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A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



DG Ed Foster

Greetings from all of us at District 6360 and a very Happy New Year to all. I hope all of you had a great Holiday Season.

January is Rotary Awareness Month and that being the case, I would like to encourage all Rotarians to take a moment and learn more about this great organization we all belong to and work together to make it great. Take the time to read your January issue of The Rotarian and see what we do all over the world. To quote RI President Jonathan, "Time spent learning about Rotary is an investment in the future. Informed members can inspire other Rotarians with their knowledge and engage non-Rotarians by sharing what it means to be a member. I urge

you to use this month to learn more about Rotary.

When we truly understand Rotary's history and tradition of service, we're better prepared to welcome new members and Lend a Hand in our communities and around the world."

For those of you that have computers and access to the web, I encourage you to go to: www.rotary.org and learn more about Rotary. Have a program at your club that deals with Rotary information. Take the quiz on page 39 of this month's Rotarian magazine and see how well you can do with the answers.

Let's all remember to put the dates of the "Celebrate Rotary"

Conference to be held on April 30, 2004 to May 1, 2004 at the McCamly Plaza Hotel in Battle Creek.

Plans are well underway for this meeting and remember that we want to include "Family of Rotary" as part of our meeting this year. Because we want to include family, we are planning three general sessions rather than breakout sessions and will encourage all family members to be a part of these sessions. We plan on celebrating the successes of three areas in Rotary, those successes of Rotary International, the District, and those of individual clubs. If your club has had a successful event that you would like to celebrate with us, please let the District know about it and we will do our best to include your club.

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Gil O'Rourke, M.D.
Governor 2005-2006

Gil was born in Omaha, Nebraska in 1936 and remained there until completion of his internship at Nebraska Methodist Hospital. From July 1962 until June 1963 he served as General Medical Officer in the United States Air Force. Gil and Cindy have four daughters and six grandchildren – Gil calls them "blended family!"

Jackson has been home to the O'Rourke's since 1968 when Gil began his practice in obstetrics and gynecology.

Since 1999 he has been semi-retired. He was invited to join

the Rotary Club of Jackson in 1972, served as its president 2000-2001, and has participated in community service endeavors. A notable example is involvement in the inception and organization of 'disAbility Connections (formerly Jackson County Society for Handicapped Children and Adults); this resulted in serving three terms as its president.

Gil continues to be a strong supporter of The Rotary Foundation: he is a sustaining member of the Foundation, is a Foundation Benefactor and has received recognition for multiple Paul Harris Fellow contributions. A physician, he was able to make a special contribution as a volunteer with two Polio Plus eradication teams: India, January 2000 and Nigeria, November 2002.

During the 2003-2004 Rotary year, Gil continues his service as Assistant Governor, begun in 2001.

Your Governor Nominees



Dr. Jay M. Larson
Governor 2006-2007

Jay Larson holds a Ph.D. degree in Material Science from the University of Washington and an MBA in marketing and finance from WMU. He is a fellow of the Society of Automotive Engineers and the American Society for Metallurgy International.

Before founding his consulting company Larson Enterprises which aids people in product conception and development, DGN Jay had a varied and productive career with Eaton Corporation. His last responsibility was that of Manager of Engineering for Engine Components Operations. During his career, he was awarded over 20 U.S. patents that have generated billions of dollars in sales for his former employers. A four-year assignment to China included the management of the marketing, sales,

manufacturing and quality assurance departments.

He served as a member of the Board of the Shanghai American Chamber of Commerce and was active in the Shanghai Rotary Club.

DGN Jay and his family have a strong commitment to historic Marshall, having acquired the Marshall House Hotel with its various shops – quilts, yarns, an antique area specializing in scientific instruments, and Asian woodcarvings and a pottery studio. Through Marshall Rotary Jay and his wife Karen donated the Chinese pavilion to the City of Marshall, and Jay currently is the president of the Marshall Rotary Foundation. President of Marshall Rotary in 1984, a Paul Harris Fellow for many years and having been active in district responsibilities in many ways, Jay is the only Rotarian to twice be honored as Rotarian of the Year. We welcome Jay Larson to expanded service in Rotary!

RI board decisions of importance to all clubs:

- 1) RI Convention in Chicago, 18-22 June, 2005. A convention registration rebate is available to all Rotary districts that register more Rotarians, spouses, and guests (over age 18) prior to 31 March, 2005 than 2 percent of the Rotarians in the district. Districts that achieve this goal will receive a rebate after the convention. The board tentatively selected Seoul, Korea, as the site for the 2009 RI Convention.
 - obligations will no longer have "services suspended" prior to being terminated.
 - The board will terminate clubs with financial obligations after 180 days, rather than 270 days.
 - Terminated clubs seeking reinstatement will be required to pay a reinstatement fee of US \$10 per member.
 - After 270 days of indebtedness to RI, a club seeking reinstatement will be required to pay a charter fee as a newly admitted club.
 - The new collection cycle will go into effect with the 1 July 2004 RI per capita dues.
- 2) Finance: The board modified the collection cycle for clubs with financial obligations to RI:
 - Clubs with financial obligations will no longer have "services suspended" prior to being terminated.

It should also be noted that District 6360 will be voting on a change in the billing procedures in the District Procedures Manual at the Annual Business Meeting during the District Conference 30 April, 2004, 1 May, 2004. We will recommend a billing cycle to go along with the RI billing cycle and dues will be based on the number of members reported to RI in the Semi-Annual Report (SAR). Hopefully, this will eliminate the confusion that seems to occur with clubs not understanding that they have a dues obligation to both RI and the District every year. In the past, the District has billed on an annual basis and RI does their billing semi-annually. By matching the way RI does the billing, all clubs will receive a dues billing from the District on a semi-annual basis, too.

“Rotary Goals:

To see that the district fulfills its role in helping out with the eradication of polio.

To see that other health concerns in local communities are addressed through the efforts of Rotary.

To encourage every Rotarian to contribute \$100 a year to be a sustaining member of the Rotary Foundation and to help members understand the benefits.

To take new approaches in membership growth and retention.

To involve families of Rotarians in Rotary to a greater extent.

To tackle illiteracy.

To encourage 12 percent of the membership of the district — about 400 people — to participate in the district conference.

To address public stereotypes of Rotary and let local communities know what modern Rotary is truly about.

GSE Success in Action!

By Renée Merchant, GSE District Chairman

Ruth Brown created a video presentation of her Group Study Exchange trip to RID 9150 Chad and Cameroon, 2003. Ruth was a team member with Cambray TrapHagen and Natalie Ford. The team was lead by Manya Otis, Jackson Noon Club.

Group Study Exchange is a Rotary International Foundation funded education program. The purpose is to promote vocational study, leadership development, and international understanding. The program is open to a Rotarian team leader, and four non-Rotarians, ages 25-40. Applications may be downloaded from www.rotary.org and submitted at any time of the year.

This team will be presented with certificates at the District Conference this year, where the incoming and outgoing GSE teams to Germany will be making presentations. Ruth captured the heart of the African people in her photographs, and summarized her journey with a wonderfully written narration. A copy of the 13-minute VHS tape can be borrowed from the district's library for showing at your next club meeting. Please contact Ellen Williams to borrow the tape.



Ruth Brown, Team Leader Manya Otis, Natalie Ford, Cambray TrapHagen

Host Clubs needed for GSE Inbound Team

Our inbound GSE Team will be in District 6360 from April 4th to May 5th. Host Clubs are still needed for the first three weeks. A big thanks to the Kalamazoo Club for hosting the team on week four. If your club is interested in hosting, please contact Renee Merchant at:

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Lunch is over, and the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., is taking coffee when Susan O'Neal starts her slide presentation about the trip she and 65 other Rotarians took to India, where they helped hand out oral polio vaccine to ragtag children in a New Delhi slum.

She explains that the vaccine, taken in two drops of fluid, grows in the intestine and is excreted by the body for a few weeks while immunity builds up. She then clicks on a slide of an open sewer.

"You can see how it's rather easy for people to get fecal microbes on their hands," O'Neal says. "In fact, even though only 93 percent of children on average get vaccinated in a campaign, the other 7 percent get immunized through the feces in the environment."

A groan briefly mixes with the tinkling of glassware as the Rotarians settle in for the latest dispatch from their organization's 15-year campaign to eradicate polio, the leading cause of childhood paralysis.

This scene at the Hotel Washington recently is not one that George F. Babbitt, the title character of Sinclair Lewis's 1922 novel, would easily recognize. A small-minded resident of a fictional American city, Babbitt belonged to a Rotary-like organization called the Boosters Club. Lewis lampooned it as little more than institutionalized selfishness, and his unflattering picture still lingers in the American psyche.

That may be the reason so few people know that the

heirs of Babbitt's Boosters -- not only in Rotary but also in two other large clubs like it -- are now major players in the global fight against disease. They are engaged in arduous and thankless campaigns against ailments that have largely disappeared from the places where their members live.

Since 1988, Rotary International has contributed \$500 million and sent thousands of volunteers to work on the polio campaign. The club is second only to the U.S. government in the amount of money it has poured into the effort to eradicate a human disease for only the second time in history.

Unlike many medical charities in the developing world, these are not small cadres of overworked, self-sacrificing idealists. Instead, they are vast, permanent networks of well-connected people willing to put in small amounts of time -- often in the form of lobbying and consciousness-raising -- against a few targeted diseases.

"Their contribution goes way beyond pretty important. I believe that eradication of polio would not have been feasible without the participation of Rotary International," said R. Bruce Aylward, a Canadian physician who is the World Health Organization's coordinator for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative...

...In the early 1980s, several Rotary leaders proposed beginning an organization-wide project separate from local efforts. "This was contrary

to the beginnings of Rotary and was also contrary to the feelings of a lot of senior Rotarians," recalled William T. Sergeant, who at age 84 heads Rotary's polio activities. But the idea took hold.

At the suggestion of Albert Sabin, inventor of the oral polio vaccine, Rotary chose as its goal universal immunization of children against polio and several other infectious diseases. In 1986, it decided to support the effort through 2005, the club's centennial year. It did not envisage eradicating polio.

A two-year campaign brought in more than twice as much money as expected -- \$247 million, not \$120 million. Partly on the strength of that support, the World Health Organization in 1988 announced its intent to rid the world of polio. A WHO-led effort had previously eradicated smallpox in a campaign lasting from 1966 to 1980.

"A lot of people have very ambitious ideas, but almost nobody has the funding to kick-start a global initiative," Aylward said. "Rotary was the Gates Foundation of 1988."

But eradication has proved more difficult than anyone anticipated.

The target date was originally 2000; it is now 2005. The extra time required more money. Earlier this year, Rotary completed a second fundraising campaign, which raised \$111 million -- again more than the target, which was \$80 million.

The club's contributions, including interest, now total more than \$500 million...

Occasionally, members of service clubs do the work themselves.

Thousands of Rotarians, both local and foreign volunteers, have participated in national immunization days when vaccine is given to millions of children over a few days.

[Dave Groner, a 60-year-old funeral director in Dowagiac, Mich., has led four groups of Rotarians to India and one to Nigeria. Next month, he will take 14 people, 10 of them nurses, to Niger. They will all pay their own way -- about \\$3,000 each. "We've never been asked to not work or to get lost," he said.](#)

Occasionally, club members play a role nobody else can. Angola has a single Rotary Club, 32 people who meet in the capital, Luanda. They are led by Sylvia Nagy, who with her husband owns a foundry. In 1997, a 25-year civil war, which ended last year with the death of rebel leader Jonas Savimbi, was underway. There had not been a vaccination campaign in the rebel-held half of the country in years.

Nagy, along with representatives of WHO and UNICEF, negotiated a truce so immunization days could be held in June that year. Rotary rented planes, boats and four-wheel-drive vehicles to deliver vaccine, and disbursed \$4 million to far-flung vaccinators. About 2.5 million children were vaccinated.

On Sept. 2, Angola marked its second year without a single case of polio.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION NEEDED FROM ALL CLUBS

Please send your club officer, president, president elect and secretary contact information to the District Office by January 31, 2004. We would like to have the District Directory with complete information on all clubs available at the District Conference on April 30, 2004. In order to do this, it will require that all information be in the hands of the District office by January 31, 2004. It has also come to my attention that all clubs are supposed to send a copy of their Semi-Annual Report (SAR) worksheet to the District Governor every six months. This would then be the official number of members we would use to calculate District dues.

Test your Rotary knowledge.
Visit www.district6360.com.



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Governor's Visits

7/11/03	Lansing	9/22/03	East Lansing
7/15/03	South Haven	9/23/03	Constantine
7/15/03	Berrien Springs/ Eau Claire	9/25/03	Lansing/DeWitt SR
		9/30/03	Union City
7/16/03	Jackson Br.	10/1/03	Eaton Rapids
	Jackson Noon	10/2/03	Dowagiac
	Michigan Center	10/7/03	Marshall
7/17/03	Mason Rotary	10/8-10/12	Zone
7/29/03	Williamston Sunrise	10/13/03	Hastings
7/29/03	Haslett/Okemos		Quincy
7/30/03	Benton Harbor SR	10/14/03	Galesburg
	Paw Paw Lake	10/15/03	Grand Ledge
8/1/03	Oshtemo	10/20/03	Kalamazoo Noon
8/6/03	Kalamazoo Sunrise	10/21/03	District Foundation (Schuler's in Marshall)
8/6/03	Portage Noon		
8/11/03	Reading	10/24/03	Vicksburg
8/12/03	Delta Waverly	10/27/03	Niles—Buchanan
8/13/03	Kalamazoo SR	10/29/03	Parchment
	Portage Noon	10/30/03	Three Rivers
8/18/03	Allegan		Delton
8/19/03	Charlotte	11/3/03	Marcellus
8/20/03	Hillsdale	11/4/03	Jonesville
8/25/03	Litchfield	11/5/03	White Pigeon
8/26/03	Middleville	11/11/03	St. Johns
	Jonesville Pig Roast	11-12-03	South Lansing—Holt
8/28/03	Albion	11/13/03	Coldwater Twp. SR
9/3/03	Cereal City Sunrise		Paw Paw Area
	Climax	11/17/03	Sturgis
9/8/03	St. Joe Benton Harbor	11/25/03	Coldwater
	Reading	12/02/03	Otsego
9/10/03	Ionia	1/5/04	Battle Creek
9/11/03	Gull Lake Area		
	Lakeshore		
9/17/03	Athens		
	Bronson		
9/18/03	Plainwell		
	Portage		

Council on Legislation 2004 – Progress Report

Each third year the Council of Legislation convenes, this year again in Chicago, selected because it offers the needed facilities at competitive cost and is near Rotary Headquarters, thus eliminating the need of travel for staff. Each district is represented by a representative, elected in 2002 (in district 6360 the election was at the district conference).

The Council of Legislation considers amendments to Rotary's Manual of Procedure (MOP) and changes in the bylaws. At the annual meeting at the district conference in 2003 we, as a district, supported a legislative amendment brought forth by the Michigan Center – Jackson County East Rotary Club – an amendment to article VI Officers. The amendment, if approved, would have the effect of limiting paid compensation for officers of Rotary International, so that only the General Secretary would receive monetary compensation.

From different parts of the Rotary world there were similar proposals (this amendment had come before the 2001 Council, but was not approved). Whenever there are several similar proposals, an appointed committee merges the various proposed amendments into one, and presents the proposed compromise amendment to the various original proposing clubs, and, when approved by them, the revised proposal is submitted to the Council.

The Michigan Center – Jackson County East Rotary Club has accepted the proposed revision. Its proposal will thus be brought before the Council by one of the proposing districts (allowed three minutes); others who wish to support the amendment are allowed two minutes. If approved, it will result in estimated savings of \$195,000 in 2004 by eliminating previously approved expressions of appreciation for the president and president-elect that total \$195,000.

Karl Sandelin, Governor 1991-92
Delegate to Council on Legislation 2004

Notice to Club Presidents –

Outbound Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship for Study Abroad, Academic Year 2005-2006 – Commence Candidate Search in Your Area

Annually, the district receives funds from the Rotary Foundation equal to 50% of what was given three years earlier by district Rotarians and designated for the Annual Fund. The district determines the Foundation approved programs for which these funds are used (*district designated funds*). From these *Share Funds* received from The Rotary Foundation, one Ambassadorial Scholarship has been designated. The scholarship pays all expenses for one year of study abroad (applicants may not be direct descendants of Rotarians). The scholarships are ambassadorial in nature. While candidates are expected to be outstanding scholars whose studies and professional development benefit from a year of study abroad, the purpose of the scholarship is to promote international goodwill and understanding and to help in developing leaders who can address the humanitarian needs of the world community. Qualifications: a minimum of two years of college completed, or secondary education and two years employment in a recognized profession. (Generally, outbound scholars have been either college seniors or graduate students.) Each club may select and recommend one candidate.

Rotarians serving on the Outbound Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee are:

Deb Larson, *Rotary Club of Lansing*; Dr. Roger Niemeyer, *East Lansing* and Karl Sandelin (chair), *Kalamazoo* (Sandelin@iserv.net; 269.349.1870). The members of the committee are glad to answer questions and be of help.

Application forms are available from the district office, or on line from R.I.

Application Time Line. Clubs are urged to begin the candidate search and selection process immediately: for the applicants, completing the application requires extensive work, including researching and ranking five institutions of study abroad (Rotary Foundation selects the institution – thus ensuring scholar distribution). The following dates govern the process:

May	15	- Receipt of completed applications from clubs, signed by club president.
June	5	- District committee meets, selects scholarship nominee and alternate.
July	15	- Endorsed applications are sent to The Rotary Foundation.
Dec.	15	- Scholarship recipient is advised by The Rotary Foundation.