



Lend a Hand

Rotary International District 6800

Governor's Newsletter

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March holds no special designation on the Rotary Calendar. Perhaps a good name for March would be "Transition Month," for in District 6800 it really is the beginning of the transition from this year to the next Rotary year with the PETS conference coming up on March 20.

But wait, dear officers of 2003-2004 -- this doesn't mean that you can sit back and let the year run out without your continuing your effort to make your year in office the very best that it can be. There is still a fourth of a year left in your office. You need to work to make the upcoming quarter the very best for your club and for the district. You need to get your Presidential Citation information nailed down in order to meet the deadline. You need to get your club all a-fluster over the upcoming District 6800 Conference.

If you will be completing your club office and another member of your club is to take over in that office, it is not too early to help that person learn the "tricks of the trade" for that office by letting him or her shadow your activities during the remaining months. If you will continue in the same office, you might find it a good time to do a little more to make the activity run smoothly in the future.

K. R. B.

A note from the Presidential Citation Award Chairman

Okay guys and gals - you only have a few more weeks to complete your goals for Presidential Citation Award! You can do it - all you need to do is make a list and see what's left to do. Then do it! Ken has worked very hard this year and done a wonderful job as District Governor. Now we need to do our jobs and make him the only D. G. in Rotary International with a Presidential Citation being presented to each Club in District 6800. If you don't want to hear from me again this year, get your applications in to the District Governor by April 1st so he can meet his deadline to get all those Awards back by District Conference. He will want to hand each of you the Presidential Citation personally and he won't be able to do that unless the deadlines are met.

Every Rotary Club in this District is capable of winning this award so get busy as soon as you read this and if you don't have time to fill out the form, give the information to a Club member and let him/her do it for you. They need to be involved anyway. I'm counting on every one of you so lets get with it! Lend a Hand [Barbara Broome, Chairman, Presidential Citation Chair]

SOME INTERESTING STATS ON PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP AND OTHER GIVING

How is the district doing on making members Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, and Major Donors? The numbers of Paul Harris Fellows (whether a member or not) in the district is 1725 as of March 10. The number of members in the district as of January 31 was 2430. Realizing the figures are not 100% compatible because all the statistics are not in for the district as of March 10, an exact statistical comparison cannot be made. (When I taught teachers about statistics I quoted an anonymous source that said "There are three kinds of lies: lies, abominable lies, and statistics.") Be that as it may, these figures are fairly close to accurate.

Using the available, although flawed figures, 71 percent of the total number of members who are Paul Harris Fellows. This does not mean that 71 percent of the members are PHFs --Drew tops the group with 11 members and 22 PHFs. Alphabetically, those clubs with more PHFs than members include Amory, Bruce, Germantown, Memphis Central, and Oxford. Seven clubs have less than ten PHFs. The list of those who have less than half as many PHFs as members total 14 of our 41 clubs, those having less than 25 percent total 6. A challenge, perhaps?

As far as Benefactors (those who either contribute now or include a gift to the Permanent Fund in their will,) it is something on which the district needs to work. Only 42 members out of 2430, less than two percent, are members of this group.

Major Donors (individual members or couples who have given \$10,000 or more to the Rotary Foundation have tripled so far this year. At this time last year there were two; we now have six, with another possible donor who is just a few dollars away from reaching this giving plateau.

Plan to attend the District Conference Saturday breakfast (May 1) to honor these three groups as well as those who are sustaining Foundation givers (\$100 per year.) You don't have to be in the group of honorees to attend, and you may be inspired to join one or more of the groups.

K.R.B.



March 19-20

President Elect Training Session

Oxford

March 25-28

Rotary Youth Leadership Conference

Olive Branch

April 30-May 1

District 6800 Conference

Oxford

**PREVIEW OF AN IMPORTANT COMING
ATTRACTION -- THE DISTRICT PETS MEETING**

The Presidents (and Secretaries) Elect Training Session will be held in Oxford on March 20. It will be held at the Baptist Memorial Hospital-Oxford. Signs will be posted inside the foyer to direct you to the meeting room. All incoming presidents and secretaries are expected to be present for this meeting. The 2004-2005 District Trainer Betty Jo Dulaney and incoming District Governor Dick Wieland have an excellent program planned to help make your year the best ever. Be certain to attend.

**REMINDER-DISTRICT CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED
FOR APRIL 30 -- MAY 1 IN OXFORD PLAN TO BE THERE!**

Rotary International is a "sleeping giant". Many Rotarians really don't know the expanse of Rotary's influence worldwide. Even CNN's Ted Turner, who likes to criticize many things, recently said "Rotarians aren't just sitting back, relaxing. Rotary does a world of good."

While politicians around the world posture for their own agendas, Rotarians worldwide are quietly going about the business of "Service above self". We think that Rotary is an amazing "glue" that brings people of all nations together. But do your club members really know and appreciate what the "big picture" is with Rotary?

District Conferences are designed to:

- > Tell members what Rotary is doing around the world,
- > Tell what your club can do locally, and
- > Tell how your club makes it financially possible to carry out these programs.

Most importantly, the District Conference lets your members meet other district Rotarians. They learn "how to" from other clubs that have some wonderful projects. Lasting friendships often result from meeting members of other clubs. Rotary is not just an "eat and run" group. It's about doing things to make our communities (and the world) better than ever. As Ted Turner said, Rotary does a world of good."

We have a great program lined up, including Senator Thad Cochran speaking about his "Rotary Experience", so encourage your members to attend the Conference. Y' all come. Hear? [John Kloha, Conference Co-Chair]

>>>>NOTE-----REGISTRATION FORMS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE CLUB PRESIDENTS THIS WEEK. IF YOU DON'T GET THEM, THEY ARE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBPAGE OR CALL/EMAIL THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

DISTRICT STATISTICS FEBRUARY 2004

CLUB	# 2/1	# MEET	% ATTND	[+/-]	# 2/29
Aberdeen	60	4	73	+2	62
Amory	67	4	73	- 2	65
Baldwyn	33	4	78	+3	36
Bartlett-Cordova	43	4	70	+1	44
Batesville	93	4	67	- 1	92
Booneville	46	4	72	+1	47
Bruce	28	4	79	- 1	27
Calhoun City	39	4	67	-1	38
Charleston	23	4	62	+2	25
Clarksdale	87	4	52	- 1	86
Cleveland	50	4	69	+1	51
Collierville	54	4	74	-2	52
Como	19	4	58		19
Corinth	90	4	59		90
Drew	10	4	75		10
Fulton	32	4	65		32
Germantown	44	4	66		44
Grenada	51	4	80	+2	53
Hernando	27	4	72		27
Holly Springs	44	4	86		44
Houston	21	4	60	-1	20
Iuka	32	4	72	+1	33
Memphis	356	4	52		356
Memphis-Central	46	4	70	+1	47
Memphis-East	143	4	71	-1	142
New Albany	54	4	73		54
Olive Branch	55	4	70		55
Oxford	141	4	54	+1	142
Pontotoc	48	4	65	+1	49
Quitman County	19	4	82	+1	20
Ripley	69	4	74	-1	68
Robinsonville	35	4	55		35
Ruleville	12	5	66		12
Sardis	16	4	73		16
Senatobia	54	4	78		54
Southaven	51	4	62	-1	50
Sumner	32	4	42	-1	31
Tunica	45	4	46	+1	46
Tupelo	164	4	80	+1	165
Water Valley	23	4	81	+5	28
West Point	74	4	66	+3	77
District 6/30/03		2430		+14	
District 2/29/04		2444			

>> TOP THREE GIVERS--PER CLUB- MEMBER--JULY-FEBRUARY <<
Tupelo \$117.06|Robinsonville \$113.33|Drew \$93.18

**NO CLUB LEFT BEHIND
GOAL: DISTRICT 6800 - NO ZERO-GIVING CLUBS
FOR ROTARY YEAR 2003-04**

Did you know that approximately 8,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide gave *nothing* to the annual giving program of The Rotary Foundation last year? If the average Rotary Club is 40 members strong (yes, we have some smaller than that but some larger bringing our average to well above that number) that means that if the annual giving goal is \$100 per capita there were \$320,000 that could have been used for humanitarian needs that had to be left unmet due to a shortage of Matching Grant funds?

Our goal this Rotary is that every Rotary Club in District 6800 give something. Anything! While we know that some of the 11 non-giving Clubs we had last year gave their dollars restricted to the polio eradication campaign without contributing to annual giving, except for remaining pledges the polio eradication fund raising campaign is over. If we do NOT increase our annual giving (50% of which is returned for District projects), our Ambassadorial Scholarships are

severely at risk, not to mention any District Simplified Grants that we might be able to offer to Clubs for their community projects.

As District Foundation Chair, I am offering a \$500 challenge grant to any of the 11 Clubs who gave nothing to annual giving last year if they will match my \$500 with their own contribution. (If you don't know who you are, call me). That means a PHF will cost them only \$500! Three Clubs have already accepted my offer to provide a half-price Paul Harris Fellow. IF your Club was unable to contribute to annual giving last year, all you have to do is contact me at justme@netbci.com and we can work out the arrangements.

I believe that most clubs want to support the programs of The Rotary Foundation. Please help us meet the goal of "no club left behind." Individually and collectively Rotarians support the programs of The Rotary Foundation as a special tool for international service and work together across international borders to build a better, more peaceful world. Isn't that worth a contribution, regardless of how small, from every Club in District 6800?

Strategic Advisor Annual Programs Fund Zone 30.

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