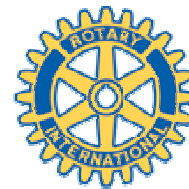


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Rotary names inaugural class for unique, short-term peace program in Bangkok. Applications now being accepted for second class in January '07

(EVANSTON, IL USA, 3 May 2006) --- Rotary has chosen a diverse group of 17 applicants from 13 countries as the inaugural class of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.

Beginning 1 July, this diverse group -- which includes upper-level professionals from governments, non-governmental organizations, the military, academia, media, law, law enforcement and the faith community -- will spend three months studying conflict resolution, mediation and other skills necessary to reduce conflict and promote peace worldwide.

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This next month begins the second year of the second century of Rotary and Rotary International will be ably led by President Bill Boyd from New Zealand and his theme for the year will be Lead the Way. The person that will be leading the way for our district is Don Brandes of the Sedalia Club. I know you will find that he is a great leader and will help us all reach our Rotary Goals in 2006-2007.

I would like to thank all the clubs leadership for their helping us to achieve our goals this past year and especially for helping us to grow Rotary in District 6080 by 175 members. This, of course, included our two new club of Nixa and Table Rock Lake, Branson West. Let us continue this growth this next year under District Governor Brandes leadership so that we can continue to share Rotary with others in our part of Missouri.

This has been a year when we were asked to place Service Above Self and our district was outstanding in this area too. The hurricanes that hit this last fall were devastating, but Rotarians came through not only with contributions to the special Rotary Emergency Funds, but also with gifts to American Red Cross, Salvation Army and many other disaster related organizations. Twenty of our clubs applied for and received District Simplified Grants to assist those in need. Our clubs also assisted many other parts of the world with the digging of wells, building schools and sanitation systems, assisting with literacy projects, helping with cataract operations and feeding the hungry. Thank you Rotarians for making all this possible.

I am truly proud to be called a Rotarian!

Don Brackhahn, DG 2005-2006
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Members of the inaugural class hail from Argentina, France, India, Italy, Laos, Liberia, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand and the United States.

The program asks each participant's employer to cover the approximate cost of US\$5,000 for the three-month session, including tuition, room and board, educational materials, insurance, and other related expenses. The Rotary Foundation will provide funding for round-trip travel for participants living outside of Bangkok, as well as a limited number of full and partial fellowships to those from resource-strapped developing countries. For participants not requiring housing, the cost is \$2,500.

Applications also are being accepted on a rolling basis for the second session, which begins 8 January, 2007. For more information and a Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program application, please contact your local Rotary club or send an email to Bangkok.PeaceStudies@rotary.org.

Rotary also offers a separate two-year, graduate-level, peace studies program at seven Rotary Centers for International Studies based at major universities in Argentina, Australia, England, France, Japan and the United States. The program admits up to 70 fellows each year. For more information, visit rotary.org.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotarians who are members of more than 32,000 Rotary clubs in nearly 170 countries.

TOP TEN FOR MAY

Membership

Columbia South 18, Branson Hollister 11, Jeff City Evening 10, Columbia Northwest 8, Harrisonville 8, Springfield 8, West Plains Sunrise 5, Belton Raymore 5, Jeff City West 5, Rolla 5.

Attendance (percentages)

Springfield 94.6, Willow Springs 91, Rolla Breakfast 87.5, Marshfield 84, Centralia 82, Mountain View 81.9, Warrensburg Early Bird 80, Pulaski County 79, Pettis County 78.

The full report is available on the district web site www.rotary6080.org

Tim Donovan
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Springfield Club In Rotarian

In the July issue of the Rotarian Magazine on page 10 there is a very short article about member Doug Pitt.

I was contacted by the magazine last month and sent them some information and photos.

One of the photos shows member Kevin Killian, but does not name him.

The article mentions the Rock'n Ribs BBQ Festival.

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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?"**