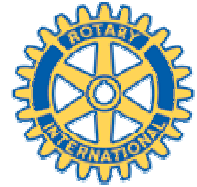


# Rotary District 6080 Newsletter

District Governor Don Brackhahn



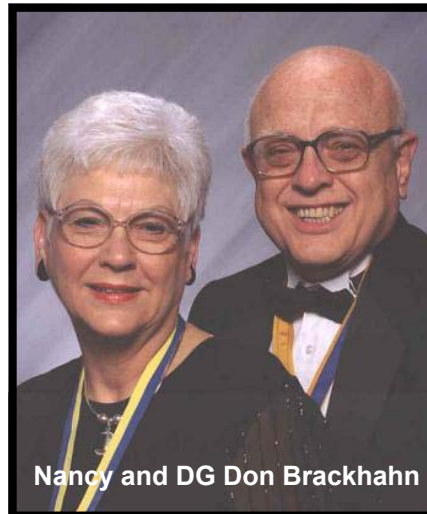
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As most of you know, December is Family Month. This is the time that we are especially appreciative of our families as we celebrate special holidays according to our own faiths and belief structures. Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanza all focus on family and other traditions. Each of these celebrations also emphasizes the joys of giving rather than receiving and as you know the spirit of giving is found in this year's theme Service Above Self. This is especially found in our contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation has our District Goal as \$245,401.00, just \$4,600.00 less than the goal the District had set for itself. At the end of November, our district had sent \$66,243.00 for the Annual Fund to the Rotary Foundation. I sincerely hope that most of our clubs have made good use of the month of November to get everyone thinking about and contributing to the Annual Fund. As you can see above, we still have \$183, 757.00 to go to reach our goal. I urge every club to get your first six months of contributions in to the Rotary Foundation before the end of the calendar year to insure proper tax credit for donors.

The following procedures will help the Rotary Foundation process contributions quickly.

- Use the multiple donor form for more than one contribution.  
The form is available on the Rotary Foundation website.
- Be sure that every check sent to the Rotary Foundation includes a member number (if from an individual) and a club number.
- Indicate the proper fund to credit the donation to.  
The most common are Annual Programs Fund, Polio Plus , and polio plus partners.
- Be sure to monitor contributions by downloading the Clubs CRS (Club Recognition Summary) monthly. The club president and secretary can do this by using MEMBER ACCESS on the RI website, Or you can request it from your Assistant District Governor.

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Contributions can also be made online on the RI Website using MasterCard or Visa. Credit Card contributions will be accepted until midnight (CST) on December 31. (On line contributors must print out their own tax receipts.)

As many of you also know by reading the December Rotarian, the President of RI next year is not asking that a Family of Rotary Committee continue to be appointed, because this concept is firmly implanted in all of us Rotarians. Remember others during this Holiday season, especially those being served by Rotary and its members.

*Don Brackhahn, DG  
Service Above Self*

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## Family of Rotary Task Force

*(Article from RI)*

The Family of Rotary Task Force will provide information and support for Rotary clubs and districts in efforts to pursue the first Object of Rotary, that is "to encourage and foster the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service." Friendship was the foundation, the rock on which Rotary service was built. The Family of Rotary Task Force will encourage clubs to care for Rotarians and members of Rotary's extended family (spouses, children, and parents) and remember spouses of deceased Rotarians. Special emphasis will be supporting clubs and districts in forming Family of Rotary committees to:

- Visit sick Rotarians in their homes and ensure any needs are met
  - Promote membership retention
  - Promote diversity of membership in clubs
  - Encourage spouses, children, and parents of Rotarians to participate in service projects
  - Encourage spouses and adult children of Rotarians to join Rotary
  - Maintain relationships with the family of deceased Rotarians and spouses
  - Support the family of deceased Rotarians in their times of need
  - Encourage the family of deceased Rotarians to continue their involvement with Rotary
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### Important District Dates

- March 24-25, 2006- PETS/SETS training at Lodge of Four Seasons
- March 30, 2006- Completed Applications for Ambassadorial Scholars, World Peace Scholarship and Grants for University Teachers due to District
- April 14-May 13, 2006- GSE Team from District 1950 will be in our district at this time
- May 5-6, 2006- District Conference in Rolla, MO.
- June 1-30, 2006- GSE Team from our District will be in Germany during the entire month
- June 10-14, 2006- Rotary International Convention in Sweden
- June 25-29, 2006- RYLA Camp in Fulton, MO

