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MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR STEVE

There is a lot going on in the district with the Springfield clubs getting ready for Rock'n Ribs (April 22 and 23), clubs working to achieve the presidential citation and governor Citation, a proposed new club in Columbia, new Interact clubs formed in Columbia, Bolivar, Butler and Buffalo and new Rotaract clubs formed in Fulton and Warrensburg. Additionally, we have the largest class from District 6080 to attend RYLA this year, 54 students as compared to 33 in the past, and the president-elects and secretaries are preparing for training at Show Me Rotary. And this has all happened in the last month. Tremendous effort and thanks for everyone's contributions towards these wonderful efforts. As we all know, these things are not achieved without many helping hands.

Now let's focus on ending the year strong especially in membership and foundation contributions. Please help your presidents and officers achieve their goals of the governor citation which are increasing membership by 3% and foundation contributions by 3% (minimum of \$100 per member) over the prior year. Upon achievement of these, the district will present the club with a citation and check for \$500 to be used towards a project for 2016-2017. We ask our clubs to become stronger through these efforts so please help make a difference in your club, community and the world by providing a helping hand.

Sincerely yours in Rotary,

Steve Dulle

DOCTORS FROM COUNTY OF GEORGIA VISIT COLUMBIA FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING



Drs. Khatuna Lomauri, Giorgi Tsilosani, David Kvirkvelidze and Shorena Chankvetadze from the country of Georgia with Dr. John Pardalos and Dr. Trish Blair following their presentation to members of the proposed new Rotary club in Columbia and current Rotarians.

Four physicians from the country of Georgia came to Columbia in March training to save Georgian babies lives. Their trip was made possible by a Rotary Vocational Training Team (VTT) grant focusing on maternal and child health.

Georgia has the highest stillbirth and neonatal death rate in all of Europe and the Dmanisi region has the highest rate in Georgia. Working with the non-profit organization, A Call To Serve (ACTS), the focus is to reduce these rates by:

1. Training—identify a team of Georgian physicians to become certified trainers and train all physicians and nurses in the delivery area.
2. Prenatal care—improve pregnant women's understanding of the need for prenatal care.
3. Engage the pregnant woman's family and community to support activities for healthy pregnancies.

Phase 1 was launched in June 2015. The vocational training team traveled to Georgia and trained more than 100 physicians. The team consisted of Dr. Trish Blair, team leader and president of ACTS; Dr. John Pardalos, University of Missouri NICU medical director; Erin Khul, R.N., MU NICU and medical transport nurse; and Courtney Kater, St. Joseph Hospital SSM hospital labor and delivery nurse supervisor.

In furtherance of their training, the four Georgian physicians came to the University of Missouri to train with Dr. Pardalos. They are Dr. George Tsilosani, president of ACTS Georgia; Dr. David Kvirkvelidze, medical coordinator of ACTS Georgia; Dr. Khatuna Lomauro, medical director, NICU Tbilisi State Medical School; and Dr. Shorena Chankvetadze, medical director of a 13-bed NICU that will



Columbia South Rotarians and Youth Exchange students thank Drs. Kvirkvelidze and Tsilosani from the county of Georgia for their vocational training visit to Missouri soon be 50 beds.

"The American Academy of Pediatrics intensive training approach is new to Georgians," Dr. Blair said. "These dedicated physicians have one to two golden minutes to initiate and perform neonatal resuscitation while the simulation training is effective."

She added, "These physicians are trying to be proficient at tasks they have never seen implemented by a team approach. In addition, the administration of the Georgian neonatal intensive care unit in Georgia is vastly out of date."



Past District Governors Ken Messer and Raymond Plue present a Paul Harris Fellow certificate to Dr. Shorena Chankvetadze

For more information, contact Dr. Blair at wellnesscamp@mac.com or (573) 823-6431. Donations to A Call To Serve may be sent to P.O. Box 7026, Columbia, MO 65205.

Finally, the six doctors presented their program to Rotarians and prospective Rotarians at a meeting of the proposed new Rotary club in Columbia. Following the program, past District Governors Raymond Plue, Ken Messer and District Governor Steve Dulle presented the four doctors from Georgia as Paul Harris fellows, thanks to the contributions to the Rotary foundation of Dr. Trish Blair. Additionally, a reception was held where the guests were able to visit with all of the doctors.



Nate Canfield, Rebecca Johnson, Joe Weston and Elias Abadi at the reception for the Vocational Training Team



Mary Ropp, president of the proposed new Rotary club in Columbia, receives the Tbilisi, Georgia club banner from Dr. David Kvirkvelidze.

17TH ANNUAL ROCK'N RIBS BARBEQUE FESTIVAL ON APRIL 22 -23 SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUBS OF SPRINGFIELD

What's delicious, mouthwatering and benefits seven Springfield-area children's charities? The 17th annual Rock'n Ribs Barbecue Festival on April 22 and 23, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Springfield.

Seventy-seven cook teams from across Missouri and surrounding states will compete at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds in Springfield for best-barbecue bragging rights, trophies and prize money in this Kansas City BBQ Society- sanctioned event.

While the cook teams toil away Friday and Saturday in their

30-by-40-foot booths, thousands of people of all ages on Saturday get to sample chicken, pork and beef from booth to booth, and enjoy 11 hours of live music by local and regional bands, a Kids Play Zone, motorcycle show, Texas Hold 'Em tournaments, a vendor fair and plenty of food and drink. Advance tickets for Saturday's event are \$8; \$10 at the gate and kids under 12 get in free. Friday night's event is open to adults, sponsors and their cook teams who host private parties on site for invited guests.

Rock'n Ribs has grown into a "must-come event" across the region, said Rotarian Brett Sheets, chair of Rock'n Ribs. Planning for last year's event took 12 months, 1,900-plus volunteers and 200 financial sponsors, Sheets said. "I tell people we build a pretty big city in the course of four days for a two-day event, and then we tear it down in one day."

The biggest winners in the annual event, of course, are the local children's charities that have received \$1,447,250 in proceeds since the first Rock'n Ribs 17 years ago, Sheets said. The 2015 event raised \$182,000 for the charities, the largest amount to date, he said. Recipients include Big Brother Big Sisters of the Ozarks, Harmony House, Ronald McDonald House Charities –Mobile Dental Unit, Great Circle, Ozarks Regional YMCA, Ozark Trails Council-Boy Scouts of America and Good Samaritan Boys Ranch. For more details go to rocknribs.com

IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES

April Maternal and Child Health Month

April 15 Final report due for 2015-2016 District Simplified Grant.

May Youth Services Month

May 14 Club Leadership Training, Springfield, MO at the Relics Event Center, 2015 W. Battlefield 65807 Coffee and donuts at 8:30 and meeting from 9:30 to 3:30. For 2016-2017 Club officers, directors, committee chairpersons and other members. The more from your club to attend the better you will be prepared for 2016-2017.

May 15 Deadline for submitting the application for your 2016-2017 District Simplified Grant. Project starts no earlier than August 5, 2016. Project completion by March 1, 2017. Final Report deadline is March 15, 2017.

BOLIVAR ROTARY CLUB FORMS HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB

The Bolivar Rotary Club has formed the Bolivar High School Interact Club. Bolivar Rotary Club President Pat Douglas started his term with a goal of starting an Interact club at BHS, and Rotarian Paula Hubbert is serving as the liaison between the two clubs. Addie Stewart is the charter

Interact President.

At the club's inaugural banquet Mo. Rep. Sue Entlicher was the keynote speaker. Bolivar Rotarian Elizabeth Rohrs inducted the charter club members and Douglas inducted the Interact officers and board.



Bolivar Interactors and Rotarians

TASTE THE TROPICS: 4TH ANNUAL ROTARACT OF COLUMBIA FUNDRAISER

Rotaract of Columbia celebrated 15 years of existence as well as World Rotaract Week by hosting its 4th Annual Taste the Tropics fundraiser on March 10. The event was held at and sponsored by Tropical Liqueurs in Columbia. All proceeds benefitted PET of Columbia and Woodhaven, Rotaract's two partner charitable organizations for the year. \$1,400 was raised and 90 Rotaractors, Rotarians and guests attended.



Rotaract club members at the Annual Taste the Tropics: Jenna Cook, Kenzie Staloch, Emmy Bajayo, Danielle Harrison, Kate Gruenewald, Corbin Umstadd, Josh Beck, Michael Dahlmann, Steven Mack, Jolyn Sattizahn, and Olivia Vann

BRANSON DAYBREAKERS HOLD ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

The Branson Daybreakers hosted their annual chili cookoff on February 20th. A large crowd attended and sampled a number of chilies from Branson area restaurants and Rotary clubs. Winners were selected by a panel of judges and by those attending. This year's attendance was the

highest in years and helped raise money for the Taney County Crisis Center. Many thanks to the restaurants and to our fellow Rotary and Rotaract clubs that participated. Much fun was had by all and we hope to see everyone again next year.



Members of the Rotary clubs of Branson Daybreakers and Branson-Hollister as well as members of the College of the Ozarks Rotaract Club serve chili at their Annual Cookoff

ROTARY POWERS WONDERLAND CAMP IMPROVEMENTS

The Rotary Power of Four (the Lake of the Ozarks Rotary Clubs) awarded Rocky Mount's Wonderland Camp a \$5,000 grant. This generous donation was turned into new sidewalks, providing campers greater access to the camp's new archery range.

This grant is the Power of Four's most recent example of meeting Rotary's charge to "come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities." The group includes Lake Ozark Noon Club, Lake Ozark Daybreak Club, Camdenton Club, and Laurie/Sunrise Beach Club. Together, these Power of Four Rotary Clubs select a grant recipient yearly to maximize the power of Rotary at the Lake. Linda Laagergren from the Laurie/Sunrise Beach Rotary Club said, "The Lake area Rotary Clubs were happy to be part of making Wonderland Camp even more accessible to the campers who come here every year."

"We are beyond grateful to be the 2015 Power of Four grant recipient," said Wonderland Camp Executive Director Jason Hynson. "The work we do to provide camping experiences for people with disabilities, along with needed respite for their families, is only possible through strong partnerships like the one we have with Rotary Clubs around the Lake and elsewhere. I know even more great work between our organizations is on the horizon as we work together to make people's lives better."

Wonderland Camp is in its 47th year of bringing the joy of camping to individuals with disabilities. For 12 weeks each summer and on weekends in the spring and fall, more than 1,000 people come to Wonderland for what most of them say is their favorite week of the year. Run by a small, year-round executive staff and dedicated board of directors, Wonderland Camp, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable

organization, is interested in meaningful partnerships with organizations, businesses and individuals who want to help make a difference.

For more information about Wonderland Camp, see www.WonderlandCamp.org or call Jason Hynson at 573-392-1000.



Power of Four Rotarians and family members at Wonderland Camp

WILLOW SPRINGS ROTARY CLUB IS SPONSORING A FASHION SHOW AND TEA FOR THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

Attend a fun fashion show and tea on Sunday, April 10 at 3 pm in the Ferguson Building, Willow Springs to see some of your favorite Willow Springs friends and neighbors walk the runway in affordable, beautiful fashions.

Willow Springs Rotary is sponsoring the event to benefit M.U.N.C.H., a food pantry and thrift store to help some of the most needy in the region. April 2016 also marks the 30th anniversary of MUNCH – whose volunteers proudly serve over 450 families a month with food and clothing.

"We feel very grateful for all the volunteers who are donating their time, tea cups, treats and talent to this event to help MUNCH," said Maggie Heitt, President of the Willow Springs Rotary. "MUNCH does so much for our community and it feels good to do something fun like this to help them help others."

Rotarians and Interactors will model, Jay Waggoner will emcee and Rotarians, MUNCH volunteers and Interactors will act as servers during the show.

ROTARY CLUBS HEAR LT. GEN. (RET) RICHARD HARDING TALK ABOUT 9/11 AND WAR ON TERRORISM

On March 15, 118 Rotarians and guests attended a joint dinner to hear Columbia South Rotarian Richard Harding tell of his experiences during 9/11 and the war on terrorism. The Rolla Rotary Club and Rolla Breakfast Rotary Club invited the Pulaski County and Salem clubs to hear Lt. Gen.(Ret) Richard Harding tell of his first hand experiences during 9/11 and the war on terrorism.

It was very interesting historically and put into perspective how terrorism is affecting the world today.



Lt. Gen. (Ret) Richard Harding

SHELTERBOX

ShelterBox is an international organization which immediately responds to natural and man-made disasters anywhere around the world. Since 2012, ShelterBox has been a Project Partner with Rotary International. It is worth noting that local Rotarians in or near a disaster-affected area also provide invaluable support to Response Teams.

The name itself reflects the fact that a tent and other supplies are delivered in a large green box. A ShelterBox is a self-contained unit which is given to a family in need of shelter and basic equipment. A large tent, designed for an extended family, is the primary component. More than 13' x 13' in diameter, the two-piece tent has a roofed "porch," a built-in floor (inner unit), and can be set up to withstand 60 mile per hour rotating winds.

ShelterBox has deployed for more than 240 incidents in ninety countries. The list of currently active deployments illustrates the breadth of disaster response since 2001: Cameroon (conflict); Chile (flooding and volcanic activity); Iraq Kurdistan (conflict); Lebanon (conflict); Malawi (Flooding); Nepal (earthquake); Niger (flooding); North Korea (storms); Pakistan (flooding); Philippines (typhoon); Syria (conflict); Vanuatu (cyclone).

Shelter, warmth and dignity summarize the mission of ShelterBox. Thanks to thousands of individuals and groups around the country, ShelterBox has delivered aid to more than 130,000 disaster survivors since 2000.



Andy Stewart, District 6080 ShelterBox Ambassador

Fulton Club Mouse Races

The Rotary Club of Fulton raised about \$5,000 during its second annual Callaway Cup Mouse Races March 11. Live mice were coaxed to travel through a miniature racecourse at fast speeds, and spectators were invited to make bets, with all proceeds going to support the club's charities. A photo booth, silent auction and raffles also were held. The newly formed Rotaract Club of William Woods University assisted with the event.



Mouse Race Chair Tammy Wickham, Past President Henry Niles and Community Service Chair Dori Shirley enjoy the photo booth.

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