



# 6250 DISTRICT DISPATCH

District Governor

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## District Governor's Message

### Celebrate Generosity and Good Works!

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It's already halfway through our Rotary year and a time to celebrate generosity and good works!

**Increase in Rotary Foundation Pledges.** To date we have received Rotary Foundation pledges of \$251,975 from 59 of 61 district clubs. These pledges represent a 14% increase over giving last year to The Rotary Foundation. There is much to celebrate in those pledges. They represent clean water projects, literacy programs, microloans, scholarships, enhanced health care, sight restoration and a multitude of good works implemented by the world of Rotarians. Thousands of people will benefit from our district's donations. This seems a very appropriate celebration of generosity, good will and the furtherance of peace at this Holiday time of year.

**Send Foundation Collections Quarterly.** To date we have collected \$35,916 toward these pledges. Typically many of these pledges are paid by clubs in June of the Rotary year. Some are not sent in at all or arrive in the next Rotary year. The Rotary Foundation and your district governor ask that you and your clubs send in The Rotary Foundation donations at least quarterly. This is particularly important at the end of the tax year if your members wish to claim a deduction for their 2007 donations. They will be recognized by The Rotary Foundation only when they are received. Put The Rotary Foundation donations to work as soon as they are received in order to get the most benefit from the good works they represent. In order to track your clubs donations, our district is adding a new Foundation Goal Progress report that will be featured in the district newsletter monthly. It can also be accessed on the district6250.org website at <http://www.rotary6250.org/district/foundation.shtml>. Your club secretary can get an up to date report through Member Access at the Rotary.org website.

**Membership Recruitment Encouraged.** I am also reminded that this is the time of year we bask in the warmth of family and friends and the fellowship of our Rotary clubs. This year we strive to welcome more friends and colleagues into the warmth, pride and contributions of our district's clubs, to grow our clubs by 61 members overall. To track our progress, we have updated the Monthly Membership Attendance Report, available here <http://www.rotary6250.org/clubs/monthlyattendance.shtml> and in the monthly newsletter. It now reflects membership growth from the official RI numbers reported by clubs at July 1, 2007. We have work to do in the New Year. Twenty-six clubs have experienced growth, 18 are holding their own and 17 have experienced losses. The Rotary Club of Sparta earns my admiration with their successful membership campaign and growth of 31%. This club is afire with enthusiasm for growth and community development.

**DG Nominations Sought.** Finally, this is the time of year when we recruit for leaders in the coming Rotary year. **We are accepting nominations until the end of month for 2010-2011 District Governor.** Your club president, secretary and Assistant Governor have received **nomination information and application information** is posted on the rotary6250.org website. Having served in this capacity, I can report that it is one of the most heartening activities I have

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