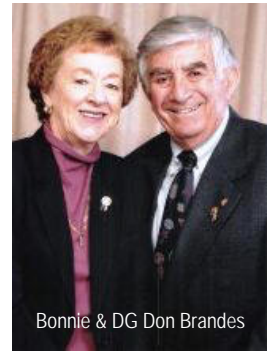




"The 'Can-Do' District"

## Rotary District 6080 Newsletter District Governor Don Brandes



Bonnie & DG Don Brandes

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### LET'S SOAR LIKE THE EAGLE AND "LEAD THE WAY"

It has been a wonderful introduction to being the District Governor. My wife, Bonnie, and I have visited 26 clubs since July 5, and have enjoyed all of the visits. Twenty-one to go, then we will visit the Rotaract clubs.

I will include information in my monthly newsletter that you may already have seen in the weekly E-Flyer. I do this because individual members that are not on our weekly mailing list will have an opportunity to have this information.

On my travels, I have been emphasizing both Membership and the Foundation. As I've told the clubs, both of these programs are essential to the health and well-being of Rotary. Without either, RI would not be able to do near the things it is able to do around the world.

The goal for membership this year, as requested by RI, is a mere net of one new member per club. It doesn't seem like much, but several clubs last year didn't make it. We CAN-DO better. I've raised the bar a bit and rather than 47 net for the District, I have set the District goal at 74 new members. That doesn't seem like much of a challenge for a district with over 3000 members, so I am challenging ALL clubs to a net new member of one per QUARTER. Last year the District increase was 127 net new members including 58 in the newly chartered clubs of Nixa and Branson West Table Rock.

AS A REMINDER, AND YOU MAY SEE THIS BEFORE SATURDAY, THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 12 AT THE OSAGE NATIONAL GOLF COURSE IN LAKE OF THE OZARKS. IT IS LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 54 HEADED NORTH WITH A BILLBOARD SEEN FROM EITHER DIRECTION. IT IS HOPED THAT ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND THEIR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ATTEND. RETENTION, RECRUITMENT AND EXTENSION WILL BE DISCUSSED. AND AS A SPECIAL TREAT, ELVIS WILL MAKE A BRIEF APPEARANCE. Lunch will be \$15.00. Clubs should consider paying for the lunch for those attending.

RI has received a letter from Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator. The Rotary Foundation has received its 4 Start rating for its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances. "This "exceptional" designation from Charity Navigator differentiates The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust." This is certainly evidence that those in whom we have put our trust to effectively manage our contributions deserve our thanks.

I have learned in visiting the clubs that many of our members are not aware that none of our dollars contributed to the Foundation are used for administrative and operational costs. I will continue to stress that with the clubs. Nor do many of the members know that 50% of all contributions from the clubs in the District come back to the District in three years to be used by the clubs. Matching grants, District Simplified Grants and Ambassadorial Scholarships are some of the worthwhile uses of the money returned to us.

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This year, the goal for the District contributions to the Annual Program Fund (APF) is \$275,000. Last year the goal was \$250,000, and it was not quite reached. We CAN-DO better. RI has asked for Every Rotarian Every Year to contribute \$100 to the APF. The District goal is less than that because there are over 3000 members in the District. This contribution is in addition to contributions that can be made to designated programs such as PolioPlus. Contributions to other than APF are not distributed back to the Districts.

Note: I had scheduled the District Conference next year for April 20-22. However in visiting the clubs I learned that the Springfield area clubs will be having their big two-day fundraiser, Rock & Ribs that same week-end. Many of their members are involved with that effort and would not be able to attend the Conference. I have therefore rescheduled the Conference to May 4-6. It is still to be held in Sedalia at the Best Western. You will be hearing more about that in the future.

Two Foundation seminars are scheduled. The first is September 16 in Springfield, the second on October 6 in Sedalia. Time and places for both will be put in the E-Flyer, so be sure to watch for it.

We will be having a GSE team exchange next year, again with a team from Germany. Their team will be from District 1900 located in the Western part of their country. We will be interviewing for an Alternate Team Leader (the Leader has been selected), and will be selecting the team members, four from around the state. We would like all clubs to help locate the team members and propose an Alternate Leader in case the leader is unable to make it. The requirements for the team members is that he/she must be between the ages of 25 and 40, and have been in their position for at least two years. There is not requirement that the team members speak German, but obviously that would be helpful. It is also desired that the Team Leader either be fluent in, or speak some German. Our team will travel to Germany leaving on 5/27-07 and returning 6/24/07.

The incoming team will arrive on April 8, 2007 and return on May 6. Clubs are needed to host the team. It is planned that the Incoming Team will be in Sedalia from about May 2 to May 6 so that they will be in Sedalia for the District Conference.

To propose an Alternate Leader and team members, and to host the Incoming Team, please contact GSE District Chair Sharon Jennings for information. She can be reached by email at: [sjennings@cmsu1.cmsu.edu](mailto:sjennings@cmsu1.cmsu.edu)

I have received a letter from Tamara F. de Wild, Rotary Club of Springfield, concerning a joint program sponsored by all of the Springfield clubs and the Springfield Rotaract club. They are involved in a fund-raising effort to raise \$100,000 to purchase a tractor and trailer and fund the first year's operating costs for a mobile food pantry. They are partnering with Ozarks Food Harvest for that organization to be able to deliver food, including perishable items, to those in need in a 29 county area serviced by Ozarks Food Harvest. Not only will this aid a large number of people, it will certainly give visibility to Rotary as an organization that cares about people. The Executive Director of OFH is a Rotarian.

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Pictured: (Left to Right)  
Arlene Schaeffer - representing the  
Taneyhills Library  
Stan Bess - President of the Branson-Hollister Rotary Club,  
and Susan Bell - Rotarian.

The Branson-Hollister Rotary Club recently presented the Taneyhills Library with a check for \$1,900 to go towards renovations to the library. In addition to the cash contribution, the Rotary club also collected numerous children's books which were donated to the library on the same day.



### **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?"**



(left) Rotary Breakfast Club of Rolla President, Joel Kramme presents \$3,000 check to Rolla High School

### **Rolla Rotary Breakfast Club Donates \$3,000 to Rolla Public Schools**

Monday morning, July 31, the Rotary Breakfast Club of Rolla presented \$3,000 to the Rolla Public Schools. President Joel Kramme presented the check to Rolla High School Activities Director, Kelly Hinshaw. The donation represents the club's continuing support of the Bray Sports Complex and will assist in construction of a concession stand at the complex.

The money was raised by the Rotary Breakfast Club of Rolla at the Annual Rotary Golf Tournament held May 7. The tournament was conducted by the two Rolla Rotary clubs. Supporting the Bray Sports Complex was one of the Rotary Breakfast Club's projects to celebrate the Rotary Centennial in 2005.

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### **Foundation's fiscal health is top-rated by leading U.S. evaluator**

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga  
Rotary International News

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Charity Navigator, a leading evaluator of public charities, has awarded The Rotary Foundation its top rating of four stars. Established to help individuals make

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The Presidential Citation has one possibility to qualify for the Community Service portion of the Citation, partnering with another club on a project. If your club has not yet decided on a community service project this is one way to get that done. Like other food pantries in the state, this service is one that is vital to help alleviate hunger in our state. For further information contact Tamara at: [tdewild@lathropgage.com](mailto:tdewild@lathropgage.com), or by Phone: 417-886-2000.

If any club has a project or fundraiser that they would like to tell the other clubs about, this can be done by sending the information to the webmaster, [murph@medharbor.com](mailto:murph@medharbor.com). Please try to keep the information brief. I will also be glad to mention the project in the monthly newsletter.

This may seem too early to mention it, but you will all be having, or should be having, your club elections in early December. It is imperative that you provide RI with the names of your President and Secretary by December 31. This is necessary so that the correct information is put into the International Directory. You will receive more information about that from Joe Beltz, District Governor Nominee. It is also important that you give Joe that same information for the District Directory, along with the contact information for each. This past year, it took several weeks to get all of the information and it took several messages to a number of clubs to make sure they followed up. If it does not reach RI in time, the wrong information will be entered into the Directory.

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intelligent giving choices, the nonprofit Charity Navigator provides free ratings of tax-exempt charities based in the United States that receive substantial public support (more than \$500,000). Charity Navigator also considers length of operation and program type before including an organization on its master list for evaluation. Currently, Charity Navigator evaluates the organizational efficiency, organizational capacity, and overall financial health of more than 5,000 charities. "Less than a quarter of the charities we evaluate have received our highest rating, indicating that The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International outperforms the majority of nonprofits in America with respect to fiscal responsibility," says Trent Stamp, executive director of Charity Navigator, in the letter announcing RI's four-star rating. A four-star rating indicates an exceptional financial performance; a three-star rating signifies a good financial performance; a two-star indicates a need for improvement; and a one-star denotes a poor performance. A rated organization not awarded any stars is considered exceptionally poor.

An organization's overall rating stems from its overall score from seven performance categories. For each category, an organization can receive a score from 0 to 10. The overall score of a four-star charity ranges from 60 to 70. An organization is awarded no stars if its overall score is less than 25. The Foundation received an overall score of 60.92.