



Lend a Hand

Rotary International District 6800

Governor's Newsletter

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February is World Understanding Month. We are interrelated in some way to everyone else in the world and owe an obligation to help make all people have a worthwhile life -- isn't that why we say, "Service above Self" and "He profits most who serves best?" KRB

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FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH



A LIGHT GOES OUT IN DISTRICT 6800 -- A TRIBUTE TO BILL COOK

On February 20, PDG William L. (Bill) Cook, Jr. joined the angels in heaven and now looks down upon us--the Rotarians he called his friends. To most of us, he was our best Rotary friend: We sought his advice and counsel; we shared laughter as he told all of us "Rotary should be fun"; we shared tears as he appealed to us to give to The Rotary Foundation and "not let those little children down"; and above all else we remember. We remember his blue ultra suede jacket, his twinkling blue eyes, his comedy and wit, his outgoing personality, his good naturedness and ready smile, his Tilley Rotary hat with all his Rotary buttons, his love for Rotary!!! How can we make it without him?

I shall never forget when Bill and I first talked of his becoming a candidate for District Governor. He didn't think he was worthy! How wrong he was. How dedicated he was to his duty that year. No doubt his law practice suffered financially as he gave "service above self" until late in the night. Not early in the morning, though. As most of you know Bill was not an early riser and it's a wonder when he was Governor that we had the Paul Harris Fellow breakfast before noon. He even convinced his young son Will to donate his Ole Miss autographed football to be raffled off for contributions to The Rotary Foundation. He brought his young daughter Maribeth to many (sometimes dull) Rotary functions where she served as the official debutante of District 6800. And imagine how poor Leslie felt under-the-microscope when he attended RYLC as the DGE's son.

Even after he was Governor, Bill never missed an opportunity to speak for Rotary. His presentation on the 4-Way Test is unparalleled. He made his entire family Paul Harris Fellows because he believed so much in as he put it "Arch Klumph's dream of doing good in the world." I can still hear his voice as he poured out his own passion for serving his fellow man through Rotary.

All of us are deeply saddened at our loss and extend our sympathy to Mary Jo, Leslie, Will and Maribeth. Please know that our District is a much better District because he served us and because we were able to serve him as he led us to be better than we thought we could be.

I shall never forget Bill Cook. Perhaps the greatest tribute any of us can pay him is that his leadership made us all better Rotarians and his friendship made us better people.

And Bill, don't try to start a Rotary Club in heaven. St. Peter won't like your recruiting all his angels. But then, since you are now one of them, maybe he will. And when we walk into that Rotary Club of Heaven, we know you'll be waiting for us with that big ole smile and everybody, as always, will be glad to see you. We love you, Bill, and if we told you the truth, we're angry that you would leave us.

PDG Janice Trawick (Tupelo)

WHAT A RARE OPPORTUNITY!!!!!!

District Rotarians are invited to join a group of other District Rotarians who are going to visit the Galapagos Islands and the ancient lost city of the Incas, Machu Piccu. This is a once in a lifetime experience that you will always treasure and you will be with friends from District 6800. However, if you have friends who wish to accompany you, it is not limited to just Rotarians. The limitations on cabins that are available for the ship which tours the Galapagos Islands will certainly limit the numbers who can join this adventure. Please contact Gaylon Hall at 901-372-4677 or by email at ghall65068@aol.com and the costs and itinerary will be sent to you. If you have ever wanted to visit these two wonders of the world, now is the time.

OUR DISTRICT 6800 2002-2003 AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS HAVE RETURNED

Both of our 2002-03 Ambassadorial Scholars attended schools that are south of the equator and therefore, both have only recently returned. They are Ellen Weirich who was sponsored by the Memphis club and Susannah Herring who was sponsored by the Germantown club.

Both students are currently available to make presentations at your club. If you would like to have an interesting program to learn how your funds were invested in these students, contact them and invite them to speak. They can be reached as follows:

Ellen Weirich, 1711 York Ave., Memphis, TN 38014 901-274-8551 ellen_weirich@hotmail.com
Susannah Herring, Plantation Rd, Memphis, TN 38133 901-383-1082 susherring@aol.com

REMINDER--REMINDER--REMINDER

This year's Rotary Youth Leadership Conference is scheduled for March 25 -- 28. It is not too early to begin selecting the students you'll be sending. It will once again be held at the Whispering Woods Conference Center in Olive Branch. Make plans to send as many students as possible. Any questions or needs? Call.

[O. W. Smith, Chairman, Rotary Youth Leadership Conference, 901-388-8333]

March 19 -- 20	President Elect Training Session	Oxford [see P. 2]
March 25 -- 28	Rotary Youth Leadership Conference	Olive Branch
April 30 -- May 1	District 6800 Conference	Oxford

DISTRICT STATISTICS JANUARY 2003

CLUB	# 1/1	# MEET	% ATTND	[+/-]	# 12/31
Aberdeen	61	4	74	-1	60
Amory	66	4	70	+1	67
Baldwyn	35	4	75	-2	33
Bartlett-Cordova	44	4	74	-1	43
Batesville	93	4	64		93
Booneville	46	4	72		46
Bruce	28	4	84		28
Calhoun City	41	4	66	-2	39
Charleston	22	4	79	+1	23
Clarksdale	86	4	50	+1	87
Cleveland	52	4	59	-2	50
Collierville	55	4	72	-1	54
Como	18	4	61	+1	19
Corinth	90	3	59		90
Drew	11	4	62	-1	10
Fulton	35	2	65	-3	32
Germantown	45	4	63	-1	44
Grenada	51	3	67		51
Hernando	28	4	75	-1	27
Holly Springs	44	4	82		44
Houston	21	4	60		21
Iuka	32	4	72		32
Memphis	357	4	52	-1	356
Memphis-Central	46	4	66		46
Memphis-East	143	4	64		143
New Albany	55	4	72	-1	54
Olive Branch	57	4	70	-2	55
Oxford	143	4	57	-2	141
Pontotoc	49	4	67	-1	48
Quitman County	20	4	80	-1	19
Ripley	67	4	80	+2	69
Robinsonville	37	4	55	-2	35
Ruleville	12	5	75		12
Sardis	16	4	68		16
Senatobia	56	4	78	-2	54
Southaven	51	4	59		51
Sumner	32	4	68		32
Tunica	45	4	46		45
Tupelo	163	4	77	+1	164
Water Valley	24	4	83	-1	23
West Point	74	4	75		74
District 6/30/03		2434		-21	
District 1/31/03		2430			

>> TOP THREE GIVERS--PER CLUB- MEMBER--JULY-JANUARY <<
IRobinsonville \$111.67|Tupelo \$111.47|Drew \$93.18

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Available for \$157

When the Paul Harris Fellow recognition first appeared in 1957, the cost was \$1000. Today, the cost is still \$1000. Based on changes in the CPI, that \$1000 contribution SHOULD be costing us \$6358 today. In other words, since the PHF still costs \$1000, our commitment to becoming a PHF in 1957 dollars is only \$157.

Can you spare \$157 to become a PHF? Now I know that it's all relative but do you see how difficult it was for the first 12 Rotarians who received the Paul Harris Fellow in 1957 to make their contribution. Do you see what a bargain the PHF is today, when we don't have to pay \$6358 to receive it?. Since those original 12 Paul Harris Fellows, more than 850,000 men and women from all walks of life have helped to make life better for people they will never meet.

When a Rotarian in Drew is presented a Paul Harris Fellow recognition, the contribution of \$1000 may be providing school supplies for 1200 needy children in Guatemala. One hundred cataract and glaucoma operations can be performed at a Rotary-sponsored eye camp in India when a Rotarian from West Point sends \$1000 to the Foundation. And when a community leader in Oxford is designated a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club, the

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The Presidents (and Secretaries) Elect Training Session will be held in Oxford on March 20 rather than at Tupelo. It will be held at the Baptist Memorial Hospital-Oxford. Signs will be posted inside the foyer to direct you to the meeting room.

We have chosen this location for the facilities, not because we feel a need to be close to medical services for our attendees. **All incoming Presidents and Secretaries are expected to attend.** A package is being mailed to each which will include directions, agenda and a registration form. A copy of the Planning for Effective Rotary Clubs forms will be included so planning can be done before you arrive. Lunch will be served as well as coffee and snacks for those who missed breakfast.

Assistant Governors will meet at the Alumni House on the Ole Miss Campus for education and orientation on 19 March and will spend the night if necessary and be available at PETS to get acquainted with the officers of the Clubs they will serve. District Governor Elect, Richard L. (Dick) Wieland, will have returned from Anaheim and the International Assembly and give us the Centennial Year plan. Give him a call at 901-270-3778 or e-mail him at rwieland@midsouth.rr.com if you have died or are otherwise unable to attend or have questions. [DGE Richard Wieland]

Scholarship Applicants Needed

Your district is once again seeking your help in identifying and obtaining qualified applicants for our highly desirable scholarships. We are seeking applicants for two Ambassadorial Scholarships as well as a nominee for a Rotary Foundation World Peace Scholarship for the academic year 2005-2006. The Ambassadorial Scholarships are for a year of graduate level study abroad and the World Peace Scholarships are for a two-year master's degree program abroad.

The district Scholarship Committee will actually choose the recipients of the Ambassadorial Scholarships but it can only nominate an applicant to the Foundation Board for the World Peace Scholarship.

Eligibility requirements for both types of scholarship are very similar: Applicants must have a bachelor's degree by July 1, 2005. They must be citizens of a country in which there is a Rotary club. Rotarians, honorary Rotarians, Rotary employees are not eligible. Applicants may not be linearly related to a Rotarian. Rotaractors and persons with handicaps are eligible and are encouraged to apply.

Applications may be downloaded at rotary.org/foundation/academic or obtained from District Scholarships Chairman PDG George Rosentreter, 309 Dogwood Drive, Oxford, MS 38655 (662 234 8063).

These scholarships are the best in the world and we should have many applicants each year. [George Rosentreter, District Scholarship Chair]

Oxford is designated a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club, the \$1000 contribution on that person's behalf could be used toward sending a promising scholar for an academic year abroad as an ambassador of goodwill, who just might become another Jonas Salk.

The 2001 Council on Legislation unanimously adopted the goal of \$100 Every Rotarian, Every Year by Rotary's 100th anniversary. Has your Club made its contribution to The Rotary Foundation? Are you working to achieve this goal? Governor Ken has a special award, The Centurion Giving Club Award, for those Clubs who do.

And if your Club cannot give at this level, just give what you can. It is the combined contributions of all 1.2 Rotarians worldwide that will enable us to achieve this goal. No contribution is too small.

If your Club was not able to contribute to The Rotary Foundation last year, contact me immediately at justme@netbci.com. I do have a reduced price Paul Harris Fellow award available. Not for \$157, but at a substantially reduced price.

Every Rotarian, Every Year \$100!

Has your Club made an Annual Programs Fund gift yet?

Janice Trawick (Tupelo) District 6800 Foundation Chair
 Zone 30 Strategic Advisor Annual Programs Fund