

# DISTRICT 6800

## Governor's Monthly Newsletter

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### NEW GENERATIONS AND RE-GENERATION

### GOVERNOR'S CORNER



September is "New Generations" month in Rotary as I am sure you are already aware. In District 6800 we could call it Re-Generation Month as well. I am pleased to announce the re-formation of The Rotary Club of Millington, Tennessee. In my first year as an Assistant Governor we lost the Millington Rotary Club. It is very gratifying to me that one of last years Assistant Governors, King Rogers of the Memphis East Rotary Club was instrumental in the re-formation of a New Generation of Rotarians in Millington. Congratulations to all of those who helped King get it done!

St Benedicts of Cordova is our newest addition to the ranks of Interact Clubs in District 6800. President Allen Bethel and the members of the Bartlett-Cordova Rotary Club are the proud sponsors of this new generation of potential future Rotarians.

Marvin Lishman of the Senatobia Rotary Club is the District Interact Chair. He informs me that the records show the following Interact Clubs and their Sponsors in District 6800. St Benedicts – Bartlett Cordova, Baldwin HS – Baldwin, Rotary Club, Bruce HS – Bruce, Central HS – Memphis, Cleveland HS – Cleveland, Corinth HS – Corinth, Craigmont HS – Memphis, Hatley HS – Amory, Kossuth HS – Corinth, Magnolia Heights HS – Senatobia, Olive Branch HS – Olive Branch, Sheffield HS – Memphis Central, Aberdeen HS – Aberdeen, Iuka HS – Iuka, and South Panola HS – Batesville.

Marvin also informs me that he is working with the Water Valley Rotary Club to form a club at Water Valley HS. This would be an excellent time to schedule some time with an existing Interact Club in your area to find out what the kids are planning for their up coming year. Find out how you, as Rotarians, can help and guide them toward success. Does the in school Interact Sponsor need some help? Let's get involved.

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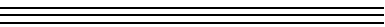
DISTRICT STATISTICS AUGUST 2004

Governor's Corner (Continued)

CLUB	# 7/01	# MEET	%	+/-	# 7/31
Aberdeen	60	4	77	-1	59
Amory	64	4	71	-1	63
Baldwyn	34	4	83	1	35
Bartlett-Cordova	46	4	58	2	48
Batesville	94	5	65	0	94
Booneville	42	5	77	0	42
Bruce	28	4	95	0	28
Calhoun City	40	4	63	0	40
Charleston	30	4	78	0	30
Clarksdale	84	5	56	0	84
Cleveland	52	4	66	-1	51
Collierville	47	5	71	0	47
Como	15	4	63	0	15
Corinth	78	4	69	1	79
Drew	11	5	80	0	11
Fulton	29	5	74	1	30
Germantown	38	4	42	0	38
Grenada	52	5	64	1	53
Hernando	27	4	79	0	27
Holly Springs	44	4	72	0	44
Houston	21	5	57	-1	20
Iuka	34	4	76	0	34
Memphis	352	5	56	0	352
Memphis-Central	43	4	94	-1	42
Memphis-East	144	4	61	4	148
New Albany	51	4	71	-1	50
Olive Branch	58	5	72	0	58
Oxford	153	4	47	2	155
Pontotoc	47	5	60	0	47
Quitman County	19	4	70	1	20
Ripley	68	5	76	5	73
Robinsonville	33	4	63	0	33
Ruleville	13	5	73	-2	11
Sardis	13	4	72	1	14
Senatobia	53	4	69	0	53
Southaven	52	4	65	0	52
Sumner	31	5	50	0	31
Tunica	44	4	51	0	44
Tupelo	167	5	81	-2	165
Water Valley	27	5	86	0	27
West Point	73	4	62	1	74
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Smith Murphey of the Sumner Rotary Club is our Youth Exchange Chair this year. His phone is 662-375-8611 and his e-mail is <smurphey4@yahoo.com>. He and Assistant Governor Bryan Shaver of the Southaven Club recently attended a Seminar in Nashville and are ready to assist you with Youth Exchange

It is easier to look back when you have been smart about planning ahead. If we pay attention to our youth today we will have New Generations of Rotarians for years to come.



**IS THIS A GOOD INVESTMENT?**

If you invested \$1 and 100 years later that \$1 grew to \$302930.75, would you think that was a pretty good return? Well, in 1905 four men met and formed Rotary, and in 100 years the membership grew to 1,211,723 men and women who claim membership in a Rotary club somewhere in the world.

Someone once said, "There are lies, great big lies, and statistics." Without applying the "Rule of 72" or some other investment rule to determine if the investment would be good is not the point here. Actually, the mere number of people added to the Rotary rolls is not that important, either. Yes, one and a fourth million people can be quite effective, and because of the total number of members it has become a strong voice.

What really is important, though, is the massive amount of good that has come out of the number of people who have adopted the position that its motto is more than a few words to be said at a club meeting, it is a way of life. There are certain things each Rotarian is expected to apply to his or her personal and professional or business life in dealing with others—the Four Way Test, the willingness to plop down a gift to the Rotary Foundation of at least \$100 a year, getting out and making the local community a better place to live, and carrying out the Object of Rotary. This is what makes our organization so valuable, and such a driving force.

**The Object of Rotary**

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

**THE ROTARY GOAL FOR THIS YEAR IS \$100 PER MEMBER—WILL YOU DO YOUR PART??????**

