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District Governor's Message

August is Membership Month

Tom Marshall



August is the month that is commonly recognized as the month of Membership. It is nice that it comes early in the Rotary year as it will give many non-Rotarians the opportunity to join the greatest service organization in the world and allow them to enjoy a full year of service. I often think that we should celebrate Membership every month of the year as there are so many friends, colleagues, family members and neighbors who would really enjoy being asked to join Rotary.

We, as Rotarians, have developed so many projects around the world—whether it is locally in our communities or in another part of the world! That is absolutely wonderful and we must continue to do so. However, we need help in accomplishing what we have initiated and the best way to get that help is obtaining new

members. As I travel to the various clubs throughout the district for my official visit, I am encouraging EVERY Rotarian to ask at least one person to consider joining Rotary. It is a privilege and an honor to be asked to join our program and you will find that it is actually enjoyable to be in a position to give people this wonderful opportunity. Sometimes, I find that a person whom I might ask, knows nothing or very little about Rotary. This opens the doors for us to tell that person about all of the wonderful things that we do in this world. Please ask someone this year and August would be a great month to do so.

Rotary membership in our country is falling and we must do something about that. We want to continue to be the strongest and most active service club in the world and attracting new members is certainly a step in the right direction. We want to give others that fantastic opportunity to make our world a better place in which to live. Lives can be changed for the better through joining our program. Let's work together to increase our membership!

Have a great Rotary Membership Month!

Tom

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Group Study Exchange Philippines Seeks Team Members

District 6250 is going to have two Group Study Exchanges in 2008-09 and the first of these is months earlier than our past exchanges.

Click here to read the full announcement for Philippines. Team lead applications were due August 15, 2008. Team member applications are due by August 31, 2008.

Please direct questions to rstroud@stroudlaw.com

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Did You Know?

You can view the full District 6250 Calendar on the district website? Click here to view the calendar.

Attendance Report

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Annual Fall Conference for Membership and Foundation Set for November 8th

Mark your calendars and don't miss this free conference in the Wisconsin Dells. It will start Saturday November 8th at 8:00 am with registration and conclude with lunch so you should be done by 1:30.

This is a good opportunity for both club leaders and new members to learn how the Foundation works, how it has funds available for projects around the world as well as for District and all our 61 Clubs in the District. PDG Hal Keitel, District Foundation Chair will lead this part of the two part morning. Richard Kenney, District Membership Chair will lead be responsible for the Membership and Retention part.

The seminar provides helpful information to equip club leaders with the tools and training to motivate club members to support the Rotary Foundation as well as to recruit and retain members.

We have selected the site this year to be the Glacier Canyon Lodge at the Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. While the conference facilities provide a private and quiet meeting area, there is a waterpark so it is well suited to bringing the family.

Sleeping room pricing, detailed information and registration will be available shortly at $\underline{www.rotary6250.org}$.

Contacts are:

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2008 - 2009 Local Club Profile Form

This is just a reminder that we need to have all clubs complete and return the 2008 - 2009 <u>LOCAL CLUB PROFILE FORM</u> to our Web Site Coordinator at vienna3@centurytel.net

Questions to Bob Pulvernacher about the site can be answered by calling him at $608\,846\,4399$ (H) or $608\,846\,3800$ (O)

Bob sent this to you on July 20 and it is so very important that we get a return from all clubs in the district. Please follow up on this as soon as possible. It could also be sent to his home at: 6499 Beech Court, Waunakee, WI 53597.

Having these profiles on the web will be a wonderful benefit to all of our Rotarians.

Thank you so much!!!!!!

Tom Marshall District Governor

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Club News, Events and Announcements

Do you have an upcoming Club Event or accomplishment that you would like to announce? Send your pre-written article to: rotarydistrict6250@morgandata.com.

Kids Against Hunger Satellite Project Raises \$2,000

Kids Against Hunger, a joint effort of the Beloit, Edgerton and Janesville Rotary Clubs presented a check for \$2,000 to Kids Against hunger President John Wong.

The funds will go toward the purchase of ingredients used by the group to produce nutritious meals for hungry people locally and around the world.

Kids Against Hunger has been a steady supplier of food to relief agencies thoughout Rock County, d d

including Caritas and Central Christian Outreach. For more information about volunteer or donation opportunities, e-mail John at john.wong@micorp.com.

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Wisconsin Dells Rotary Interact Club Does Much for the Community

The Wisconsin Dells Interact Club--a high school age organization--continues to do great things for the Wisconsin Dells Community. They began with 15 students from the Dells High School. Their projects for the first year included making cards for nursing home patients on Thanksgiving and Valentines Day, Christmas caroling to get food donations to give to the local food pantry and also hosting a blood drive at the high school. They put together a spaghetti dinner as a fund raiser for the club.

Over the past three years, the club has grown to be just under 40 members. They have recently added another fund raiser to their program and serve beef sandwichs at a Dells festival. They raised \$3000 this past year.

They have recently donated \$1300 toward a Rotary sponsored international water project.

In addition to working hard on many projects, they also have fun every time they get together—whetr it's eating pizza or just hanging out!

Kirkland Kettleson, Wisconsin Dells Rotary Club President says, "It's amazing to see how much energy these kids have when it comes to doing something that doesn't necessarly reward them, except for giving them the feeling that they are helping give back to the community and world that they live in. I think that people everywhere could learn a thing or two about volunteering by watching our kids!"

For more information, contact Kettleson at 608 692 5911 or kirk@c21affiliated.com

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Lodi Rotary Club Receives Award

The Association of Wisconsin School Administrators (AWSA) has recently recognized the Lodi Rotary Club for their excellence because of their efforts to highlight the impact of educators in the Lodi community on student successes. The award, once again, demonstrates the huge impact that Lodi and all clubs in our district can make on the educational system! Congratulations Lodi Rotarians on a wonderful accomplishment!!!!

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Youth Service Award Program - Menomonie Noon Rotary

The Menomonie Noon Rotary Club has developed a wonderful way of recognizing outstanding youth volunteer service to their community. Each year they give out a number of awards to area high school students.

The benefits are wide-reaching in the following ways:

- The students are rewarded and reinforced for their efforts.
- The parents are rewarded and reinforced for raising such great kids, who are willing to share their time and talent.
- Rotary Club members are "lifted" when they hear about the accomplishments of the students; they hear about a committment to service from some unbelievable kids.
- Good marketing and public relations for the Rotary Club.
- Good planning for future Rotarians!!

This is an outstanding program and may give other Rotary Clubs throughout the District some ideas about how they can also become better involved with high school age students throughout the community.

For more information, please contact Bryan LaVoy at bryanlavoy@hotmail.com (715 231 8800) or Tom Johnson at: tojohnson@wipfli.com (715 235 1101)

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Madison South Rotary Hosts 3rd Annual Rotary Junior Champ Track and Field Meet

The Third Annual Rotary Junior Champ state track and field meet hosted by Madison South Rotary attracted 213 competitors from 37 Wisconsin communities. Boys and girls, ages 8 – 18, competed in a variety of track and field events at the Lussier Stadium in Madison July 19.

Athletes were able to pre-order commemorative T-shirts denoting the state meet. Those winning gold medals were able to purchase a "2008 STATE CHAMPION" T-shirt highlighting their Rotary Junior Champ achievement.

According to meet director Glenn Rindfleisch, "Track athletes appreciate the opportunity to compete in a meet. There are lots of youngsters out there promoting Rotary and the state meet wearing a meet T-shirt".

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RI News

Council on Legislation

As we are now in the first quarter of Rotary's 2008-09 year, there is less than 6 monts to submit proposed legislation for the 2010 Council on Legislation. RI must receive proposed legislation, along with its certification form signed by the district governor, no later than 31 December 2008.

Additional information about and useful tools for the 2010 Council have been posted on the Council on Legislation section of the RI website-----www.rotary.org

Thank you.

Tom Marshall
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Club President and Secretary Access to RI Website

Dear District #6250 Presidents and Secretaries:

I hope the new Rotary year is off to a good one!

As secretary of District #6250, I have been asked to forward you the message below about access to the RI member access site on the RI Web site. Once you go to the Web site , http://www.rotary.org, and click on "Member Access" in the upper right and get online, follow the directions to log on the first time (you'll need to know the district (6250) your club number and your member number —it's on your magazine). It's an easily accessed site with TONS of information!

Also, be sure to stay current and report your club attendance MONTHLY; this will help us move forward in the district.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

In Rotary Service,

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