



# 6250 DISTRICT DISPATCH

District Governor

**Mary Kessens**

Serving Western Wisconsin  
& Southeast Minnesota

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## District Governor's Message

### Passing the Torch

Mary Kessens



The end of the Rotary Year is here for all of us. I'm sure this may have more meaning for those in leadership positions like Club President and District Governor. It's our time to "pass the torch" to the next class of Rotary leaders. As a Rotary leader, if you have kept your eye on doing and continuing to do good works through Rotary International, I'm sure this will be a joyous time as you now are able to rely on those new leaders who will take care of the clubs and projects that you have tried to foster. As your District Governor, I find myself in that fortunate position.

During the next Rotary year, we will be ably led by Tom Marshall from the Rotary Club of Wisconsin Rapids. We are fortunate to have Tom's leadership to enhance and expand our service to youth in District 6250. His lifelong service to schools and youth exchange will serve us well as we seek to expand our Rotary youth programs

and achieve RI President-Elect DK Lee's goal to reduce child mortality. Tom has already excited clubs to discover ways in their own communities to achieve these goals.

There is also much yet to be accomplished. Increasing our Rotary membership continues to be a challenge. Growing our support and use of The Rotary Foundation is of concern since this is the engine that fuels so many good works in the world. Millions of people in the world still do not have access to clean water, education or health care for the most basic of needs. We have much work to do in the world.

As a final reflection, I ask each of you, "How will you serve through Rotary in the coming year? What need have you been called to answer? What skills do you have to contribute? What projects excite you to action?" Because of the diversity of our membership and the needs in the world, there are places for all of use to use our unique talents. The wise person and Rotary leader knows how to make the match between skills and needs.

As for me, I will continue to promote Rotary projects with our friends in Rotary in Nigeria. We are part of Zone 28-29 initiatives to "Reach Out to Africa." Clubs from all over the upper Midwest are initiating projects throughout Nigeria. You can find out more at our Zone 28-29 website. A current focus is to fund the current and expansion of the Wheel School for Beggars' Children in Lagos, Nigeria. If you or your club has an interest in learning more about this project, please contact your soon-to-be-Past District Governor Mary Kessens. I know of some projects sure to excite your interest and match your skills.

Best Wishes in Rotary,

Mary

We have accomplished much in the last Rotary Year. [Check out the update on District Goals at this link.](#)

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### A Tribute to Governor Mary Kessens

As the final day of Rotary year, 2007 – 2008 approaches, I find it important and necessary for all Rotarians in District 6250, to express a great deal of gratitude to Governor Mary Kessens for an outstanding year of serving, not only our District, but also a variety of countries throughout the world!! Governor Mary has made a wonderfully positive impact on Rotarians and citizens from Nigeria to Argentina and during that time, has never forgotten about all that needed to be accomplished in District 6250!! She has truly made a difference in our world and I am happy to be able to call her my friend and colleague in Rotary!!

Whether it's supporting water/sanitation, education, health care and literacy in Nigeria to engineering an outstanding Youth Protection Policy for all of our youth programs throughout the District, Governor Mary has made a difference that we shall never forget!



#### Did You Know?

You can view the full District 6250 Calendar on the district website? [Click here to view the calendar.](#)