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Rotary Week at Wonderland Camp

On Sunday, July 26th a group of Rotarians from Jefferson City Breakfast, Columbia South, and Iowa helped at Wonderland Camp. They primarily helped make the campers feel welcome, carried luggage to their dorm and helped get them checked into the camp. It was a rewarding experience for all involved. Wonderland Camp was established over 45 years ago to provide a fun, educational camp experience for children, teenagers and adults who have disabilities; to offer a respite from daily care giving for their family members and healthcare workers;

and to provide and nurture a personal development experience for volunteers and staff.

For more information go to
www.wonderlandcamp.org

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Invite prospective members to your meetings. Diversify. The more members the more ideas and workers your club will have to advance Rotary in your community.

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

As I close on my first month as a district governor, I am even more excited and encouraged about Rotary than when I started. The club visits, which I wish everyone could experience, bring energy and enthusiasm to visitors and the fellowship is apparent. It has been a joy to be able to travel from the northern part of the district in Columbia to the western part in Belton-Raymore and to the furthest club to the south which is bordering Arkansas; namely, Thayer-Mammoth Springs. The country is all beautiful and the clubs all have their own cultures which add to the enjoyment. The Food Fight in our district has been memorable and it seems most clubs have participated and done a great job helping with our food problems in Missouri. The results will be known soon as it is completed as of July 31, and we will publish the results as soon as they are finalized. Many thanks for helping the families of Missouri where one in five Missourians rely on food pantries and such for their meals.

The district conference starts on Friday, October 23rd, with voluntary service work at Wonderland Camp and fish races and fellowship in the hospitality suite. Saturday there will be panel discussions on Rotary topics of importance and two very interesting speakers on non-Rotary topics. Saturday night features the Foundation Banquet where the Vocational Training Team will present their work recently completed in the country of Georgia as a result of a contributions from Rotarians in our district and a global grant from the Rotary Foundation. It will be a wonderful presentation and will give you a feeling for how we are being a gift to the world through the foundation. You can register for the conference and foundation banquet on dacdb (www.dacdb.com). Note that the only charge is for meals, and you must make reservations with the hotel separately by calling 573-356-5620.

As August is membership month, bring prospective members to your meetings and club gatherings. Please remember that the main reason for growing our membership is to do even more good in the world than we are currently accomplishing, and we should continue to bring in individuals that can be additive to our clubs. We're changing lives all over the world every day, but we could be changing so many more, and in more lasting ways. Yes there is much left for us to do and that is why it is so important that we work together to build a larger and

more powerful rotary—especially through more engaged members.

Thank you for your good work through Rotary and let us continue to Be A Gift To The World.

-Steve



Several Rotarians from District 6080 attended the Membership Growth Opportunities and Rotary Leadership Seminars in St. Louis. *Pictured are, from left to right, Steve Dulle (Columbia South), Mark Pearce (Warrensburg), Raymond Plue (Columbia South), Melvin Platt (Columbia), Karen Wentz (Rotary International Director), David Bixler (Springfield Metro), Julie Bixler (Springfield Metro), Rita Esterly (Jefferson City West) and Mary Ann Beahon (Fulton).*



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NIGERIA GOES ONE YEAR WITHOUT A CASE OF POLIO

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

We're delighted to report that Nigeria has passed one year with no new cases of the wild poliovirus.

This is the longest the country has ever gone without a case of polio and a critical step on the path toward a polio-free Africa. We've come a long way since the bleak years when the virus reached its peak. It was only a decade ago that polio struck 12,631 people in Africa- three quarters of all cases in the world.

We congratulate Rotarians who have donated \$688.5 million to fight polio throughout Africa, including more than \$200 million to Nigeria. We congratulate Rotarians from Africa and around the world who have also devoted countless hours to immunize the children who now have the opportunity for healthier, happier lives.

With the ambitious scope of Rotary's PolioPlus program, our efforts are having a far-reaching, transformative impact beyond the eradication of polio.

With the infrastructure put in place by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), Nigeria not only reduced its polio caseload by 90% in 2014, but it also successfully thwarted the world's most lethal Ebola outbreak to date, in only 90 days, a response faster than even the U.S., and rightly praised by the World Health Organization as 'world-class'.

In Nigeria and elsewhere, the Initiative provides a blueprint to reach all children with a package of lifesaving vaccines and health interventions. This is a vital step on the path to human development, as we know that with improved public health, more resources can be channeled towards education and economic growth.

If the stringent World Health Organization testing criteria are met, then Nigeria could be removed from the list of polio-endemic countries in September of this year. However, our work is not done. We know that polio can easily return, with devastating consequences, if we don't stamp it out now.

We must act, as Rotarians do, to build on the progress made and stop polio once and for all. We have a narrow window of opportunity to achieve this, and if we fail, we could witness up to 200,000 cases a year in the near future.

So how can we finally make history and end polio now? Today, we must protect the progress made in Nigeria, and support Pakistan and Afghanistan, the other two remaining

polio-endemic countries.

Protecting progress means enhancing surveillance, routine immunization, and community engagement in Nigeria and other countries where transmission has been stopped. Supporting Pakistan and Afghanistan means full political and financial commitment to eradicating polio; vaccination of all children in these countries; high quality surveillance, and the accomplishment of all the expert recommendations as part of the GPEI's Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan.

Visit endpolio.org to download a toolkit of materials to help you share this progress – and the need for continued commitment in the coming years – with your Rotary club, your communities and your elected officials.

This all requires time, energy and investment. Pakistan's budget requirements for polio eradication activities from 2016-2018 amounts to \$305.7 million, and if we can raise this sum now, a polio-free world will reap financial savings of US\$50 billion over the next 20 years and prove what's possible when the global community comes together to improve children's lives.

Your donation to PolioPlus will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling your contribution. Thirty years ago we told the world what Rotary believes: that we can achieve the eradication of only the second human disease in history. Our belief is becoming reality. For every child, let's make sure that reality is a bright one.

Warm Regards,
Rotary International President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran and
Rotary Foundation Chair Ray Klingensmith



ROTARY GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2016-2017 FOR STUDY ABROAD

The deadline for submitting the completed Global Scholarship application to a local club in District 6080 is October 23, 2015 for the 2016-2017 academic year. **For details visit <http://www.rotary6080.org/rotary-ambassadorial-scholarships/>**

The following is from Melvin Platt DGN/TRF Global Scholars -

"I'm sending you some information about Tom Sowers, one of our former Ambassadorial Scholars who earned his master's degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2003. Sowers was an officer in the Special Forces in the U.S. Army, Sowers grew up in Rolla, received his B.S. degree in Public Policy from Duke University, served one tour in Kosovo and two tours in Iraq, taught three years at West Point, taught one semester at Missouri University of Science and Technology at Rolla, lost an election bid in the 8th Congressional District in 2010, and was appointed to a position in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs shortly thereafter. In August 2012, he was approved by the Senate as Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Sowers is one more example of the importance of the Rotary scholarship program."



Be a gift to the world

What is YOUR CLUB doing?

Let us know so it can be shared with other clubs in our district.

Do you know how to log into DaCdb? - Go to www.dacdb.com, click on **To LOG into DaCdb**, then just key-in your **UserName** (your e-mail address) and **Password** (usually your RI member number) to access your district or club's or club's database records. The **District and Club database** now has something for **everyone: Members, Clubs, and District Officers!**

Go to **DACdb** for information about District 6080 - its officers, committee chairs, clubs, members and calendar.



ROTARY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Rotary Leadership Academy trains the district and club leaders of tomorrow providing them with a strong base of Rotary knowledge to serve in Rotary leadership positions. The first of seven courses begins in July/August. **Applications are being accepted now.**

Visit the Academy website at www.academy6080.org, complete the Candidate Application Form, the Candidate Agreement, and the Candidate Skills Survey, then e-mail to Academy Dean, Raymond Plue. Forms will be reviewed by the Academy Administrator. The Academy admission fee is \$125 due upon acceptance by the Administrator.

Seven courses are online with one month to complete each course; The Rotary Foundation course is taught in two 3-week classes.

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