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Rotary District 6080 Newsletter



The Hot Air

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- **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's winter in the Yukon; it's winter in Missouri—not much difference. We've been enjoying Rotary even more in the last month as we walk into meetings where the attendees are dressed like Northern outdoors folks in heavy and colorful winter outfits. It's like a National Geographic scene in winter-bound Alaska or Finland.

This is World Understanding Month, and we feature Ted Turner in this month's Rotarian! What a wonderful world in which we live, despite all the challenges we face. We have clubs in 166 countries and are active with projects in many more. Most of us have long since accepted this truism from Paul Harris, circa 1946, "Travel is a good corrective for mental nearsightedness—if the traveler will cast aside his prejudices. People will see what they look for, the ugly or the beautiful. If they seek things to condemn, they will find them in plenty and return home more prejudiced and arrogant than ever."

Many 6080 Rotarians, host families and YE students spent last week-end at South Central Rotary Youth Exchange Conference in Tulsa. Loretta and I had the honor and pleasure of attending that international jamboree as well and are still buoyed, excited and more dedicated than ever to our YE program. Friends made at 16 are forever; diplomats begun at 16 are forever; and international comity begun at 16 is for life.

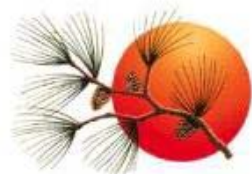
The District Conference (Tan-Tar-A, May 7-8) planning is well underway. Celebrating the Family of Rotary is our theme. Registration is available on the 6080 website, and your club has registration forms as well. For the first time, payments can be made by credit card. Our GSE team which just returned from 3130, India, and the reciprocal team from 3130 will be present, and RFE teams will be in attendance from the Thai exchange. RYLA alumni from our superb program at Central Missouri State will instruct and enthuse attendees as well. And, of course, our district's YE students will be in attendance and will perform. You'll note the golf tourney on the registration forms, and information on a cooking class by Tan-Tar-A chef(s) will be on the website soon.

Finally, we want to celebrate five years' hard work to meet our commitments to PolioPlus. Our clubs are within \$30,000 of our \$277,000 commitment, and our goal is to close that gap between February and May 8! Thirty of our clubs have more than met their goals, and I am confident the rest will respond as well. And Thanks to All for meeting this enormous challenge.

- R. D. Ross, DG

6080 District Conference

Plans are well under way for The Conference to be held at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach MO, Friday-Saturday, May 7-8. Highlights will include the traditional golf tourney on Friday with encouragement of all members and spouses to engage in the contest. Special rates apply for Friday and Saturday nights at the resort. We will have in attendance both the Indian GSE from District 3130 and the American GSE from our district as well as the Rotary Friendship Exchange team from Thailand and our returning RFE team as well. Ambassadorial Scholars, RYLA alums and Youth Exchange students as well will be featured. Susan Hart, Columbia Metro, is the Conference Chair and will welcome your recommendations and assistance. Her email address is: hbihart@huebertbuilders.com.



ADG Ron Locke is Golf Chair and is available for consultation at: lockers@todays-tech.com. For early reservations at Tan-Tar-A call 1-800-8272 (mention Rotary 6080 Conference) Wait until The Kids, young and not so young, see the new water park, TIMBER FALLS; it's a smash! Conference registration will be on website soon.

District 6080

Paul Harris Fellow

Matching Grants Program

Some matching dollars remain to assist all District 6080 Rotarians to become a Paul Harris Fellow or honor family members or friends with Paul Harris awards. Second, third or more Paul Harris Fellows are eligible!

There are two ways to do this:

1. Send \$750.00 new money, and the District will match \$250.00.
2. Send a check for the difference between what one's balance is now and \$900.00, and the District will match \$100.00

Group Study Exchange

Our team returned safely from District 3130 last week. Next month's Hot Air will provide full report.

Club News

Recently RI Director John Germ, our Zone 29 representative to The RI Board of Directors, asked us to review each of our club's community activities, and what a revelation that has been. It is seldom that we analyze what it is that our clubs are really doing, and it is positively, sometimes surprisingly, apparent that all of our clubs are heavily involved in the world of philanthropy and service locally and internationally. We'll feature a few clubs the remainder of the year just to whet your appetites for action and service!

Branson-Hollister

→Scholarships for three international students at College of the Ozarks. →Books (200) donated to Taneyhills Library. →Adoption of two families in need for Christmas to include clothes, food and toys.

→Food Drive for canned goods, donated to Christian Action Ministries for their food pantry. →Participated in Christmas Parade with float (first place in civic club division). →Rang bells for Salvation Army Red Kettle (won civic clubs/city contest raising \$1866). →Community Caring Day—power-washed cabins, caulked windows and scraped paint at Women's Crisis Center - followed by painting cabins, funding new roofs, planting shrubs and more. →Recognizing youth, Middle to High Schools, weekly at meetings.

Butler

→"Rang the Bell" for the Salvation Army. →Members serve on the Salvation Army Board. →Volunteer at the Butler Youth Center. →Sent reading materials to Iraq. →Sponsored the centennial poster contest and awarded prizes locally. →Donated to the local food pantries. →Volunteered to help put the Christmas baskets together with the Ministerial Alliance. →Sponsors an educational program for the Butler Elementary 5th and 6th graders called "Exchange City," which teaches through hands on experiences about city government, economics, and business via building their own city, businesses, conducting elections, and manufacturing products. →Sponsors 4-H's on the Washington D.C. Citizenship Trip Donated to Heart to Heart in Kansas City. →Sponsored two local people to attend Camp Wonderland. →Sponsors a team for Relay for Life.

"With so many capable and devoted friends, all feeling responsibility for the future of Rotary, we may reasonably expect to turn out a piece of twentieth century mechanism which will constitute an agreeable surprise to ourselves and to the rest of the world."

- Paul Harris, November, 1911