

DISTRICT 6800

Governor's Monthly Newsletter

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GOVERNOR'S CORNER



«It is important to promote diversity in Rotary. I encourage members to bring in qualified women, younger people and community members of varied ethnic and religious backgrounds.»

Glenn E. Estess Sr., President, Rotary International

Just a few more days until the District Conference kicks off at the Hilton Hotel in Memphis. This is the former Adams Mark Hotel just off I-240 and Poplar Pike. There is still time to register if you have forgotten to do so. The Registration Forms are available on the District Web Site or from your Club President. I sent them out several weeks ago.

We will have some great entertainment and fellowship. You will have a chance to meet and get to know Zone Director Elect Bob Stuart. Zone Institute will be at the Hilton on September 20–25 this year. All club presidents will be invited to attend part of it if they wish. What a great opportunity to “go to college on Rotary.” Come and meet Bob and pick his brain about what this Zone thing is.

Every Rotarian needs ongoing Rotary education. Without opportunities to learn more about Rotary and the growth we experience from service, we are like plants that are never pruned – having lots of leaves but bearing little fruits. A Rotary minute each week in the Club, Firesides, monthly Rotary topics for speakers and the sharing of Rotary experiences that not only increase our knowledge but also touch our hearts, making worthwhile, our adventure in service.

Like plants we need ingredients to sink our roots into Rotary. You cannot water a plant with three gallons of water and then leave it for three months. In a similar way, you cannot induct a new member with a fanfare and then cut off the Rotary Nourishment. Fellowship activities need to be extended beyond the immediate family of Rotary which is your Club.

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DISTRICT STATISTICS MARCH 2005

CLUB	# 3/01	# MEET	% ATT	+/-	# 3/31
Aberdeen	58	4	74	0	58
Amory	58	5	68	-1	57
Baldwyn	38	4	80	0	38
Bartlett-Cordova	51	4	55	-1	50
Batesville	89	5	64	3	92
Booneville	43	5	68	-1	42
Bruce	31	5	87	0	31
Calhoun City	35	5	71	0	35
Charleston	34	5	46	0	34
Clarksdale	79	5	59	-1	78
Cleveland	53	5	75	0	53
Collierville	59	5	62	0	59
Como	16	5	67	-1	15
Corinth	80	4	68	2	82
Drew/Ruleville	21	5	55	0	21
Fulton	30	3	65	0	30
Germantown	34	4	88	0	34
Grenada	54	4	56	0	54
Hernando	29	5	78	1	30
Holly Springs	48	5	73	1	49
Houston	18	5	49	0	18
Iuka	32	5	70	0	32
Memphis	340	5	53	4	344
Memphis-Central	43	3	77	0	43
Memphis-East	134	5	66	1	135
Millington	21	5	70	2	23
New Albany	44	4	82	1	45
Olive Branch	61	5	78	2	63
Oxford	144	4	48	6	150
Pontotoc	47	5	61	0	47
Quitman County	21	5	73	0	21
Ripley	76	4	72	0	76
Robinsonville	35	5	50	0	35
Sardis	13	5	68	-1	12
Senatobia	54	4	66	0	54
Southaven	53	5	65	0	53
Sumner	31	4	48	0	31
Tunica	47	5	53	-1	46
Tupelo	169	4	85	3	172
Water Valley	32	4	82	0	32
West Point	76	5	46	0	76
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SOME ROTARY FIRSTS

- >> Rotary established the "Endowment Fund" in 1917, which became the forerunner of The Rotary Foundation.
- >> The first Rotary club banner (from the Houston Space Center) to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut/Rotarian Frank Borman, a member of that club.
- >> The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time in 1931 at the time of the Vienna Convention

GOVERNOR'S CORNER (CONTINUED)

I invite all new Rotarians to come to the Memphis Hilton on Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, April 22 and 23 and introduce themselves to me and the other District Officers that worked to make it possible. Without your participation we would have little purpose.

Note: The hotel, is located at 939 Ridgeland Blvd. off Ridgeway Center Parkway. This is the former Adams Mark, and is located in the area of I-240 and Poplar. (Take Poplar East off I-240, go one block, make a left turn under the westbound lanes of Poplar, follow the road around to the Hilton.)

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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■ **ROTARY CENTENNIAL CONVENTION,
CHICAGO, JUNE 18-22**

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

At the District Conference you will meet the Group Study Exchange members from Great Britain. Group Study Exchange is one of the most popular and rewarding programs of The Rotary Foundation is Group Study Exchange (USE). Since the first exchange between districts in California and Japan in 1965, the program has provided educational experiences for more than 35,000 business and professional men and women who have served on more than 6,500 teams. The GSE program pairs Rotary districts to send and receive study teams. Since 1965, more than \$60 million has been allocated by The Rotary Foundation for Group Study Exchange grants. A GSE team is consisted of four non-Rotarian young professionals and one Rotarian who leads the group.

The Group Study Exchange program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

One of the attractive features of GSE is the opportunity for the visiting team members to meet, talk and live with Rotarians and their families in a warm spirit of friendship and hospitality. Although the original Group Study Exchanges were male only, in recent years *teams* have included both men and women.

In addition to learning about another country through visits to farms, schools, industrial plants, professional offices and governmental establishments, the GSE teams serve as ambassadors of goodwill. They interpret their home nation to host Rotarians and others in the communities they visit. In recent years, teams of a single vocation or cultural group have been exchanged. Some GSE teams help create humanitarian projects between their countries. Many of the personal contacts blossom into lasting friendships.

[Taken from several Rotary sources]