

District Messenger

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Service Above Self



District Governor Deb Severson 2005-06

February 2006

Governor's Corner



Rotarians who visit other Rotary clubs while traveling, have hosted Rotarians, GSE teams, Rotary Youth Exchange Students, Ambassadorial Scholars, participated in NID's or who have visited around the world for Rotary projects recognize the long term value to increasing their understanding of the world.

Rotary International has contributed significantly to world understanding. Each Rotarian and each club takes another step forward with each new project and life they have impacted.

Our Rotary Relationships Are Key

World understanding begins with the key relationships that are developed through our club service.

Many of you have heard me ask the question, "Why do we go to our weekly Rotary meetings?" Is it not about the people? The relationships we develop with our fellow Rotarians keep us coming back. But it is just the weekly Rotary meetings? The projects that we do together locally as well as internationally are significant to furthering the understanding we have of each other. There is tremendous pride shared by the Rotarians who work hard, play hard and see the impact of their work.

At a recent visit to the Rotary Club of Jefferson I had the opportunity to meet a high school student whose understanding of Rotary was positively impacted by his involvement with the club. The contact that he had with the business leaders of the community through Rotary taught him that people of all professions are able to meet together, work together, have fun together AND also do great things together. The Rotarians were a positive model of how effective the individual members contribute to something much greater than they provide on their own.

As Rotarians we demonstrate an important model for understanding each other and the world around us.

Service Above Self,

District Celebration – Mary 19 – 21, 2006

It's that time of year again! The District Celebration committee is ready to provide everyone with a wonderful weekend of FUN, Fellowship and Family time. Registration forms have been mailed to all District 6250 Rotarians. If anyone did not receive one, forms are available on the district website – www.rotary6250.org.

The committee was able to hold down the cost of the registration fees due to an increase in the amount of money provided by the District which has been used to off-set the cost of the conference.

Lake Lawn Resort is in the process of a \$3.2M renovation. A number of the lodging rooms will be completed by the end of April, just in time for our celebration!

Make your reservations early and take advantage of the Early Bird registration now through March 17.

World Understanding Month



Past RI President Huntley dies

22 February 2006

Past RI President Bill Huntley, of Sutton-on-Sea, England, died on 21 February. In addition to serving Rotary International as president in 1994-95, he served the organization as district governor, International Assembly discussion leader, committee member and chair, Rotary information counselor, Foundation trustee and trustee chair, director, and vice president.

Huntley was a member of the Rotary Club of Alford & Mablethorpe and an honorary member of the Rotary clubs of London, Stapleford & Sandiacre, and St. Louis. He also served as vice president and president of [Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland \(RIBI\)](#).

The past RI president was a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He also received the PolioPlus Pioneer Award and the PolioPlus International Service Award for his extraordinary service to PolioPlus.

DISTRICT 6250 CALENDAR		
MARCH 2006		
Wednesday	March 1, 2006	Youth Exchange Bus Tour Application Deadline
Saturday	March 4, 2006	Team Leadership Training Kalahari Resort & Convention Center I 90/94 (Exit 92), Wisconsin Dells, WI
Monday- Sunday	March 5- 12, 2006	World Rotaract Week
Wednesday	March 15, 2006	Deadline for Significant Achievement Award Nomination ..from Governor to RI
Friday- Saturday	March 17-18, 2006	PETS Tri-District President Elect Training Seminar Appleton, Wisconsin
Friday	March 31, 2006	Deadline for matching grant applications to be reviewed in 2006- 2007 Rotary Year
Friday	March 31, 2006	Deadline for District Applications to the Rotary Foundation for 2006- 07 Rotary Year for District Simplified Grants
APRIL 2006		
Saturday	April 1, 2006	RYLA Participation Information Due
Sunday	April 2, 2006	Speech Contest; Baraboo, WI
Saturday	April 15, 2006	Deadline for Presidential Citation Certification ..from Governor to RI
Saturday	April 22, 2006	Rotary 6250 District Assembly Lalahari Resort & Convention Center I 90/94 (Exit 92), Wisconsin Dells, WI

May 19-21
District Celebration – Delevan, Lake Lawn Resort

From The Desk Of Assistant Governor Bill Erickson



Bill is a second generation Rotarian whose father was a past President in Loyal, WI (the club disbanded in the 1990's). Bill joined the Waunakee Club in 1976 making this his 30th year in Rotary having served as club secretary, board member and President in 1980/81. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and received the Rotary International Four Avenues of Service Award in 2005.

Now retired, Bill spent 38 years with Demco, a supplier to libraries and schools, as their VP of Operations. Demco served its customers from plants on both coasts and in the UK giving Bill an opportunity to travel routinely and spend considerable time in the UK. As a businessman he received the Waunakee Businessman of the Year Award in 1987.

Over the years Bill has worked with his club on numerous projects as well as with the school system where he served as the first President of the Waunakee Educational Foundation

In recent years he has worked with his club in their involvement with the Hackett-Hemwell Foundation which provides medical missions to Honduras.

Bill and his wife Jeanette have made Waunakee their home since 1976 and have watched the community grow from 2,000 in the '70's to a bustling community of almost 10,000 this year. They have two married daughters and five grandchildren.

DEFOREST - The DeForest Area Rotary Club is involved in many aspects of the local and international community. As with many clubs, they have contributed toward Polio Plus, sent students to the World Affairs Seminar and will for the first time this year be participating in the outbound youth exchange program. Locally, the club has contributed funds for an Adult Literacy Program at the DeForest Area Library. In addition, the members have been regularly working with the local Senior and Community Center in the delivery of food boxes to elderly in the community.

They as a club also find it important to support the younger generation by providing high school scholarships. Each year they adopt a local third grade class to which they speak about the importance of volunteer and community work as well as explain to them about Rotary. Many times club members and the "adopt-a-class" join forces to raise money for an orphanage in Haiti. The club also participates in various functions around the area including the Fourth of July celebration and the DeForest Area Fine Art Fair. While these events provide for some of their fundraising, the main fundraiser is poinsettia sales over the holiday season. **FITCHBURG-VERONA** - Recent fundraisers include a coop sales program with the local Boston Stores and a gift auction over the holidays. The club is sponsoring two outbound students - one to Germany and the other to Italy (in time for the Olympics).

In cooperation with the Verona High School, the club has sponsored a program recognizing five seniors for their accomplishments. Each student visit's the club and receives a cash award.

The best of the best is then awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. **MADISON BREAKFAST** - Madison Breakfast Rotary is enjoying its new location. They still meet on Monday mornings at 7:30 a.m. and meetings are now located on University Avenue at the Fire-Fly restaurant (across from University and Veteran's Hospitals). The breakfasts are wonderful, meetings are fun, interesting and informal and end at 8:30.

The second annual golf outing is in the planning stages. Last year the golf outing raised approximately \$11,000 for the Dane County Transition School (DCTS) which has become their signature project. They have partnered with DCTS on a Veteran's project, life skills workshop and other activities. PLEASE GOLF WITH US ON MAY 24th!! Madison Breakfast Rotary will soon have a website thanks to member Stuart Utley. Look for them at www.MadisonBreakfastRotary.org in the immediate future. Club members are currently completing biographical information to complete the finishing of the website.

MADISON EAST - The club is currently in the process of becoming a conductor in the Orphan Train project. Although early, it looks like they'll be working with an orphanage in Peru.

Their annual auction will take place Tuesday, March 28. The auction is their biggest fundraising event of the year. All District 6250 Rotarians and the public are welcome -- please contact Jason McCaffrey for more information. It's a great fundraiser whereby Rotarians can purchase some really good items that they use in everyday life (gift certificates to restaurants, etc.) and the money goes to our scholarship program.

They have been working on their club's Strategic Plan that is redefining their mission and working to increase membership.

MADISON AREA SUNRISE - A successful food drive was held for Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM)! They will continue to collect non-perishable items at our Rotary meetings every Friday morning for MOM, as the need is great. The club's Exchange Student, Emily, Min Chung from Taiwan, will have a visitor this week - her Mom! They're all excited to meet Emily's Mom.

They are sponsoring a Middleton High School student to attend this summer's World Affairs Seminar held at UW Whitewater. The MHS Social Studies Coordinator has informed us that the candidate chosen by the MHS Social Studies Department is a junior male - Charlie Kivolowitz. Literacy awards - they awarded two libraries in the Middleton Cross Plains School District with \$500/each for a total literacy award of \$1,000.00.

MADISON WEST TOWNE/MIDDLETON -

Locally MWTM has a number of projects serving the community. Working with Hope House, a place homeless mothers can stay, the club provides them and their children with shelving and a collection of books they can take with them. The club also works with Memorial High School to evaluate business plans, the students develop as part of the curriculum. An awards luncheon is held for both students and volunteers.

MWTM has the largest interact Club in District 6250 working with the students of Dane County Transitional Schools. The club has projects ranging from making blankets for local tornado victims to video taping the stories of Veterans. .

They have both an inbound - Lucas Rocha from Brazil - and outbound - Rachel Bower who is in Mexico. International projects include the Orphan Train and interaction with Nigeria Rotarians.

SUN PRAIRIE - The Sun Prairie Club is an active breakfast club of about 70 members with a new meeting place, the VFW club of Sun Prairie.

Their main fundraisers for the year are a pancake breakfast held in early March and a golf outing later in the year. They also sell cream puffs at Sun Prairie's Corn Fest. The club has been active in the Orphan Train Project and they have sent members to Bulgaria to visit several orphanages. They have concentrated on providing shoes and giving eye exams (and provide glasses if possible) and plan to send another delegation later this year or early next year. They are strong supporters of the Solar Cooker project and regularly host exchange students.

Locally, in 2005 they provided funding and labor for building a new public park shelter. The club also supports through funds and donated labor the continued restoration of Patrick Marsh on the northeast side of Sun Prairie. Their RICE Program is a favorite with the local school. **WAUNAKEE** - They just packed away the Christmas lights from their first annual Rotary Lights. The display, located in one of the Village Parks was a great success. With the help of sponsors and visitors enough money was raised to cover the start-up costs in this the first year. They plan to grow the display each year in the future.

In October the club hosted its first annual October Fest. Entertainment, games and refreshments were all part of the event. Three other fundraisers happen this time of the year - the Super Bowl party, the Super Raffle and hosting of Whitetails Unlimited all were successful.

The club has had two international projects this Rotary year. They've worked with a local medical group to collect school supplies, medical equipment and medical supplies and have shipped them to Honduras and the sewing machine project for Peru is well on its way. Membership continues to grow.



RI President Stenhammar's Travelogue

Follow his travels around the world

4 November 2005 | Evanston IL, USA

In the beginning of September, I made my second trip to Latin America, visiting Brazil, Ecuador, Colombia, and Mexico. This tour included two institutes — one in Cuiaba, Brazil, and one in Cancun, Mexico. My trip to Ecuador had an extra touch, as my own club (Göteborg RC) has a "garbage dump" project in Quito and my own district (D-2360) has a project delivering hospital materials to the area. From Latin America to **Madison, Wisconsin, USA**. An old school friend of mine came to Madison some 50 years ago as a Rotary scholar, then married in Madison and has lived there ever since. On her initiative, an intercity meeting was arranged in Madison and that was an extra touch as well — seeing a schoolmate for the first time in 50 years! From Madison to Sacramento, California, USA, for one more institute. Then back to Latin America, this time to Uruguay (an institute), Argentina (intercity meetings in Buenos Aires and Córdoba), and Peru (intercity meetings in Mendoza and Lima). I have spent 44 days of my presidency in Latin America during the first four months, which is good as I only spent a few days there as president-elect. After a few days in the office, I went to Minnesota, USA, for a Major Donor dinner and an intercity meeting. Then off to the institute in Lille, France, back to the U.S. and the Eastern Fellowship Dinner in Rochester, New York, followed by an institute in Manila, Philippines. Finally, a few days ago I went to a D-6600 dinner in Ashland, Ohio, USA, featuring 920 guests! Monica accompanied me on the second trip to Latin America and France. Francisco (Paco) Creo was with me during the early September trip to Latin America. Wherever I have been, I have had the great pleasure of meeting and/or traveling with a number of RI directors. That has been very pleasant, and it certainly adds to the fellowship and friendship of the Board.

President-elect urges Rotarians to *Lead the Way*

By Tiffany Woods
Rotary International News



"We are the ones who must *Lead the Way*," President-elect Boyd told the group of incoming governors.

Rotary International's incoming president, William B. Boyd, has chosen *Lead the Way* as the [theme](#) for the 2006–07 Rotary year.

"This will be my theme and an affirmation of my belief in the power of Rotarians to change the world, one positive act at a time," he told [incoming district governors](#) at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, on 17 February.

Every year at the assembly, Rotary's incoming president unveils a theme for the next Rotary year. The current theme under RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar is *Service Above Self*, the same as Rotary's longtime motto.

The challenge of finding a theme is that it must be short, inspirational, and translatable. Boyd doesn't remember the moment *Lead the Way* popped into his head. All he knows is that "it just felt right."

Since the governors-elect attend the International Assembly to learn more about becoming successful leaders in their districts, Boyd's theme was especially pertinent to the audience.

"In the coming year, I ask each of you to take your places as leaders in your districts and your communities," Boyd told the incoming governors. "I ask each of you to lead in the Rotary way, by living as role models of tolerance, unselfishness, and integrity. And because the best leaders have humility, I ask you to do all of this with friendliness and a smile, so that others will be happy to walk beside you."

Boyd concluded by saying, "As Rotarians, we are not content to let matters stay the way they have always been in our clubs or in our communities. We are not content with the status quo, and we do not look at a problem only to say someone else will solve it. We are the ones who ask, 'Why not us?' We are the ones with the skills and the desire to build a better future. And we are the ones who must *Lead the Way*."



The *Lead the Way* banner is unfurled for the first time.

Plan **NOW** To Attend...

DISTRICT CELEBRATION (CONFERENCE)

2005-2006

May 19 – 21, 2006,

Lake Lawn Resort,

Delavan, WI

Join us for Fun, Family
and Fellowship!

Online Registration

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Highlights include;

- Golf Outing
- Native American Pow-Wow
- Rotary Youth Students
- Children's Program
- Family/Fellowship Time
- Participate in energizing service projects
- Entertainment
- Sunday morning,
- New Orleans Style Jazz Brunch



Marsha Barwick
New Generations Chair

Why Volunteer?

People volunteer for a wide variety of reasons, especially wanting to help others. But it's also OK to want some benefits for yourself from volunteering. Some people are uncomfortable with the notion that a volunteer "benefits" from doing volunteer work.

There is a long tradition of seeing volunteering as a form of charity, based on altruism and selflessness. The best volunteering does involve the desire to serve others, but this does not exclude other motivations, as well.

Instead of considering volunteering as something you do for people who are not as fortunate as yourself, begin to think of it as an exchange. Consider that most people find themselves in need at some point in their lives. So today you may be the person with the ability to help, but tomorrow you may be the recipient of someone else's volunteer effort. Adding your effort to the work of others makes everyone's lives better. You probably have some special reasons of your own. Remember that the motivations you have for becoming a Rotarian may not be the reasons why you stay.

Once you're on the volunteer job, you will continue to serve as long as you feel that your efforts are accomplishing something, that your talents are appreciated, and that you make a difference. And if you also like the people with whom you work, so much the better! As long as you are truly serving through your volunteer work, isn't it wonderful that such an exchange occurs? In fact, it tends to strengthen your commitment to your club when you can see the benefits to both the recipient of your efforts and to yourself. And it is much more comfortable than "charity" because it upholds the self-esteem of those with whom you volunteer.

New Generations ~ Celebrating the Rotary of Tomorrow

For more information about District 6250 New Generation activities contact Marsha Barwick at 715-384-3656 or barwick.marsha@marshfieldclinic.org.



Rotary International

ROTARY DISTRICT 6250
MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE REPORT
DECEMBER 2005

Month of Last Rept	Club	No. of Mtgs	Percent This Mo	Percent Y-T-D	Current Members	7/1/2005 Members	Increase/(Decrease) Y-T-D	Percent
OCT	1 BARABOO	NO REPT	0.00	33.50	56	54	2	3.70%
DEC	2 BEAVER DAM	3	68.00	74.59	30	31	(1)	-3.23%
	3 BELOIT	NO REPT	0.00	0.00	102	102	0	0.00%
DEC	4 BLACK RIVER FALLS	2	60.00	59.33	53	47	6	12.77%
DEC	5 CALEDONIA	5	67.00	76.50	30	30	0	0.00%
DEC	6 CHIPPEWA FALLS	4	60.81	50.49	74	77	(3)	-3.90%
DEC	7 COLUMBUS	4	65.39	70.97	40	42	(2)	-4.76%
DEC	8 DE FOREST	3	46.67	56.48	30	32	(2)	-6.25%
DEC	9 EAU CLAIRE	3	67.14	63.34	55	55	0	0.00%
DEC	10 EAU CLAIRE MORNING	5	78.00	77.79	22	21	1	4.76%
DEC	11 EDGERTON	4	72.00	71.17	33	31	2	6.45%
	12 ELROY	NO REPT	0.00	0.00	16	16	0	0.00%
OCT	13 FITCHBURG-VERONA	NO REPT	0.00	55.30	17	17	0	0.00%
DEC	14 FORT ATKINSON	3	76.00	71.67	66	67	(1)	-1.49%
DEC	15 GRANTON	3	98.00	95.50	17	17	0	0.00%
DEC	16 HORICON	3	84.00	86.67	18	18	0	0.00%
DEC	17 JANESVILLE	3	56.37	59.06	127	120	7	5.83%
DEC	18 JANESVILLE MORNING	4	63.82	20.58	45	57	(12)	-21.05%
DEC	19 JEFFERSON	3	54.64	58.84	52	55	(3)	-5.45%

DEC	20LA CRESCENT	5	53.00	48.67	35	35	0	0.00%
DEC	21LA CROSSE	5	77.21	74.68	170	172	(2)	-1.16%
DEC	22LA CROSSE EAST	3	65.00	64.87	70	74	(4)	-5.41%
DEC	23LA CROSSE NORTH LA CROSSE VALLEY	5	50.00	48.83	26	27	(1)	-3.70%
DEC	24VIEW	4	76.70	79.31	79	77	2	2.60%
DEC	25LAKE MILLS	2	76.67	61.82	43	42	1	2.38%
DEC	26LODI	3	74.00	75.83	22	22	0	0.00%
DEC	27MADISON	3	92.19	81.21	496	497	(1)	-0.20%
DEC	28MADISON BREAKFAST	3	67.50	62.95	42	46	(4)	-8.70%
DEC	29MADISON EAST	3	51.51	54.52	44	42	2	4.76%
DEC	30MADISON HORIZONS	3	79.00	75.93	35	36	(1)	-2.78%
DEC	31MADISON SOUTH	3	69.40	69.98	79	82	(3)	-3.66%
DEC	32MADISON WEST MADISON W. TOWNE-	5	76.00	80.17	69	69	0	0.00%
DEC	33MID.	5	70.95	74.08	82	78	4	5.13%
DEC	34MARSHFIELD	3	67.97	67.72	82	77	5	6.49%
DEC	35MARSHFIELD SUNRISE	4	75.10	76.22	63	67	(4)	-5.97%
NOV	36MAYVILLE	NO REPT	0.00	41.00	29	29	0	0.00%
SEPT	37MEDFORD	NO REPT	0.00	41.00	18	16	2	12.50%
DEC	38MENOMONIE	4	50.10	58.72	94	98	(4)	-4.08%
DEC	39MENOMONIE SUNRISE	5	72.12	68.53	33	36	(3)	-8.33%
DEC	40MIDDLETON SUNRISE	3	80.39	78.17	17	15	2	13.33%
DEC	41MOUNT HOREB	4	70.00	64.50	40	41	(1)	-2.44%
	42NEILLSVILLE	NO REPT	0.00	0.00	18	18	0	0.00%
DEC	43ONALASKA	3	75.10	76.28	38	39	(1)	-2.56%
DEC	44OREGON	4	68.52	59.66	31	30	1	3.33%
DEC	45PLATTEVILLE	4	79.80	74.84	12	12	0	0.00%
DEC	46PORTAGE	3	55.00	53.00	47	48	(1)	-2.08%
DEC	47PRAIRIE DU CHIEN	4	84.00	57.00	41	40	1	2.50%
DEC	48REEDSBURG-W. SAUK	2	44.26	47.05	35	34	1	2.94%
DEC	49RICHLAND COUNTY	4	67.35	60.77	25	30	(5)	-16.67%
DEC	50SAUK-PRAIRIE	5	52.87	49.59	25	25	0	0.00%
DEC	51SPARTA	4	60.00	60.17	30	33	(3)	-9.09%
DEC	52STOUGHTON	4	62.00	61.50	45	49	(4)	-8.16%
DEC	53SUN PRAIRIE	4	70.60	75.25	71	70	1	1.43%
DEC	54TOMAH	4	45.00	47.75	50	48	2	4.17%
DEC	55VIROQUA	5	49.00	59.00	13	13	0	0.00%
DEC	56WATERTOWN	3	66.67	65.19	63	65	(2)	-3.08%
DEC	57WAUNAKEE	5	47.60	50.07	96	96	0	0.00%
DEC	58WAUPUN	2	60.00	59.25	25	26	(1)	-3.85%
	59WISCONSIN DELLS	NO REPT	0.00	0.00	34	34	0	0.00%
DEC	60WISCONSIN RAPIDS	3	68.98	68.37	115	115	0	0.00%
DEC	61WIS RAPIDS SUNRISE	5	57.20	55.02	64	72	(8)	-11.11%
			57.81	59.18	3,429	3,464	(35)	-1.01%