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Be a gift to the world

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR STEVE

It was a tremendous honor for me to serve as your District Governor this year, and I thank you for this privilege. I realize more than ever now that the beauty of Rotary is it gives us a path to more meaningful lives. It helps us focus our attention on things that matter and helps each of us find our own way to be a gift to the world. Every one of us has something to give and, through Rotary this year, we took these gifts and made a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world. Your family and friends are richer for knowing you, and as a Rotarian and a member of your Rotary club, you have touched the lives of people you may never meet. For these reasons, I celebrate you and wish you happy days and may each new day bring you joy and purpose.

We have accomplished much this year through our district projects of the food fight, the service project at Wonderland Camp, as well as the numerous additional service activities conducted by the clubs. These activities could not have been accomplished without the contributions of the total membership of the district from the district officers, assistant governors, presidents, club officers, club directors and club chairs and all of the club members. I thank you all for your support to all of our service work, whether it be hands on projects, fundraisers, foundation contributions, etc.---all are critical to our way of life as Rotarians, to our Service Above Self. We are a better district, community and world as a result of your efforts where we have planted the tree under whose shade we will never sit.

The presidents that I have been fortunate to work with this year have been absolutely excellent, and I hope you will tell them thanks for their contributions and sacrifices towards making their club even better. Invariably they will mention that their success has been advanced by the teams of board members, club officers and committee chairs as well as the club members. They have all left a legacy that bodes well for the future of the clubs. The district officers and assistant governors have worked tremendously with me and supported our goals with passion. I cannot say enough about how important they have been in helping improve the district. More accolades will be forthcoming for everyone at the District Conference this fall.

Going forward, please support our District Governor David Bixler. David will be a great leader and keep in mind three simple words to help guide our success--and then some. Do what is expected, what was done in the past, and then some.

Finally, I hope you remember the poem from my club visit, The Dash by Linda Ellis. The dash referred to is the dash which will be reflected on our tombstones between our date of birth and death. It represents the time we spent on this earth and what truly matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash. Will you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash? I am sure you will because you are a Rotarian, You are a Gift to the World!!

Sincerely yours in Rotary,
Steve Dulle

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SEOUL KOREA



PSY pumps up the volume and crowd at the closing ceremony.

Several members of District 6080 recently attended the International Convention in Seoul. Attend a Rotary International Convention and you will truly have a new appreciation for the international aspect that Rotary is all about. The following is from www.rotary.org

Two heads of state, the prime ministers of Korea and Sri Lanka, and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon, spoke at the convention which is an impressive line-up at any convention, for any organization or company. These are the officials that can put Rotary's passion into practice; the leaders that can help maximize Rotary's work.

Veteran luncheon honors service in Korea



Rotarian military veterans of the 21 supporting countries in the Korean War, Rotarian military personnel who have been stationed in Korea, and their families attended a luncheon honoring their service on Wednesday afternoon. They enjoyed Korean fare, including kimchee and rice wine, and performances from local musicians, even standing to dance along to the Village People's classic "YMCA" at one point.

Ravindran moves audience with personal story



RI President K.R. Ravindran shares a personal story of triumph over polio at the closing session of the 107th Rotary convention.

RI President K.R. Ravindran closed the convention with a poignant story about his mother's fight to survive polio at age 30.

When Ravindran was 11 years old in his native Sri Lanka, his mother awoke one day feeling weak and short of breath. Sitting down to rest, she found herself unable to move. The polio virus had quickly invaded her nervous system, resulting in paralysis.

She was placed in an iron lung at the hospital to enable her to breathe, and was told that her chances of walking, or even surviving without a ventilator, were slim. But most Sri Lankan hospitals were not equipped with ventilators in 1963.

Ravindran's grandfather, a Rotary member, hosted a club committee meeting in his living room the evening after his daughter was rushed to the hospital. Rather than simply offer consolation, his fellow members went to work, using their business acumen and professional connections to find a ventilator.

One of the members was a bank manager who called a government minister to facilitate a quick international transfer of funds. Another member, a manager at SwissAir, arranged to have a ventilator flown in. The next day, it arrived at the hospital.

"There was so much red tape at the time in Sri Lanka, but somehow, those Rotarians made it all fall away," Ravindran told the packed audience at the KINTEX Convention Center in Goyang city.

Ravindran's mother spent a year-and-a-half in a hospital bed, but her condition gradually improved. She eventually left the hospital walking -- with a walker, but upright, on her own two feet.

"Fifty-three years ago, my mother's life was perhaps one of the very first to be saved from polio by Rotarians," Ravindran said. "We have saved millions of lives since then."

"Tonight, I stand before you as her son, and your president, to say that soon -- perhaps not in years but in months -- Rotary will give a gift that will endure forever: a world without polio."

At the convention's general session the day before, Rebecca Martin, director of the Center for Global Health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, had described how close we are to polio eradication. Earlier that day, Rotary released an additional \$35 million in grants to support global efforts to end the crippling disease.

This year's convention, one of the largest in Rotary history, attracted more than 43,000 attendees from over 150 countries. Ravindran, in his final speech to members as their president, emphasized what it really means to be a Rotarian.

"There are people on this planet whose lives are better now because you traversed this earth," he said. "And it doesn't matter if they know that or not. It doesn't matter if they even know your name or not. What really matters is that your work touched lives; that it left people healthier, happier, better than they were before."

SPRINGFIELD SUNRISE CLUB SUPPORTS RED NOSE DAY



Thanks to a generous gift from member John Hawthorne, Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise supported Red Nose Day USA! Funds were used to purchase red noses and these contributions help change the lives of children in poverty. After the photo the noses were donated to the kids at the local Ronald McDonald House. It was a great

opportunity for the club to show support for the cause and our fun side. For more information see www.rednoseday.org.

PUMKIN' CHUNKIN' PALOOZA

Four Rotary Clubs in the Lake of the Ozarks area have come together to serve the community and local charities through a brand new festival. Pumpkin' Chunkin' Palooza is coming to the Lake of the Ozarks in October. The fall festival will incorporate local artisans, musicians, food vendors, a children's area and plenty of pumpkins.

Pumpkin' Chunkin' Palooza will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at The Ozarks Amphitheater in Camdenton, Mo. The festival will run from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. and is presented by the Power of Four which includes Laurie-Sunrise Beach Rotary, Camdenton Rotary, Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary and Lake Ozark Rotary Club. Proceeds from the festival will benefit four local charities in the lake area. For more information on the festival, visit www.pumkinchunkinpalooza.com.

COLUMBIA METRO ROTARY GIVES THE GIFT OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY



Metro Rotary Community Service Co-Chair Leah Christian stands with Central Missouri Community Action's Weatherization Program Director Lisa Goldschmidt for the kick-off of their 2015/16 partnership to provide energy efficient LED lights and energy efficiency education materials to Columbia area low-income families.

Columbia Metro Rotary, in partnership with Central Missouri Community Action's (CMCA) Weatherization Assistance Program and the City of Columbia Energy Challenge, has distributed energy-efficient LED light bulbs, along with educational materials on no and low-cost ways to save energy in the home, to 20 income qualifying families this year. In addition, the program currently expanded to assist families that apply to CMCA's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and 18 more families will receive lights and education packets by the end of Metro Rotary's fiscal year.

Metro Rotary's commitment to improve the lives of children and families in Columbia inspired the donation of 200 ENERGY STAR rated LED light bulbs to CMCA's Weatherization Program.

Metro Rotary volunteers also partnered with the City of Columbia to provide energy efficiency education to children who are just now learning about the connection between energy efficiency, economic savings and ecological stewardship at Columbia's Sustainable Living Fair in October.

IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES

June 26-29 RYLA, Fulton, MO

June 27 Charter Night for the newest club in District 6080, the Columbia Evening Club.

June 28 District Governor Installation Banquet at 425 W. Walnut in Springfield, MO 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come celebrate the end of a great Rotary year and the beginning of another. This celebration will be held at 425 W. Walnut, Springfield, MO. Registration for this event is required and can be done online in DACdb's calendar.

June 30 Applications are due for District Governor for Rotary year 2019-2020. Selection to be in July.

June 30 Deadline for contributions to The Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus for this Rotary year.

NOTE FROM FOUNDATION CHAIR RAYMOND PLUE

As there is no foundation newsletter this month, Raymond Plue asked that the following be included in this newsletter:

I write encouraging you to be a participant this year in the success of Rotary's Foundation programs. Every Rotarian is encouraged to hold ownership and contribute to The Rotary Foundation every year. Your generous gift will be returned to our district and your/our Rotary clubs 3 years hence. Gifts given 3 years ago enabled 25 of our Rotary clubs this year to conduct local community service projects with a total value to their communities of \$107,440. Our district's Rotary clubs also conducted Global Grants saving the lives of the newborn in Georgia, bringing water to an orphanage in Sierra Leon, safe drinking water to Honduras, Panama and Kenya, and kidney transplants to the poor in Mexico. Our gifts to PolioPlus have enabled the world to expect to see the last case of polio this calendar year. Rotary became involved when polio infected more than 1,000 young children every day; the world now sees less than one case of polio during a week and that in only two countries. The polio virus will be eradicated during 2016. Your gift, no matter the amount will bring a magnificent change to someone you may meet in your community or may never meet in their faraway land. Their gratitude for your generosity will not be diminished by distance. If possible, please make a contribution to **your Rotary foundation** before June 30.

JULY INVOICES

Your club's July 2016 invoice will be available around the middle of July. The membership data that is in Rotary's database as of July 1 will be used to generate the invoice so please make sure that your club's information is current by then. Having an accurate membership figure is vitally important as invoices cannot be adjusted after July 1.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE



This year's conference will be like none you have ever been to. District 6110 will be joining us in Branson for a day full of professional speakers and great music. There will be all kinds of activities for the family so bring them along as well. The focus will be on personal growth and development. Put October 22 on your calendar today. If you're a golfer, you will want to participate in the golf tournament on Friday. Register on the DACdb calendar.

2016 COUNCIL GRANTS CLUBS GREATER FLEXIBILITY

In April 2016 the Council on Legislation representatives from Rotary districts around the world met in Chicago to revise Rotary policies. They approved changes that give clubs greater flexibility in when, where, and how they meet and the types of membership they offer. The changes take effect July 1, 2016.

While the enactments adopted by the 2016 Council increase clubs' flexibility in meetings and membership categories, they don't permit clubs to deviate from Rotary's essential elements:

- We are still business, professional, and community leaders. Our qualifications for membership have not changed.
- The Object of Rotary, our basic tenets, have not changed.
- Our essence statement — join leaders, exchange ideas, and take action — have not changed.

- Our values of fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership have not changed.
- The Four-Way Test, one of our most important distinguishing features, has not changed.

Clubs that wish to continue to follow their traditional requirements for meetings, attendance, structure, and categories of membership are encouraged to do so. Also, Rotary clubs will now be able to adopt the new options the Council on Legislation approved by amending their bylaws.

Flexibility in meeting frequency, format, and attendance

Council on Legislation representatives voted to eliminate limitations on how Rotary clubs conduct their meetings. It is agreed that individual clubs should be able to:

- Determine the best day and time for their meetings
- Change or cancel a meeting, if the need arises
- Count service projects or social events as meetings
- Choose whether to gather in person, meet online, alternate between online and in-person meetings, or even use both formats at the same time (for example, a member could participate in an in-person meeting online through video chat)
- Amend their bylaws to either relax or tighten attendance requirements and policies of terminating members for poor attendance

Rotary clubs now have the option of reducing their meeting frequency as long as they meet in some way at least twice per month.

Flexibility in membership types

The RI Bylaws and Standard Rotary Club Constitution provide for two types of membership: active and honorary. By amending their bylaws, clubs may offer additional membership types that are desired in the community, such as associate, corporate, family membership or others.

- Rotary International will continue to record, and grant all of the benefits of membership to, active members only who pay RI dues
- Clubs that offer additional membership categories should report these members to Rotary International as active and are responsible for paying said members' RI dues
- Clubs and districts set their own policies about these members' other financial obligations (club and district dues, meal costs, etc.), attendance requirements, and service expectations and reflect these policies in their bylaws
- Clubs determine how they accept former or transferring members, including whether they allow current Rotaractors to join

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Dual membership for rotaractors

The Council amended the Rotary International Bylaws to permit Rotaractors who meet the qualifications of membership to join a Rotary club while remaining Rotaract members.

NEW RESPONSIVE WEBSITE

Many thanks to Michael Wehrenberg for revamping our District website and making it responsive so that it's mobile friendly. Check out the revised website at www.rotary6080.org.

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