



Lend a Hand

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# Rotary District 6080 Newsletter



**The Hot Air**

**District Governor R. D. Ross**

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January is Rotary Awareness Month, and our communities, local to international, deserve to know of our contributions to mankind and also to those communities. Might I reemphasize our nearly century of good works:

- 2 billion + children immunized against polio
- 1 million + Rotarians who have volunteered their time and resources to National Immunization Days
- 42,000 GSE participants sent abroad
- 34,000 Ambassadorial, Peace and other scholarships granted to students worldwide
- 13,500 Matching Grants awarded for international humanitarian projects
- From our own pockets, \$1.456 billion (1936-2003) to Rotary Programs on behalf of mankind
- From Rotarians \$500 million + Contributions to eradicate polio
- \$80 million GSE
- \$69 million Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants
- \$10 million Grants for Rotary Volunteers since 1979
- 200,000 + students exchanged through the Youth Exchange programs
- Thousands of local projects saving lives, enhancing lives, empowering communities and serving mankind everywhere

Loretta and I have basked in the friendliness, graciousness and altruism that is Rotary in our club visits, special events and most recently, the holiday celebrations and Centennial dedications. We have seen several of the Centennial projects, ranging from modest to quite extensive, and we're encouraging all to pursue those projects this month, Rotary Awareness Month. What better way is there to display our care and concern for the communities of our world than to emphasize who we are at 100!

So, Happy New Year to all, and continue to Lend a Hand,  
- 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: hbs-hart@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.

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### District GSE Team

The Team, under the leadership of Dr. Raymond Plue, arrived in Pune, India January 2, and thanks to instant communications we were able to confirm their good health and pleasure in being in India upon arrival. The District 3130 GSE will be arriving in our district in mid-April and will be guests (and performers) at our District Conference and in many of your communities and clubs. Reports from our team in India will follow via the District Website as we receive them.

### Polio Eradication Fund Raising *Campaign Status*

Latest report (Nov. 30) from The Rotary Foundation indicates that five more 6080 clubs have reached their Commitment to this campaign: Centralia, Marshfield, Rolla, Springfield North and Springfield. Twenty-six of our clubs have met their goal. The needs to bring the Eradication to total fruition remain, thus contributions are still in major order, and the children of the world thank you!

## District Simplified Grants

Ten grants have been selected (of ten applications!) for the \$1,000 grants to clubs for humanitarian projects locally and worldwide. Those clubs include: Branson-Hollister, Columbia, Marshall, Sedalia, Springfield (all four clubs!), Willow Springs and one pending.

Several other grant proposals (not DSGs) are being considered. Chair Charles Cooper is advising and receiving grant proposals at coop@cdsinet.net. His mailing address: 746 East Eastwood, Marshall, MO 65340.

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### Rotary Centennial

As the Rotary Centennial approaches, Rotarians can look forward to a new RI publication, *A Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International*. The official book of the Rotary Centennial will be released in English at the International Assembly in early 2004, to be followed by release in other official Rotary languages by 1 July 2004.



The 384-page volume features a wealth of Rotary facts, figures, and trivia, as well as never-before-published photographs. Those who preorder the book (publication number 913-EN) by 31 March receive a free CD.

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### Rotary Awareness, 1940

Rotary has actually become part of the civic life of 60 nations. Rotary stands; though the tempest rage about-Rotary still stands. Why and how? Because it is grounded not on fear, rivalry, and suspicion, but on the eternal and indestructible rocks of friendliness, tolerance, and usefulness.

- Paul Harris, Message to 1940 RI Convention, Havana, Cuba