

District Messenger
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District Governor Hal Keitel 2006 -07

November 2006

Governor's Message

"We cannot administer a Rotary club, or district without mechanics, techniques and procedures. If, then, we are to have such machinery, let us have the best possible. But it is important to know and remember that the machinery is not an end to itself – it is a means to an end. The objective is a better Rotary and better Rotarians. That is why all of us want to see Rotary grow and thrive". [RI President William B. Boyd]

Being a Rotarian means putting the clubs and Rotary members first. It means recognizing that in Rotary, no member is ever more important than any other member. Some of us have more responsibilities, but no one has greater value. Each club member, club president, district governor is equally a part of Rotary and equally a part of Rotary's future.

Rotary today is an incredible example of how the obstacles of bureaucracy and intolerance can be overcome through good sense and goodwill. Our district will translate the good sense in a strategical planning day with the district leadership team on December 9th. We all want a better Rotary and better Rotarians. All of us know that it is not enough to wait for that to happen. Together, all of us will Lead the Way in planning for the future.

Hal Keitel

November is Rotary Foundation Month

From Rotary Foundation Trustee Luis Vicente Guiy : "If the Foundation must be measured by the success of its programs, the programs themselves are the best measure of its success. For example, 10 years ago, in 1996-97, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation made a significant decision to help the world become a safer place. As

the world became more globally connected, we saw more violence, more tribal conflicts, more difficulties in finding a shared vision of world peace. What could we do about it? The purpose of our programs has always been world understanding and peace, but we wanted to do something with a more practical, tangible effect. Thus began the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. This is Rotary's vision. Through this program, we are creating a cadre of people trained in the practical skills of negotiating peaceful resolutions. This is an entirely new idea, and Rotary is leading the way.“ *Click here to view the Complete article.*

It's year end donation time – have you considered the RI Foundation? *There's more information at the District Web Site, or at www.rotary.org* Click on The Rotary Foundation.

Request for Literacy Projects

The 2007 District Conference will feature literacy projects. If your club is involved with literacy, whether on the international, national or community level, please send a summary of the project to DG Hal. What's in it for you? The proceeds from the Silent Auction at District Conference will be designated for a literacy project – your club could 'Take the Lead' on choosing the project!

International Convention 2007 – Salt Lake City

Rotary International's early (least expensive) registration deadline for the “Rendezvous in Salt Lake City” Convention is December 1, 2006. The Convention dates are June 17-20, 2007 Also tickets are available for our Zones' Great Northland Breakfast, which will take place at the Marriott Downtown Hotel on Sunday morning, June 17. Tickets are \$30 each, and checks should be made out to “Zones 27/28”. The checks may be mailed Ed Schulz. Ed's address is 1095 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. *Register at <http://www.rotary.org>* Click on 'Plan to attend the 2007 RI Convention.

What is your club's holiday project?

December is Family Month – do you involve your Rotary family in a holiday project? The December newsletter will feature club activities – send text and photos to Julie Keitel by Dec 9.

District Meetings

District Strategic Planning – Saturday December 9, WI Dells. DG Hal, DGE Mary and DGN Tom have invited the District Leadership Team to a day of planning and dreaming.

District Advisory Committee will meet on Saturday January 13, WI Dells.

Featured Club – International Projects

Not just one club, but a team of District Rotarians are traveling in Nigeria this month,. The purpose of the trip, led by DGE Mary Kessens, is to lay the ground work for projects

in Nigeria. When they return, more information will be shared throughout the district. The participants will also present at District Conference in May. If your club has been wondering how to get involved in an International Project, this may be a good place to start.

September Membership Report –

One of the District Goals this year is have all clubs regularly report their attendance by the 15th of every month. **Twelve clubs did not meet that goal! That's 20% of our clubs!** 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.

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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.

Let's celebrate our Rotary Foundation

November 2006

Dear Rotary family,

November is Rotary Foundation Month, a time when Rotarians worldwide celebrate their Foundation's achievements of the past 90 years. They pay tribute to the Foundation and offer their personal contributions. It's a time of happiness and joy.



Luis Vicente Gay

If the Foundation must be measured by the success of its programs, the programs themselves are the best measure of its success. For example, 10 years ago, in 1996-97, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation made a significant decision to help the world become a safer place. As the world became more globally connected, we saw more violence, more tribal conflicts, more difficulties in finding a shared vision of world peace. What could we do about it? The purpose of our programs has always been world understanding and peace, but we wanted to do something with a more practical, tangible effect. Thus began the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

Five years ago, on 11 September 2001, I was in New York City and witnessed the attacks on the World Trade Center towers. Like the rest of the world, I was appalled that anyone would do such a terrible thing. It convinced me of how necessary the Rotary Centers program was going to be. A few weeks later, the first class of Rotary World Peace Fellows was chosen.

Since then, we have graduated more than 230 Rotary World Peace Fellows. Thanks to their course of study, these individuals understand the complexity of deep-seated conflicts. They bring comprehensive analytical skills to bear on the most difficult problems. As you read this message, Rotary Centers alumni are in the field around the world working to prevent and resolve conflicts at the community, national, and international levels. These members of the inaugural 2002-04 class are just a few examples:

Bautista Logioco (Duke University, USA) is a specialist with the Department of Crisis Prevention and Special Missions, Secretariat for Political Affairs, at the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C. He has been to Central America many times, where he has helped negotiate border disputes and overseen free elections. He specializes in matters related to Colombia.

Francesca Del Mese (University of Queensland, Australia) is a legal officer with the Office of the Prosecutor at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague. She possesses extensive experience in war crime tribunals, due in part to the international internships she completed during her fellowship.

Jan Nemecek (Universidad del Salvador, Argentina) is an assistant to a Czech member of the European Parliament, working with the EU's Environment and Public Health and Employment and Social Affairs committees.

The success of these and many other fellows has led the Trustees to convene the first Rotary World Peace Symposium, which will focus on the Rotary Centers for International Studies program. The symposium will be held 14-16 June 2007 in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, just before the RI Convention. It will be a rare and exciting opportunity for you to meet many of our Rotary World Peace Fellows and alumni. The Rotary World Peace Symposium will focus on their accomplishments, their plans, and their strategies for making the world a safer, more peaceful place.

This is Rotary's vision. Through this program, we are creating a cadre of people trained in the practical skills of negotiating peaceful resolutions. This is an entirely new idea, and Rotary is leading the way.

I hope you will join me in Salt Lake City for the Rotary World Peace Symposium. I assure you it will be an enlightening experience for everyone as we show Rotarians – and the world – how deeply committed Rotary World Peace Fellows are to Rotary's goal of world understanding and peace. We look forward to seeing you to celebrate our Rotary Foundation at one of the most important events of the Salt Lake City convention.

Sincerely,
Luis Vicente Gay
Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2006-07

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Consider Making A Year End Gift!

Are you looking for a great dividend this year? Make a gift of appreciated securities – common stock, bonds or mutual funds – to The Rotary Foundation before year end and send a message of international hope. You may realize significant savings while serving others at the same time. By transferring securities to The Rotary Foundation, you avoid paying capital gains taxes on the appreciated value of your gift!

Good Tax News You Can Use!

Under the new Pension Protection Act, individual donors who are 70 ½ at the time of the gift may donate from \$100 to \$100,000 this year (*and next*) from their Individual Retirement Account directly to The Rotary Foundation without increasing federal gross income for this tax year. It is a great way to become a Paul Harris Society member or make the gift of a lifetime in your lifetime.

Please note that contributions must be outright to the Foundation without any benefit to the donor. IRA gifts cannot be used to fund charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, donor advised funds or the pooled income fund.

The IRA assets must be transferred **directly** to the Foundation or it is recognized by the IRS as income. Please contact your IRA administrator and the Foundation to assist with the process of transferring the desired percentage or amount of the IRA.

Other IRA Options to Consider

This is a great time to ensure that valid beneficiary designations are on file for your IRA. If you have not already notified the Foundation that it is a beneficiary of your IRA, then you could become a Rotary Foundation Benefactor or Bequest Society member today!

This article came from Susan Schwartzwald, RI

District 6250 Foundation Chair is Deb Severson – contact her at 608-385-4892 or das1217@aol.com

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Rotary International

ROTARY DISTRICT 6250
MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE REPORT
SEPT 2006

Month of Last Rept	Club	No. of Mtgs	Percent This Mo	Percent Y-T-D	Current Members	7/1/2006 Members	Increase/(Decrease) Y-T-D	Percent
AUG	1 BARABOO	NO REPT	0.00	32.00	48	51	(3)	-5.88%
SEPT	2 BEAVER DAM	4	91.26	81.07	27	28	(1)	-3.57%
SEPT	3 BELOIT	4	57.84	53.95	100	98	2	2.04%
SEPT	4 BLACK RIVER FALLS	3	54.00	50.67	56	56	0	0.00%
JULY	5 CALEDONIA	NO REPT	0.00	28.67	32	32	0	0.00%
AUG	6 CHIPPEWA FALLS	NO REPT	0.00	39.92	79	75	4	5.33%
AUG	7 COLUMBUS	NO REPT	0.00	55.95	36	36	0	0.00%
SEPT	8 DE FOREST	4	65.18	57.09	28	29	(1)	-3.45%
SEPT	9 EAU CLAIRE	3	61.21	57.49	57	58	(1)	-1.72%
JAN	10 EAU CLAIRE MORNING	NO REPT	0.00	0.00	22	22	0	0.00%
SEPT	11 EDGERTON	4	65.00	63.33	39	36	3	8.33%
SEPT	12 FITCHBURG-VERONA	4	68.75	73.89	16	14	2	14.29%
SEPT	13 FORT ATKINSON	3	69.50	69.17	66	66	0	0.00%
SEPT	14 GRANTON	4	100.00	100.00	19	19	0	0.00%
SEPT	15 HORICON	4	89.00	81.00	12	16	(4)	-25.00%
AUG	16 JANESVILLE	NO REPT	0.00	46.52	137	137	0	0.00%
SEPT	17 JANESVILLE MORNING	4	58.33	55.32	48	47	1	2.13%
SEPT	18 JEFFERSON	4	60.12	62.66	44	48	(4)	-8.33%
SEPT	19 LA CRESCENT	5	67.57	64.33	37	35	2	5.71%
SEPT	20 LA CROSSE	4	82.25	75.88	173	178	(5)	-2.81%
SEPT	21 LA CROSSE EAST	3	65.10	43.77	72	71	1	1.41%
SEPT	22 LA CROSSE NORTH	4	52.00	58.33	23	25	(2)	-8.00%
SEPT	23 LA CROSSE VALLEY VIEW	4	90.00	80.77	78	77	1	1.30%
SEPT	24 LAKE MILLS	4	76.52	74.17	45	45	0	0.00%
SEPT	25 LODI	3	71.90	78.35	21	22	(1)	-4.55%
SEPT	26 MADISON	4	81.57	77.58	481	487	(6)	-1.23%
JULY	27 MADISON BREAKFAST	NO REPT	0.00	20.47	44	44	0	0.00%
SEPT	28 MADISON EAST	4	61.58	60.79	41	41	0	0.00%
SEPT	29 MADISON HORIZONS	4	82.00	75.00	32	32	0	0.00%
SEPT	30 MADISON SOUTH	3	77.56	61.68	86	87	(1)	-1.15%
SEPT	31 MADISON WEST	4	67.00	73.00	66	66	0	0.00%
AUG	32 MADISON W. TOWNE-MID.	NO REPT	0.00	51.19	76	76	0	0.00%
SEPT	33 MARSHFIELD	3	70.66	67.83	86	88	(2)	-2.27%
SEPT	34 MARSHFIELD SUNRISE	4	75.70	77.83	70	67	3	4.48%
AUG	35 MAYVILLE	NO REPT	0.00	32.58	29	29	0	0.00%
SEPT	36 MEDFORD	4	93.00	87.00	20	18	2	11.11%
SEPT	37 MENOMONIE	4	57.59	56.64	95	96	(1)	-1.04%
SEPT	38 MENOMONIE SUNRISE	4	74.29	70.20	35	38	(3)	-7.89%
SEPT	39 MIDDLETON SUNRISE	4	78.57	76.78	14	14	0	0.00%
SEPT	40 MOUNT HOREB	4	69.00	64.33	38	40	(2)	-5.00%
SEPT	41 NEILLSVILLE	3	73.00	74.67	20	21	(1)	-4.76%
SEPT	42 ONALASKA	3	71.70	75.63	35	36	(1)	-2.78%
AUG	43 OREGON	NO REPT	0.00	51.88	30	30	0	0.00%
JUNE	44 PLATTEVILLE	NO REPT	0.00	0.00	15	15	0	0.00%
SEPT	45 PORTAGE	3	60.00	58.00	49	49	0	0.00%
SEPT	46 PRAIRIE DU CHIEN	5	76.00	77.67	39	44	(5)	-11.36%
SEPT	47 REEDSBURG-W. SAUK CO.	4	45.00	51.00	39	37	2	5.41%
SEPT	48 RICHLAND COUNTY	4	55.56	57.90	28	28	0	0.00%
SEPT	49 SAUK-PRAIRIE	4	46.06	55.73	19	21	(2)	-9.52%
SEPT	50 SPARTA	4	63.00	41.33	30	31	(1)	-3.23%
SEPT	51 STOUGHTON	4	64.00	60.67	43	45	(2)	-4.44%
SEPT	52 SUN PRAIRIE	4	67.56	74.72	62	69	(7)	-10.14%
SEPT	53 TOMAH	4	57.00	54.33	50	51	(1)	-1.96%
SEPT	54 VIROQUA	5	60.00	58.00	23	24	(1)	-4.17%
SEPT	55 WATERTOWN	3	67.09	61.69	63	61	2	3.28%
SEPT	56 WAUNAKEE	4	71.67	66.07	87	89	(2)	-2.25%
SEPT	57 WAUPUN	5	64.00	65.33	23	24	(1)	-4.17%
	58 WISCONSIN DELLS	NO REPT	0.00	0.00	34	34	0	0.00%
SEPT	59 WISCONSIN RAPIDS	3	63.40	62.80	119	118	1	0.85%
SEPT	60 WIS RAPIDS SUNRISE	4	57.90	61.63	63	64	(1)	-1.56%
			54.95	59.10	3,399	3,435	(36)	-1.05%