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AUGUST IS  
EXTENSION MONTH

## DISTRICT STATISTICS JULY 2003

CLUB	No. 7/1	# MEET	% ATTND	[+/-]	No.6/30
Aberdeen	57	4	71	+1	58
Amory	68	5	70	-3	65
Baldwyn	36	4	66	-2	34
Bartlett-Cordova	38	4	67	+1	39
Batesville	86	5	59	+2	88
Booneville	52	4	61		52
Bruce	31	5	78		31
Calhoun City	41	4	64	-1	40
Charleston	22	5	45		22
Clarksdale	84	5	72		84
Cleveland	56	4	56		56
Collierville	58	4	53		58
Como	19	4	55		19
Corinth	90	4	57		90
Drew	12	5	79	-1	11
Fulton	34	4	63		34
Germantown	48	4	53	+2	50
Grenada	50	4	64	+1	51
Hernando	21	5	77	+1	22
Holly Springs	41	5	76	+1	42
Houston	20	5	52	+1	21
Iuka	32	5	71		32
Memphis	369	4	52	-2	367
Memphis-Central	44	2	67		44
Memphis-East	134	4	59	+4	138
New Albany	55	3	60		55
Olive Branch	64	5	61	-1	63
Oxford	147	5	43	-2	145
Pontotoc	45	5	46	+1	46
Quitman County	21	5	79	-2	21
Ripley	64	4	84	+1	65
Robinsonville	35	4	52		35
Ruleville	12	3	66		12
Sardis	16	3	70		16
Senatobia	54	3	70		54
Southaven	54	5	50	-6	48
Sumner	32	5	62		32
Tunica	41	5	43	-1	41
Tupelo	153	5	78	+1	154
Water Valley	25	4	78	-1	24
West Point	73	5	65	+1	74
District 6/30/03			2434		
District 7/31/02			2433	-1	

EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR----\$100 FOR TRF

>> DISTRICT TOP THREE PER CAPITA GIVERS-2002-2003<<  
 MEMPHIS -- \$113.66 MEMPHIS CENTRAL--\$104.88 OXFORD--\$93.75

Beginning Rotary Year 2004-05 the goal for all Rotary Clubs is \$100 per capita. Congratulations to the three Clubs listed above who are, or nearly are, at this level already.

Governor Ken has set his goal for \$50 per Rotarian for each of our some 2500 Rotarians. I've offered to give a free \$1000 Harris Fellow to the Club that reaches that goal first. **Mostly not see that your Club that your club gets their first and add a new P no cost to your Club.** Like Delta, I'm ready when you are! Some of our smaller Clubs should capitalize on this.

It's easy! Send in your Club's contributions monthly. Establish Multiple Donor Clubs of \$100 each and designate one of them as the recipient of the PHF. The Rotary Club of Tupelo currently has 8 active Multiple Donor clubs. Contact Cathy Robertson, the Club Foundation Chair at [cathy.robertson@bxs.com](mailto:cathy.robertson@bxs.com) for more information on how easy this is.

Another way is to give to Rotary first by making The Rotary Club Foundation your charity of choice. When a close friend or fellow Rotarian passes away, make a contribution in his/her memory to The Rotary Foundation using the memorial using Memorial Envelopes provided by TRF. Complete a pledge card to become a Club Foundation Sustaining Member and do it by bank draft or credit card. Have new members commit to being a Sustaining Member.

If we are to reach Rotary's goal of \$100 from Every Rotarian by 2005, Rotary's 100th anniversary, we must begin now to

Last month the first of the Task Force Reports (Literacy and Education, Health Care, Poverty Alleviation, and the Family of Rotary) was covered. Here is the second report from Rotarian Michael O Dell (Tupelo), physician educator, director of the National Mississippi Medical Center's Family Medicine Residency Program.

The Health Concerns Task Force is to create awareness of important health issues and motivate the creation of new health care projects in our communities around the world, by focusing on the following five areas of concern:

\* Global Polio Eradication - support efforts toward worldwide polio eradication.

\* HIV/AIDS Awareness Education - examine ways to reduce the number of people worldwide at risk for contracting HIV through educational programs, keeping consistent with the culture of the particular area served.

\* Water Treatment and Management - support efforts to secure safe water to prevent illness and death.

\* Perinatal care and nutrition - promote the optimal health and well-being of mothers and newborns.

\* Immunization against childhood diseases - encourage the immunization of children against childhood diseases such as diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, measles, mumps and rubella, polio, chickenpox, Hepatitis B, and Pneumonia.

The Mississippi Statewide Immunization Coalition (MSIC) is an organization of professionals and citizens, throughout the state, dedicated to the immunization of Mississippi's children, adolescents, and adults. The goals of the coalition are to ensure 90% of Mississippi children, two years of age and younger, are completely immunized with 4 DTaP, 3 polio Hib, 3 Hepatitis B and 2 MMR by the year 2010 and the age-appropriate immunization of all other children, adolescents, and adults. These goals are consonant with Rotary Clubs goals for immunizing children.

Note: Clubs who desire speakers regarding the Childhood Immunization and work with MSIC should contact Dr. O Dell with their interest. He will work with the MSIC or other sources in Tennessee to arrange for speakers on this subject. Other task force coordination will be addressed in the future. He is best reached by e-mail at [modell@nmhs.net](mailto:modell@nmhs.net). Alternatively, he may be reached by phone at 662-377-2261.

### AMBASSADORIAL AND WORLD PEACE SCHOLARSHIPS

The district Scholarships committee is charged with the responsibility of finding qualified Ambassadorial Scholarship recipients each year. In addition, we also seek applicants for a World Peace Scholarship. We solicit applications from all of the four-year institutions of higher learning in the district as well as from our district's clubs. Also, we seek to create as much publicity about these scholarships as possible.

The Ambassadorial Scholarships we have been giving are for a year of study abroad and are not necessarily degree-oriented. The scholarship is worth up to \$25,000 and covers most of the student's expenses during that year. To qualify, an applicant must have received a Bachelor's degree by July 1 of the scholarship year. They may not be linearly related to a Rotarian or Rotary employee. They do not have to come from the district but they must be citizens of a country that has a Rotary Club. Rotaract members and persons with disabilities are eligible and encouraged to apply. The World Peace Scholarship is a 21-month Master's degree-oriented course of study at one of Rotary's seven World Peace Centers. Students are not allowed to stay in the home country. They must be proficient in the language of the center which is chosen for them. The same non-Rotarian-related status and degree completion date apply.

Please help spread the word about these wonderful scholarship opportunities. For more information, contact District Scholarship Coordinator PDG George Rosentreter (Oxford) 309 Dogwood Drive, Oxford, MS 38655, R-662-234-8063, F-662-236-5463 [grose@watervalley.net](mailto:grose@watervalley.net)

find creative ways to reach that goal. Except for remaining faithful to the Polio Eradication Fund Campaign, we can turn our attention to contributing to The Rotary Foundation. Did you know combining both annual giving and PEFC giving that D6800 gave a total of \$195,000. That is nearly \$80 per capita! **we can do that in 2002-03. We can surely do \$50 per capita in 2003-04.**

Why is it important that we give to The Rotary Foundation? **Because if we don't**, the number of Ambassadorial Scholarships our District can give will be cut in half. **Because if we don't**, the available dollars for District Simplified Grants used for matching funds for our Clubs' projects will be reduced. **Because if we don't**, we are not fulfilling our obligation to make The Rotary Foundation a part of our International Avenue of Service.

Janice Johnson Trawick, (Tupelo) District 6800 Foundation Chair