

DISTRICT 6800

Governor's Monthly Newsletter

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GOVERNOR'S CORNER



Since our last newsletter we have witnessed the appointment of a new Pope and the assumption of power of a new ruler in the principality of Monaco. Joann and I visited both places on our way to the Rotary International Convention in Barcelona. We are now looking forward to our trip to the "Windy City," Chicago, Illinois the birthplace and childhood haunt of our own PDG Ken Bender. There is still time to get registered for the first Centennial Celebration by Rotary International. Please go to the Rotary Web site and see what is going to happen. If you or someone from your club cannot go and you want to send a letter from your Club to place in the time capsule I will be happy to take it for you.

We had a great District Conference!! I know this because the RI Presidents Representative told me so. I also was there of course as were about 115 District 6800 Rotarians and some guests from out of town, our Director Elect, Bob Stuart and Zone Institute Chairman, Larry Lunsford. They were checking things out with the Hilton Hotel in preparation for next September 20- 25.

A Special thanks to all who participated to make the District Conference a success. Jerry Daws and Vijay Surpuriya for helping to put it all together and keeping it together when it got stretched at times. Laura House for getting the table decorations done and the ladies' favors distributed. Mayor A.C. Wharton for welcoming all to Shelby County He was next door at another function and could not get away on time. That gave me a chance to tell my Rotary story. Thanks to my boss, J.D. Barton for giving up an afternoon of golf to play the piano for us as we sang a couple of songs and for the interlude before we started. Tommy White and Gus Wisenant a great job with the door prizes as did Floyd McDaniel and Carlton Smith for being Sgt. at Arms.

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DISTRICT STATISTICS APRIL 2005

CLUB	# 4/01	# MEET	% ATT	+/-	# 4/30
Aberdeen	58	4	80	0	58
Amory	57	4	57	-1	56
Baldwyn	38	4	71	0	38
Bartlett-Cordova	50	4	69	-2	48
Batesville	92	4	65	0	92
Booneville	43	4	64	-3	40
Bruce	31	4	93	0	31
Calhoun City	35	4	78	0	35
Charleston	34	4	54	-2	32
Clarksdale	78	4	60	0	78
Cleveland	53	4	70	0	53
Collierville	59	4	64	-3	56
Como	15	4	65	0	15
Corinth	82	4	67	0	82
Drew/Ruleville	21	4	64	0	21
Fulton	30	4	64	1	31
Germantown	34	4	68	0	34
Grenada	54	4	56	-4	50
Hernando	29	4	76	0	30
Holly Springs	49	4	80	1	50
Houston	18	4	50	0	18
Iuka	32	4	67	-1	31
Memphis	344	4	48	-1	343
Memphis-Central	43	4	70	1	44
Memphis-East	135	4	57	-2	133
Millington	23	4	61	-1	22
New Albany	45	5	76	3	48
Olive Branch	63	4	73	-2	61
Oxford	150	4	51	0	150
Pontotoc	47	4	65	0	47
Quitman County	21	3	71	1	22
Ripley	76	4	75	0	76
Robinsonville	35	4	54	0	35
Sardis	12	4	80	-1	11
Senatobia	54	4	72	0	54
Southaven	53	4	60	2	55
Sumner	31	4	50	0	31
Tunica	46	4	61	0	46
Tupelo	172	4	81	0	172
Water Valley	32	4	80	0	32
West Point	76	4	60	0	76
Mmbrshp 4/1	2450		67	-14	2436
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GOVERNOR'S CORNER (CONTINUED)

Thanks, too, to our presenters, DAN Betty Jo Delaney on literacy, P.G. William Delaney on Club Extension and By Laws revision and Trustees Report, Smith Murphy IV on Youth Exchange, Mike Jacobson on Rotaract, Chris McDermott on RYLA, Midge McKay on the Choices Youth Program, PDG Luther Millsaps on the Kidney Dialysis Program, PDG George Rosentretter on Ambassadorial Scholar Program and 2003-2004 Treasurers Report. Ambassadorial Scholar Ellen Weirich on her year in Chile, Neil Sherman for standing in for Don Baker as District Secretary, PDG Joe Gibbs for the update on Polio Eradication and Dr. Michael O'Dell on Water, Health and Hunger. PDG Janice Trawick for the status of Foundation Giving and for being a great sport as she was surprised by two of Rotary's most prestigious awards, The Rotary Foundation for Meritorious Service and the Rotary Service Above Self Award. This was definitely a proud day for Rotary District 6800 and a historic one for both of these awards to be presented to the same person on the same day. Thanks also to Cheryl White, wife of Rotarian Pastor Bill White, for sharing her inspirational Rotary story. Thanks to Pastor Bill for lunch and dinner invocations and to PDG Alan Bank for the invocation at the PHF breakfast.

Thanks to PDG John Bennett and Edna for looking after our Presidents Representative PDG Dot Greene and husband Nat. PDG Dean Wingo for Membership Growth and Lee Whipple and sidekick Tom Michael for their Membership Recruitment one-act play. Thanks to the GSE Team from Nottingham, England for an enlightening presentation on Robin Hood's town.

Thanks to my wife Joann for helping out when needed and just being there for me. Wendy Rotter for her assistance with registration and Jean Patterson for doing the Silent Auction where we raised \$2600+ for the Rotary Foundation.

For the Rotarians from the 26 clubs that were represented you really made it happen. Kudos to the Memphis Central Rotarians who supported the Conference with an attendance of 19 persons. And last but not least to our RI Presidents Representative Dot Green for her inspirational words. I so wish that all of our Rotarians and their Spouses could have been there. We had great fun.

Maybe next year more will come after reading what went on this year.

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Celebrate Rotary!!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!
If you haven't made your annual contribution of \$100 to the Rotary Foundation
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