

District Messenger
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District Governor Hal Keitel 2006 -07

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Governor's Message

One of the recurring questions from club leaders during my visits has been 'What is the Pipeline Committee'? Many misconceptions exist. The concept of the Pipeline Committee is that a committee of former District Governors (PDGs) would be most helpful in sharing their leadership experiences with the present and future District Governors (DGs). Also, it may be a good sounding board for the current DG to share situations, problems and procedures. The concept for this committee came from PDG Dr. Perry Henderson, after he observed it in a neighboring district.

The Pipeline Committee is an ad hoc committee serving at the pleasure of the DG. It has no legislative power and no executive power. The DG takes the committee's discussions under advisement and then makes decisions after careful reflection.

I personally find the Pipeline Committee invaluable. It is a great forum for policy discussions, leadership style development and sharing of experiences.

The Governor's Club Visits will be completed in the next two weeks. I can't tell you how much I've enjoyed meeting all of you – we have great clubs, great projects and great Rotarians in District 6250. Continue to 'Lead the Way'.

Hal Keitel

District Committee Recruitment – from DGE Mary Kessens

Do you have members in your club who are ready to serve at the District level?

Would you help me and other incoming committee chairs and the district by recommending individuals for leadership positions and committee memberships???

The following committees are in need of leaders/chairs 2007 – Membership and Training.

The following positions will be open in 2007 – District Treasurer, Assistant Governor – Janesville area, and Beaver Dam area. *More information is on the District Web Site.*

District Meetings

More information is available on the District Web Site.

The August Attendance Report indicated that 10 clubs in our district had a net gain in membership in August, and 27 clubs had a net loss. Are you sending members to the **Membership/Foundation Seminar** in Tomah on Friday October 21 (3 – 7 PM)??

Committee Meeting for **Water, Health and Hunger** on October 21st at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Wisconsin Dells. (10 AM – Noon)

Youth Exchange Officer Mandatory Training will run from 10-3pm at the Copa Cabana Resort and Hotel, 611 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy, Wisconsin Dells, WI. Lunch will be provided. This is a mandatory meeting for the YEOs and YECs or their designees. Someone must attend from each club that is active in Rotary Youth Exchange.

New addresses for clubs, Rotarians sending dues/contributions Effective 1 October 2006, lockbox addresses are changing for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation to the following:

Send membership dues and payments to Rotary International:

Rotary International
14255 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693

Send contributions to The Rotary Foundation:

The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693

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More information and FAQs are on the District Web Site.

Peace Scholar Fellowships – PDG Don Mayo

Information on Peace Scholar Fellowships is available on the District Web Site.

International Project – Combat Blindness

Rotarian Boris Frank submitted this background information. *Complete article at District Web Site*

Featured Club – LaCrosse/LaCrosse East

Norway GSE Team Leads to Forde, Norway Sister-City Visit during Oktoberfest Week 2006 .La Crosse Rotary welcomed a delegation from our newest Friendship City of Forde, Norway during Oktoberfest in La Crosse. They spent the balance of their week with colleagues on-the-job in a La Crosse school and medical center. *Complete article at District Web Site*

Featured Club – WI Rapids Noon builds ramp

Another example of collaboration with community agencies/businesses, is the Wisconsin Rapids Noon Rotary's ramp building projects. *Complete article and pictures are on the District Web Site.*

Featured Club – Prairie du Chien Celebrates 20 Years

About 50 Rotarians, visitors and spouses gathered September 14th to mark the 20th anniversary of the Prairie du Chien Rotary Club. *Complete article at District Web Site*

PDG Dick Brindley

Richard B. Brindley, 90, of La Crosse passed away Thursday, October 12, 2006. He was District Governor 1978-79. Dick did a lot for Rotary in his active years, including helping to plant and grow the RC of Prairie du Chien.

August Membership Report –

One of the District Goals this year is have all clubs regularly report their attendance by the 15th of every month. **Eight clubs did not meet that goal** .There is no formal report to submit. A simple report of meeting dates and attendance at each meeting is all that is requested. It can be emailed to District Secretary Alan Selene at alanselene@ryansigns.net, or mailed to Alan at One Ondossagon, Madison, WI 53719. *The most recent report is posted on the District Web Site, on the **Member Clubs** page.*

From DG Hal -



We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me!

That's my story and I'm sticking to it!

The District Messenger editor is Julie Keitel. Send info to jkeitel@new.rr.com, or 9 W. 18th Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54902. The monthly deadline for articles is the 7th of the month, and the newsletter will be published by the 15th. The newsletter is emailed to club presidents and secretaries, assistant governors, and district committee chairs. Please copy and distribute to your club members, or post on your club website. More detailed information is available on the district website.

From: Mary Kessens, District Governor Elect
RE: District Committee recruitment

I need your help in recruiting Rotarians for a variety of district committees and positions! Even through the Rotary year seems to have just started; this is the time when recruiting for Rotary year 2007-08 begins. This is a good time for this process so that new appointees can prepare for **Team Leadership Training (January 17, 2007) PETS (March 9-10, 2007) District Assembly (April 14, 2007) and District Leadership Team Induction-formerly Governor's Welcoming Party (June 24, 2007)**. Attendance at these events is required for all committee chairs and assistant governors. Plus this is the time of year to recruit for committee members and begin to plan for the next Rotary year.

Would you help me and other incoming committee chairs and the district by recommending individuals for leadership positions and committee memberships???

Names, telephone numbers and email addresses would be appreciated. Also helpful would be why you think they would do a good job. I would recommend that all AG's discuss the list below with club presidents. Club presidents, please have a discussion with their Board or club to recommend new volunteers and leaders for district appointment. If you're a PDG, then forward this letter to the presidents during your year. They would likely be prime candidates for district appointment.

Positions needing a good Rotarian:

Membership Committee Chairperson and Committee members. An individual with good organization and gregarious personality to build a committee and encourage clubs to gain new members, retain excellent members and plant new clubs. They also plan the fall district membership seminar. This would preferably be done by the Chair and a committee of Rotarians who may be organized by regions. More committee members are also needed!!! Feel free to contact Earline Orndorff for more information. Someone to start a "commuter Rotary" in the Madison area is also desired.

Assistant Governor for Group 10 (Beloit Edgerton, Janesville, Janesville Morning) **and Group 6** (Beaver Dam, Columbus, Horicon, Mayville, Waupun). An AG needs to be a past president and not necessarily from the clubs listed, but should live nearby. AG job descriptions can be found at the RI website or by contacting me or talking to Scott Porter, Sue Christian, Randy Sproule or other Assistant Governors.

District Trainer and Training Committee members. Personally, my favorite committee. The Trainer and their committee organize the President Elect Training Seminar, Team Leadership Training and District Assembly. This is a great way to learn more about Rotary and meet the wonderful Rotarians in our district. Feel free to talk to Virginia Bartelt or myself to learn about the committee and the position

District Treasurer. Prepares with help from the District Finance Committee, the district budget and manages the accounts and finances of the District.

As always we are in need of good **committee members** for any of the district committees. These include:

- Finance Committee
- Public Relations
- History/Archives/Foundation Alumni
- Website Committee
- District Celebration Organizing Committee
- International Convention Committee
- Friendship Exchange

- Committees of the Foundation including:
 - Annual Fund Contributions Subcommittee
 - Permanent Fund Contributions Subcommittee
 - Foundation scholarship Subcommittee
 - Group Study Exchange Subcommittee
 - Grants Subcommittee
 - Polio Plus Subcommittee
 - World Community Service Subcommittee
 - World Peace Fellowships
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Committee
- District Youth Exchange Committee
- Short term Youth Exchange Committee
- Interact/Rotaract Committee
- District Speech Contest Committee
- Literacy and Education Committee
- Water, Health and Hunger Committee
- District Governor Candidates!!!!

I hope I haven't missed any. There may be other specific committee volunteer needs as time progresses.

Please provide assistance by raising up new district leadership. We will all benefit with a greater level of participation.

Best wishes in Rotary,

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Rotary Changes Bank Lockboxes

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the new lockbox address?

RI Payments sent to the US

*Rotary International
14255 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693*

TRF Contributions sent to US

*The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693*

RI Payments from Canada

*Rotary International Box B9330
P.O. Box 9100, Postal Station F
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3A5*

TRF Contributions from Canada

*TRF (Canada) Box B9322
P.O. Box 9100, Postal Station F
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3A5*

2. Our club inadvertently sent its dues payment / TRF contribution to the old lockbox. What will happen to it?

From 1 October 2006 through 31 March 2007, payments sent to the former lockbox addresses are automatically forwarded to the new lockbox. Starting 1 April 2007, payments will be returned to the sender.

3. My club inadvertently sent our contribution to the new RI lockbox instead of the new TRF lockbox. What will happen to it?

Your contribution will still be processed but may take a few extra days.

- 4. Our club is located in the US, but we accidentally sent our dues payment to the new (or old) address in Canada. What will happen to it?**

Payments sent to the former lockbox address are forwarded to RI in Evanston and then sent to the appropriate new lockbox. Your payment will take a few extra days to post due to mailing it to the correct processing location. If you sent your dues payment to the address in Canada, it will take a few extra days to get through the postal system but will still be processed.

- 5. Can we also send payments directly to the Rotary Secretariat in Evanston?**

In order to ensure the fastest and most efficient processing, we request that all payments be sent directly to the lockbox. Payments received in Evanston will be forwarded to the lockbox resulting in processing delays.

- 6. Is our club's ability to pay our dues by credit card on-line affected by this change?**

This change will not affect your club's ability to make credit card payments on-line. It will also not change your ability to make on-line credit card contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

- 7. What is the purpose of this change in banks?**

This change ensures Rotary International has the most up-to-date banking services, at the best prices, in support of RI's international presence.

- 8. Will I notice anything different in the processing of my club's payment?**

You won't notice any difference in the processing of your club's payment.

- 9. Are there any differences that I should be aware of from this change in banks?**

You should be aware of the new lockbox addresses. See Question 1, above.

10. Our club needs to use our points to name four Paul Harris Fellows. Will I get the recognition faster if I send it to the lockbox?

Any requests for recognition that are not accompanied by a contribution should be sent directly to Rotary Secretariat in Evanston. As a reminder, Paul Harris Fellow recognition processing time is four to six weeks.

11. I am late sending in our contributions to get a tax receipt for this calendar/Rotary year. Can I send in my contributions to the lockbox by UPS or FedEx?

Contributions can be sent by express delivery service to the lockbox, but in order to receive a tax receipt for either a 31 December or a 30 June date, the delivery envelope must be received at the lockbox no later than 31 December or 30 June. The addresses below are for overnight deliveries only:

OVERNIGHT COURIER (I.E. FED-EX, AIRBORNE ETC.) ADDRESS

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14255 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693*

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*Bank of America Lockbox Services
14280 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693*

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*Rotary International Box B9330
Wholesale Lockbox Dept.
325 Front Street West, 4th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M5V 2Y1*

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*TRF (Canada) Box B9322
Wholesale Lockbox Dept.
325 Front Street West, 4th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M5V 2Y1*

12. What if I have more questions later on?

Please look for additional information on www.rotary.org, or contact your Club and District Support Representative: www.rotary.org/support/CDAreps/index.html.

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Rotary World Peace Fellowship and Conflict Studies Program

District 6250 will receive application materials for both of these programs in January. Persons [non Rotarians] will be able to compete for the opportunity of earning a Masters degree in a peace and conflict studies related area. For United States citizens the Universities available are International Christian University, Tokyo, University del Salvador, Buenos Aires, University of Bradford, England and University of Queensland, Australia. This long-term program can last up to two years depending on degree requirements. The fellowships are supported through a pool of funds contributed by districts from their District Designated Fund. The deadline for applying for District World Peace Fellowships is July 1 for the year preceding the program [July 1, 2007 for the 2008-2009 program]. The year starts depending on what hemisphere the candidate selects.

A short term Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program is also available. This program, Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program, is conducted at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. This is a three-month program offered twice a year, January thru March and July thru September. Funding for this short-term program is shared between the Foundation and the candidate's employer. Program brochures for this and the World Peace Fellowships will be available later this year.

Additional information can be found on the following web sites:

www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/centers/index.html

www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp/index.html

The Rotary Centers program also produces two quarterly electronic newsletters, Peace Net and Branches. These newsletters connect our fellows, alumni, host Rotarians and university partners. I would encourage you to sign up to receive the newsletters at

www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/peacenet_signup.html

You can also contact Don Mayo, District World Peace Fellowship Chair at dbm_8@charter.net for additional information.

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Combat Blindness Foundation

I want to alert you to a call you may be receiving from a fellow Rotarian from the Madison or Mt. Horeb clubs about a program I am interested in and support.

The Combat Blindness Foundation is embarking on a major initiative to cure preventable blindness in developing countries. CBF was founded in 1984 by Dr. Suresh Chandra, a native of India and Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Wisconsin. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Madison and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

CBF to date has sponsored over 2,300 eye screening projects in developing countries, screened almost 600,000 patients, and supported over 100,000 free cataract surgeries for people who could not otherwise afford the procedure. The Madison Rotary Club and the Rotary International Foundation, through matching grants, have been major supporters of CBF.

For only \$20, in a 20-minute operation, CBF can restore sight to a person who is blind due to cataract.

Like the highly successful Polio Plus project, CBF's new and innovative initiative, **Project 20/20**, is starting small, first focusing on the clubs in District 6250. The Madison and Mt. Horeb clubs have already committed to the project. Next step is to present the project to other clubs in 6250 and seek their support before approaching other Districts and Rotary International.

Dr. Chandra and other Rotarians working on the project will be in touch with you to see if they can schedule a presentation at one of your upcoming Club meetings.

CBF is a remarkable organization, which you will see for yourself when a representative comes to speak to your club and show you the amazing DVD they have produced.

I sincerely hope you will be able to provide them the forum to describe Rotary's involvement in the project.

Boris Frank
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PHOTOS BY TOM LOUCKS/DAILY TRIBUNE

Tom Prohl, right, and Dave Lehman, both of PDS Construction, discuss plans for a ramp they and other volunteers are building for Darleen Klevene, which will give her wheelchair access to her home.

Builders, Rotary fill need

Ramp will allow woman to use wheelchair inside her home

BY DEB CLEWORTH
DAILY TRIBUNE STAFF

WISCONSIN RAPIDS — Thanks to a community effort, Darleen Klevene will have better access to her home and neighborhood.

Klevene, 68, was diagnosed with a form of muscular dystrophy in 1999. To complicate mobility issues, she recently was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, and also has two compression fractures in her lower vertebrae.

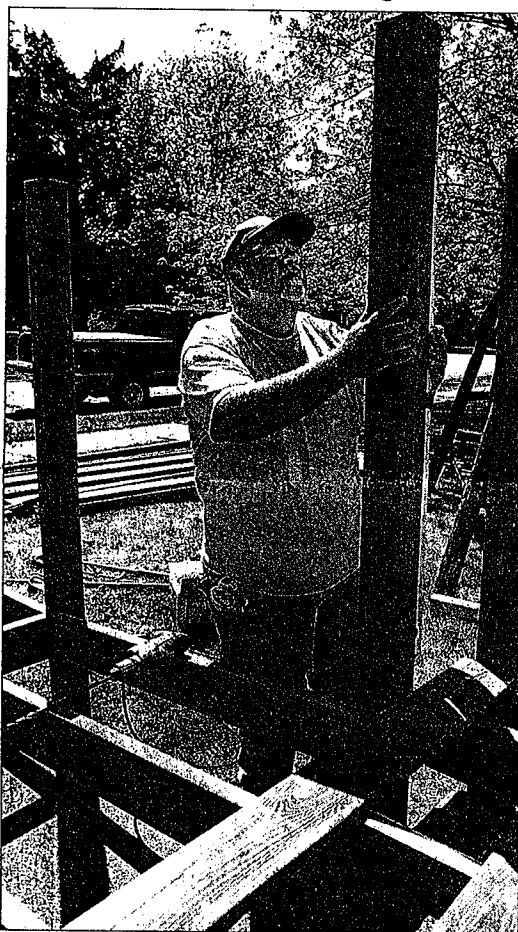
"Up until September, I didn't use the walker," she said. Now, in addition, she has a scooter and power wheelchair.

Lack of a ramp prevented Klevene from being able to get the wheelchair in her home.

"I don't want to keep it in the garage all the time," Klevene said.

That all changed Friday. Members of the Noon Rotary Club, Central Wisconsin Home Builders Association and Department of Aging worked together to build a ramp for Klevene.

"It's my understanding that the Department of Aging works with various



Jerry Haasl of Central Home Improvement checks the level of a wood beam for the ramp.

clients," said Tom Prohl, owner of PDS Construction and president-elect of Central Wisconsin Home Builders Association.

The group was made aware of the need in late November, but weather prevented work on the project until summer.

Prohl was on hand Friday morning to help build the ramp, as was Phil Brown, president of the Noon Rotary Club. Also helping were other employees of PDS Construction, Jim Custer, a Rotary member, and Jerry Haasl of Central Home Improvement.

"The Noon Rotary Club pays for the materials, and the Home Builders Association volunteers their labor," Brown said.

Workers hoped to have the project completed by noon. The entire project would have cost Klevene and her husband, Gerald, 73, as much as \$2,500.

Those behind the project were happy to help out.

Brown said the Rotarians were made aware of a need, and members, through generous donations, were able to fulfill that need.

"It's just the little things we do in the community that makes a difference," Brown said.

Prohl also saw the project as a chance to set a professional example, and more importantly, to give back to the community.

"I'm from the philosophy, when you live in a community, you owe your community, you don't own it," he said. "What better way than to do it this way?"

You can reach Deb Cleworth at 422-6730 or dcleworth@wisconsinrapids.tribune.com.



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Prairie du Chien Rotary Celebrates 20 Years

About 50 Rotarians, visitors and spouses gathered September 14th to mark the 20th anniversary of the Prairie du Chien Rotary Club. The club was chartered in 1986. Then-District Governor Trayton Lathrop called PDG Dick Brindley from La Crosse, and they and several others from La Crosse held meetings in Prairie du Chien to generate interest in forming a Rotary Club.

Bob Travis, who had been a Rotarian in South Dakota for 26 years before moving to the river community of Prairie du Chien, recalled that he had become a Senior Active until he heard about the new club forming. He reactivated, became a charter member, and has been an active club member ever since, accumulating a total of 56 years as a Rotarian. The club was originally chartered with 21 members. Six of them besides Travis are still active today, and several others turned out to help celebrate the anniversary.

Ted Solie from the La Crosse club was one of the 3 La Crosse Rotarians who, along with Brindley, traveled the 60 miles to the south every Friday for well over a year to help the new club get started. Another was the late PDG Ralph Steele. The 90-year-old Solie delivered brief remarks in which he recalled the effort put in by the organizers of the new club. PDG Bob Bendiksen delivered the first classification talk to the new club members, as an example of what a classification talk was.

PDG Sharon Imes told club members she was lucky enough to follow the late PDG Moe Shihata, a member of the Prairie du Chien club. She recalled many good times in Prairie du Chien during her term of office.

Charter member Jim Greenwald, now a member of the Madison West club, was a charter member of the Prairie du Chien club. He presented the club with a Paul Harris Burr Oak gavel. The gavel is one of 25 hand-crafted from tree limbs pruned from a tree planted by Paul Harris in Madison's Arboretum. The tree, reports Greenwald, is 70 years old and very healthy.



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