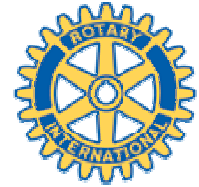


Rotary District 6080 Newsletter

District Governor Don Brackhahn



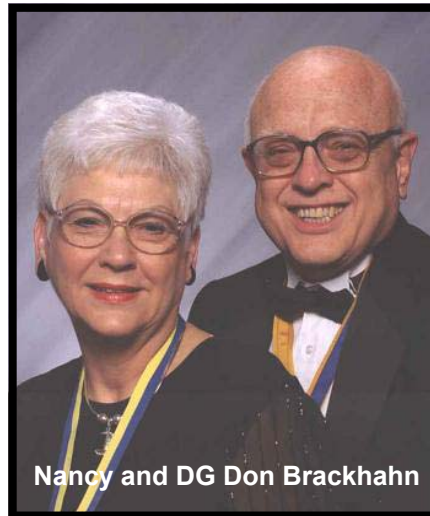
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RI International Meetings

The RI Board of Directors has chosen Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, as the site for 2007 RI Convention, slated for the state-of-the-art Salt Palace Convention Center, from 17-20 June.

The 3 November decision by the Board essentially switches New Orleans, now designated to host the convention in 2011, with Salt Lake City. (Cont. P2)

This coming month is The Rotary Foundation Month. This is a time when we should all stop and reflect on how we live in this District and then compare our lives with those who we support each year with matching grants and those that have suffered recently because of Katrina and the Tsunami. Our contributions to The Rotary Foundation can make this a little bit better world for us all to live in. As you know your individual contributions to the foundation not only supports Humanitarian Grants, Group Study Exchange, and Peace Scholars, but 1/2 of the contributions made to The Rotary Foundation three years ago are returned to our District for us to determine how the funds will be used. This is known as the District Dedicated Fund.

This year, our District Dedicated Fund is being used as follows from the money made available from our \$220,000.00 that was contributed to the annual fund three years ago: Humanitarian Grants (Including Matching Grants) \$42,000, District Simplified Grants \$19,000.00, Ambassadorial Scholarships \$50,000.00. Total \$111,000.00. The Ambassadorial Scholarships were selected in April, 2004 and the two young people selected were: Patrick Brooks, US Naval Academy, sponsored by Columbia Metro whose study choice was UK and Leah Thompson, University of Kansas, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Springfield whose study choice was New Zealand.

The District Simplified Grants application deadline is November 30, 2005. Remember that 19 clubs in our district can qualify this year to receive the \$1,000.00 grants by submitting applications to Charles Cooper, District Grants Coordinator, at 746 E. Eastwood, Marshall, MO. 65340 or if you need more information contacting him at coop@cdsinet.net. To receive the grant, you must submit the application with a club matching component. After the grant has been funded, you then must submit a final report to The Rotary Foundation through Charles Cooper.

The Matching Grant Form must be completed and mailed to Charles Cooper before March 30, 2006. The sooner you send them to him, the better. Hopefully you can be assured of the matching funds by mailing them to the district chair before the end of the year. The Rotary Foundation will provide matching funds if you follow the guidelines required. For more information on this, you will also need to contact Charles Cooper.

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RI Foundation News

I realize that most of our clubs will continue to receive the Presidential Citation and the INTERNATIONAL SERVICE component requires one of the following to be completed:

- Increase contributions to the Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund with the goal of meeting or exceeding US\$100.00 per capita
- Help the members of your club understand the internationality of Rotary by participating in an international exchange program such as Group Study Exchange, Rotary Friendship Exchange, or Youth Exchange.
- Conduct an international service project in support of water management and sanitation.
- Develop and initiate a new project in support of international service that will be carried out by at least half your members.

The last three items above are made possible by our contributions to The Rotary Foundation, so hope that each member of our Rotary Clubs will consider making a meaningful gift this year through your club and through District 6080. Remember that the District is making its commitment by providing a match for Paul Harris Fellows. If you can not commit to a full Paul Harris Fellow, at least get started on one by making a gift to The Rotary Foundation this month. Help your club be one of the tops in the district in Annual Program Funding or Per Capita Annual Giving.

This does help us to continue Service Above Self and aid others in need.

Don Brackhahn, DG
Service Above Self

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In August, Hurricane Katrina not only destroyed much of the New Orleans infrastructure, but also jeopardized the ability of local Rotary clubs to organize and host such a large-scale, international meeting. The switch gives New Orleans Rotary members ample time to rebuild their lives and businesses without taking on the formidable task of planning and hosting an international convention.

Boyd praised the New Orleans clubs for their hard work in preparation for the convention prior to the hurricane disaster. He went on to say that Utah's 40 Rotary clubs are working enthusiastically to plan for the switch.

"We are very pleased to work with Salt Lake City and Rotary clubs in the region to make this happen," said Boyd. Salt Lake City last welcomed a Rotary convention in 1919, eight years after the Rotary Club of Salt Lake City was chartered in 1911. "Salt Lake City has the facilities and the capacity to host this outstanding event," he said, referring to the Salt Palace's 365,000 square feet of exhibit space and the city's 20,000 hotels rooms, most of which are within walking distance of the convention center.

In October, an earthquake devastated parts of Pakistan, India and Afghanistan. In addition, Hurricane Wilma caused massive flooding and mudslides throughout Central America and Mexico, while Florida was hit hard by two separate hurricanes.

Due to overwhelming response from Rotarians around the world, The Rotary Foundation has established three separate relief accounts to support club- and district-initiated recovery efforts throughout the affected regions. Individuals and clubs may donate to the disaster recovery accounts online or by visiting RI's Disaster Relief Efforts page to download forms to submit by mail.

In addition, RI districts can offer support using District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations, which are composed each year of 50 percent of a district's contributions to the Annual Programs Fund. DDF
