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Rotary District 6080 Newsletter



The Hot Air

District Governor R. D. Ross

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Happy 99th Birthday Rotarians of District 6080. We're all looking forward to 100! On 100+1. We begin a new century Serving Mankind. Meanwhile we'll Celebrate Rotary for a year without losing sight of our destiny! As we've celebrated together with Rotarians in our club visits in the recent weeks, we find that celebration with solemnity has been the tenor of our visits. We're proud of our many, many accomplishments, and, of late, especially PolioPlus, but every day we note so many more challenges facing us.



We know that the Rotary Century II will test us like we've never been tested before, but I know that we're up to the task. Never arrogant, but always proud, we have placed ourselves on the world skyline in the area of peacemaking and service, and I suspect that Paul Harris nor even any of us today really meant to reach that high. Founder Harris said, "Rotary is an integrating force in a world where forces of disintegration are all too prevalent; Rotary is a microcosm of a world at peace, a model which nations will do well to follow." (My Road to Rotary)

World Rotaract Week is this month, and Warrensburg Rotarians, and all of 6080, are proud to report that a new Rotaract Club has been chartered at Central Missouri State University. Meeting the members of this body was most inspiring; all have service goals of great proportions. Best wishes to President Kim Atkins and special praise to Rotarians Bankhead and Tankersley- Bankhead (Past President Tom and President Beth).

The next few weeks will bring us Show Me Rotary (PETS-SETS) and the District Conference. Each plays a major role in the continuity (and good times) of our district. We look forward to celebrating the Family of Rotary and reinforcing that family at both events.

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.

Report on Group Study Exchange

The following report was received from the District Chair GSE Incoming 2003-04, RI District 3130 India on March 4.

GSE Team from R.I. Dist 6080 Missouri, USA to R.I. Dist 3130, Maharashtra, INDIA spreads message of World Friendship and Understanding.

The Rotarians of R.I. Dist 3130, Maharashtra, India are overwhelmed and extended warm welcome to a Team of 5 members from R.I. Dist 6080 Missouri, USA. The Team from USA was on their visit to Dist 3130 under the Group Study Exchange (GSE) of the Rotary Foundation.

The Team consisted of Rtn. Dr. Raymond Plue, a Veterinarian, Mr. Prem Ravindran, a registered Nurse, Ms. Tonya Benton, the Chief Financial Officer in a Housing Company, Mr. Tom O'Connor, a environmental engineer and Mr. Henry Heimsoth, a Commercial Banker.

The Team arrived on Pune on Sunday, 4th Jan 2004 and experienced the enthusiasm of the Rotarians of the Dist 3130 in providing vaccines to the children on the National Immunization Day under Pulse Polio. During their stay at Pune, the team was hosted by the Rotarians of Rotary Club of Pune East. The team visited various places on historical, cultural, spiritual, educational, vocational importance. (continued)

The team attended the R.I. Dist 3130 Conference of Smiles at Mahabaleshwar from 9 th Jan till 11 th Jan 2004 and made excellent presentation in one of the sessions.

The team thereafter visited Solapur from 12 th to 15 th Jan, Latur from 16 th Jan to 18 th Jan 2004, Aurangabad from 19 th Jan to 23 rd Jan, Ahmednagr from 24 th Jan to 25 th Jan and Pune from 26 th Jan 2004 till 3 rd Feb 2004. The Team successfully concluded their GSE programme on 3 rd Feb 2004. The Team carried back home with them lots of true love, warm hospitality, perpetual friendship, the message of world peace and understanding, the knowledge of cultural, social set up in India and so on.

We really thank the Rotary Foundation for its wonderful GSE program and for providing R. I. Dist 3130 an opportunity to participate in the same. Our thanks to all the Dist dignitaries from R.I. Dist 6080 and R.I. Dist 3130 for their guidance, support and co-operation.

Rtn. Shrinivas Kendale, Dist Chair- GSE Incoming 2003-04, RI District 3130

Further reports from the returning team will be included in Hot Air next issue. Both GSE 6080 Team and the GSE 3130 Team will make presentations at the District Conference, May 7-8.

"You will profit from Rotary in proportions to what you put into your efforts."

- Paul Harris

Club News

*Here's what two clubs really have been doing this year.
Our features this month are Springfield and Clinton.*

Springfield

Centennial Project in conjunction with Springfield Sunrise, North and Rotaract to fund the outdoor art classroom at the creamery Building in Jordan Valley Park—Rock N' Ribs BBQ Festival to support children's charities in the Ozarks—annual Rotary basketball tournament to benefit Special Olympics—providing books to local Springfield Public School libraries as speaker's recognition gift—scholarships to local college and university students—sponsored a United Way Report Breakfast—participated in the Convoy of Hope project—sponsoring students in Nicaragua through the Rainbow Network—donation to the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda, all made orphans by AIDS—hosted Choir on Feb. 17 as program—working to establish a Twin Club Project with club in Porto Alegre Norte, Brazil, host club of YE student, Dani Riberiro Schultz.

Clinton

Contributed to Henry county Project Literacy program purchasing books for all 1st graders in both Clinton public and private schools—participating in reading program for 1st grade students—contributed to the Alzheimer's Association and members participated in Alzheimer's Walkathon—financially supporting a clinic which provides free medical treatment to persons who have no insurance and are not receiving Medicaid or Medicare—sponsored Interact Club—participating in Local Job Shadowing Program for high school students.

"Every Rotarian Every Year"

As we Celebrate Rotary next year after "Lend(ing) A Hand" this year, "Every Rotarian Every Year" will be heard resounding about our clubs around the world! We've sounded the clarion call this year. We trust that the call is being heard and will echo through Century II as a, if not the, major route to supporting our Foundation and our programs everywhere. Meanwhile, 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.

There are two ways to do this:

1. Send \$750 new money, and the District will match \$250.
2. Send a check for the difference between what one's balance is now and \$900, and the District will match \$100.

At UN Event, RI Showcases Efforts To Enhance Women's Status

For the first time at the annual conference of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, Rotary International co-sponsored a joint panel discussion at a side event. RI, Zonta International, and Soroptimist International co-sponsored the panel discussion, "Role of NGOs in promoting gender equality through sustainable development," at the 48th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women at UN Headquarters in New York, USA, 1-12 March. Ezra Teshome, World Community Service chair of District 5030, was a panelist and Joan Fyfe, alternate RI representative to the UN in New York, served as moderator at the discussion. Teshome discussed projects Rotary clubs initiate worldwide that benefit women, such as micro-credit, fistula prevention, and education of female children.

The conference attracted representatives from more than 900 nongovernmental organizations. Attendees explored ways to promote the equal participation of women in conflict prevention, management, and resolution and post-conflict peace building, as well as the role men and boys can play to help achieve gender equality. The object of the UN Commission on the Status of Women is to promote implementation of the principle that men and women shall have equal rights. Zonta International and Soroptimist International are respectively a service organization aimed at advancing the status of women worldwide and a worldwide organization for women in management and the professions. - *From RI Web Site*