

**DISTRICT 6080 NEWSLETTER**  
**June 2007**

**This will be my final Monthly Newsletter to the District. My term of office ends on June 30. It is with mixed emotion that I end my term. I will awaken on July 1 wondering what I am going to do that day.**

**I am grateful for the friends Bonnie and I have made during our travels around the District. At every club we were warmly greeted and made to feel special while, in truth, every Rotarian is a special person. I very much appreciate the cooperation, assistance and participation on the part of each club, the District Committee Chairs and District Committee members. I am also thankful that I had an Associate District Governor that was of invaluable assistance to me and the clubs with his knowledge of Rotary and his administration of District functions. I also want to thank the Assistant District Governors for their dedication and commitments of their time and energy in working with their respective club. It takes a lot of Rotarians to make a District successful in its work. We have many dedicated Rotarians in all of the clubs that commit to the work that we do. Without the individual members there would not be a Rotary.**

**Yes, it has been a successful year. Our members rose to the challenge made in the contributions to the Foundation. As of the end of April, the last figures I have available, members have contributed over \$290,000 to the annual program fund and with contributions to the Permanent fund the total is over \$312,000. In meeting with some of the clubs in the past couple of weeks, some have told me that they are now sending, or have just sent, the contributions made by the members during the year so I fully expect that the \$300,000 total to the Permanent Fund will be met. That will certainly be a new record for the District and I thank all of you for that. This year we started the Paul Harris Society and DGN Sherry Nielsen was the coordinator for that effort. At last report we now have 19 members, members that have committed to making a \$1000 contribution to the APF each year. Certainly will be a good boost to the Foundation.**

**In membership, we have had a good net increase although the net figure is somewhat unknown because our District figures and those of RI seem to be different. I do know that I sent 110 welcoming letters to new members, that is, those that were reported to me. Each year the clubs are charged with having a net increase in membership. As I have said in my talks without recruiting new members, we would stagnate, and without members and the Foundation there would be no Rotary.**

**Many excellent projects were completed – both domestic and foreign. We have had Leadership Training, and Membership and Foundation meetings to upgrade the knowledge of our members and strengthen our ability to be even better in what we do. Individuals and clubs were recognized for the work they have done. Over 90 recognition awards were presented during the District Conference in May.**

**Writing about the District Conference, I reviewed last month's and noted that I was remiss in not recognizing PDG Duane Sterling and his wife, Pat, for acting as Aide to David and Wilhelmina Lusty, the RI President's Representative to our Conference. Thank you Duane and Pat.**

**We chartered one new Rotaract Club in Jefferson City and it is going well. My one regret was that we were not able to charter a new Rotary club. Several cities were investigated but found to be not viable for a club.**

**Though this is the end of my term, it by no means indicates that I will "slowly fade away." Rotary has become an important part of my life and I am fortunate in having a spouse that shares my belief in what Rotary does. We plan on returning to visit clubs in the District, this time as a visiting Rotarian and not a "speaking" guest.**

**In my E-Flyer to go out this week, there will be some information about a "bike rider" traveling across the country to raise money for the eradication of Polio. If you are a club president, please share that information with your members because the rider will be passing through Missouri in early July. It would be great if Rotarians will be along the way to greet him, perhaps offer accommodations and certainly for the clubs to make a financial commitment and send funds to RI to support the effort.**

**Once again, thank you all for your support during the year. You have truly Lead the Way and many of you have used your Power of One to make the world a better place.**

**DG Don**