting towards the International Project activity on the Citation form. Here is the response I received to my inquiry to RI: "Thank you for your message. Since contributions to PolioPlus go towards supporting PolioPlus Partners projects, I think that you should feel free to interpret this activity as meriting completion of the International Service component of the Presidential Citation." So, if this was something you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask, we all now know. Perhaps some of you may have had this question. If you have not completed your Presidential Citation form for lack of this component, please do so now. It would be appreciated if you have completed the components that you send the form to me now. I must review all of them before the information goes to RI. You may fax the form to me at: 660-827-4361 or snail-mail it to me at my home address: 108 Walnut Park Drive, Sedalia, MO 65301 I really hope that we can have 100% participation from our District. Last year we had 75% of the clubs qualify and we CAN DO better.

ROTARACT AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

All Rotaractors are invited to the International Conference in June. Many of our Rotary members do not know that there are 7051 clubs internationally with 453 of those clubs in this country. The total membership is 162,173 so it by no means a local organization. The Rotary International Convention is 17-20 June in Salt Lake City and Rotaractors are welcome to attend that and the pre-convention activities for Rotaractors. Registration forms are available on the RI web site. Many Rotarians that have attended these conventions say that attending one of these really puts Rotary in Rotarian. They also say that until you have the opportunity to attend you don't get the full meaning of what it is to be a Rotarian. I personally could not agree more. We have been to three – San Antonio, Chicago and Copenhagen will attend Salt Lake City and hope to attend more in the future. There are many opportunities to meet members from other countries and to form friendships that extend far into the future.

INFORMATION TO RI

I received a recent report from Tim Donovan, ADG for Administration that a number of clubs have not yet sent their new officer information to RI. The names and contact information on the PE and SE were due to RI on December 31. It is essential that if that has not been sent by your club it should be done ASAP. Without that, RI has no way of knowing to whom information should be sent and the names of the wrong members will appear in the International Directory.

RI NOMINATING COMMITTEE - ATTENTION PDG'S

The nominating committee to select the Director to represent our area will be meeting in mid to late September. Individuals to be on that nominating committee are being selected from each District. PDG's are eligible if they meet the following:

- Must have served as DG 2002-2003 or prior, Must be a member in good standing in their club. Must have attended two Institutes and at least one International Convention.

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Alabama club plans to help community rebuild following deadly tornado

By Joseph Derr
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Alabama Rotary clubs are planning how to put Service Above Self to help their communities recover and rebuild after a deadly tornado. On 1 March, a tornado ripped through Enterprise, Alabama, USA, killing eight students at Enterprise High School.

Danny Dicus, president of the Rotary Club of Enterprise, who was near the school when the tornado hit, said it was "like a war zone."

"It was nightmare. There were smashed cars, roofs ripped off houses, and dazed people walking around."

Dicus and his club are working with Past District Governor Bob Ruder to assess the needs of the community while they collect relief and recovery funds through their club's foundation. Any clubs wishing to contribute can do so by sending a check noted "Tornado relief" to: Enterprise Rotary Club Foundation, P.O. Box 310664, Enterprise, AL 36330, USA. For questions, contact Danny Dicus. After evaluating how to best make an impact, the club will work with local officials, disaster relief organizations, and other local volunteers to develop projects. The club is also in contact with the Rotary Club of Enterprise Sunrise to discuss pooling together their efforts.

Although the club is looking into organizing a clean-up day to help move dead trees and debris, it has set its sights on identifying long-term needs to be addressed.

"There is a tremendous amount of volunteer help going on right now in the community, in the form of food and clothing drives for the short term. In a few weeks, when all of that begins to slow down, we hope that Rotary will step in and fill in the void for long-term recovery, because in reality it will take us years to recover from this disaster," says Dicus.

- The club of the PDG must certify that the PDG meets these qualifications and the certification letter must be signed by both the President and Club Secretary.
- Letters must be sent to DG Don. Voting on the applicants will take place at the business meeting at the conference.

E-FLYER AND MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

If any of you have information you would like in either of these publications please send the information to DG Don at: brand108@charter.net, fax: 660-827-4361 or snail-mail: 108 Walnut Park Drive, Sedalia, MO 65301.

If you have a fund-raiser or something special you would like other clubs to know about or if you have an idea you would like to share, please let me know.

Until next month –
DG Don Brandes

Does Your Club have a Trainer?

To foster the development of leadership skills and increase awareness about Rotary at the club level, the RI Board created a new optional club-level trainer position in November 2006.

After being appointed by the club president, the club-level trainer will work with the club president, the district training committee, the assistant governor, and the district governor to ensure that a club training program is adopted that meets the club's needs. The club-level training program should include the following:

- Ensuring that club leaders attend district meetings
- Providing consistent and regular orientation for new members
- Offering ongoing educational opportunities for current members
- Creating a leadership skills development program for all members