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Dear Rotarians,

This holiday season and the start of a new year provide a wonderful opportunity for me to send my warmest good wishes to each of you. This is a time for reflecting on the importance of friends and family and for thinking about the many good things we enjoy. It is also a time to think about how we can contribute to making the world a little better each day.

As we in Rotary focus on finding ways to MAKE DREAMS REAL for others, we are also working to realize our own dreams of peace, international understanding and goodwill. Children everywhere, whether near or far away, need our support and caring to keep them safe and healthy in a sometimes uncertain world. We as Rotarians, can

make a positive difference for the children of the world.

Joey and I send you and your families our very best wishes for Peace, Joy, Hope, Health and Happiness in 2009. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to each and every one of you!

Tom

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Save the Date! 2009 District Conference, May 1-3, 2009, Hotel Mead, Wisconsin Rapids. Make your Hotel Reservations Now! Call 1-800-843-6323 and mention Rotary.

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Annual Programs Chair Announced

Dave Warren, past president of the Rotary Club of Janesville, will be assuming the responsibilities of the Annual Programs Chair for the District Foundation Committee beginning July 1, 2009. He has been a member of the Annual Programs Committee for nearly two years, headed the effort to renew the Paul Harris Society in our district and participated in the Foundation Recognition Breakfast at our District Conference this year. Dave, and the Annual Programs Committee, stand ready to provide assistance and foundation programs to our clubs.

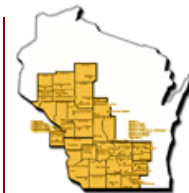
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District Governor Elect

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District Governor Nominees Sought

Nomination Deadline is December 30th! - 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 can be retrieved at the link below. Having served in this capacity, I can report that it is one of the most heartening activities I have ever undertaken. To be able to listen to the stories of modern day miracles that happen in each and every club-and to support them in some small part-has been a once-in-a-lifetime privilege. Our Rotary District continues to need strong leaders who can motivate and assist clubs in their endeavors to do good works in their communities and the world.

- [Click here to learn about the nominations process.](#)



Save the Date

District Conference, May 1-3, 2009 - Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids. Hotel will fill fast - call 1-800-843-6323 and mention Rotary to make your reservation.

Did You Know?

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Group Study Exchange to Philippines Needs Musicians

As most of you know, we have created an exchange with the Philippines for 2009. This is a special exchange and all team members must be talented in the music area. WE ARE DESPERATELY IN NEED OF ONE OR TWO TEAM MEMBERS TO MAKE THIS EXCHANGE BECOME A REALITY! PLEASE---If you know of any talented musicians between the ages of 25 and 40, who reside or work in our Rotary District and are NOT Rotarians, please contact Rob Stroud at rstroud@stroudlaw.com or 608 257 2281. This promises to be an outstanding experience!

The 10 Minute Club Membership Energizer for January

Rotary International historically has designated January as "Rotary Awareness Month" and encourages clubs to focus on this monthly theme. This is a time to expand knowledge of Rotary and its activities among club membership and throughout the community.

"How can a club deliberately relate membership recruitment and retention to ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH? Here's an idea that might help.

Membership Recruitment-Retention and Rotary Awareness Month (January)

Purpose: To gather ideas from members of a Rotary Club about its activities within the club and within their community that could be shared with prospective new members and retain existing members.

At your weekly meeting, discuss at your table the following questions during your meal:

Questions : 1) What are your favorite **activities** within our Club? 2) What are your favorite Club **projects** within our local community? 3) Why might others be interested in participating in these activities and projects? 4) Who do I know (inside or outside our club) that might be specifically interested in a particular activity or project?

Materials: You will need a handout for each table that contains the questions above. The handout needs four columns:

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| 1. What are your favorite activities within our Club? | 2. What are your favorite Club projects within our local community? | 3. Why might others be interested in participating in these activities and projects? | 4. Who do I know (inside and outside of the club) that might be specifically interested in a particular activity or project? |
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Leaders: Someone from the club's Membership Committee should introduce and give directions about this energizer. In addition, the Membership leader needs to ensure that someone at each table is recording highlights of the discussion.

Activity (10 minutes) : Begin by asking members of the club to answer the questions in order. The Membership Leader asks a Rotarian at each table to act as the recorder. During the discussion, the recorder writes down highlights of the table discussion related to the questions above. **(7 minutes).**

The Membership Leader then asks a few recorders (as time permits) to share a few highlights from their table discussion **(3 minutes)**. The Membership Leader then collects the handouts containing discussion highlights from the recorders.

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2009 Training Calendar Set

District Governor Elect Dean Dickinson has announced the following training dates for District 6250 leadership:

District Leadership Training is set for February 21, 2009. This training session is for all District Committee Chairs and all Assistant District Governors who will begin their term of service beginning 1 July 2010.

PETS, President Elect Training, is set for March 20-21, 2009. PETS training is **required** for all club presidents elect and is intended to prepare incoming presidents to lead their clubs in 2009-2010.

District Assembly is set for April 18, 2009. Club Presidents Elect and their club leadership gather for training sessions intended to assist them in effective club leadership. This year special training modules have been prepared for club secretaries and treasurers. These sessions will be presented by outstanding administrators from within the district. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL CLUB SECRETARIES AND REASURERS PLAN ON BEING IN ATTENDANCE.

All of the training sessions will be conducted at the Glacier Canyon Convention Center and Lodge at the Wilderness Territory located in the Wisconsin Dells. Registration information will be provided next month in the district web-site.

Please make your plans to attend these sessions as we strive to assist our clubs in achieving their Rotary goals.

Dean Dickinson
District Governor Elect

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In Loving Memory of Past District Governor Bob Devenish

District 6250 and Rotary International has lost a wonderful friend and an outstanding Rotarian with the passing of Past District Governor Bob Devenish from Sun Prairie on November 19, 2008. Bob served as District Governor during the 1998 - 1999 Rotary year. His excellent insight and continuous service above self will be missed by all of us in our District.

He leaves behind his wife, Alpha, two sons-Ted and Michael-and one daughter-Ann. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

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Rotary Foundation News From the Zone 27 Newsletter

Check out these great tips from the [Zone 27/28 newsletter](#). Click here to view.

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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.

District Clubs Contribute to the Flood Relief Program

Several District 6250 Clubs donated substantial amounts of money to assist with flood relief in an attempt to make things better for many of our Club communities throughout the District that were so damaged several months ago because of the flooding. **Hats go off to the following Clubs for their very fine contributions to this worthwhile project and for their demonstration of caring for their fellow Rotarian's communities throughout the District:**

| | | |
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| Wauunakee | Stoughton | Wisconsin Dells |
| LaCrosse North | Medford | Mount Horeb |
| LaCrosse Valley View Lake | Tomah | Madison West Towne - |
| Mills | Baraboo | Middleton |
| Portage | Wisconsin Rapids | Granton |
| | | Menomonie |

The following Clubs received contributions from the District flood relief program and will use their money to assist in restoring their communities:

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| Richland Center | Reedsburg Western Sauk County |
| Janesville Morning | Baraboo |
| Janesville Noon | Columbus |
| Watertown | Jefferson |

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Need a Speaker for Your Rotary Program?

Dr. Afolake Dada is one of our Ambassadorial Scholars and currently attends the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point. Dr. Dada is a physician from Nigeria and is working on her Master's Degree, majoring in Human and Community Resources at the University.

Dr. Dada would very much enjoy talking about her Ambassadorial Scholar experience to Rotarians throughout the District. She may be contacted at: Afolake.olufunke.dada@uwsp.edu She will need transportation to get to and from your Rotary meeting.

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Reedsburg Area Medical Center Raises Funds for Reedsburg Rotary

President of the Reedsburg Rotary Club accepts a \$1264 check from the Nurses at The Reedsburg Area Medical Center.



This is a result of the Fund drive in October when the nurses celebrated Nurses week by selling food items at the Hospital. As a result of this effort, the additional funds of over \$1500 will be sent to Rotary International in the effort to vaccinate third world countries for the Polio Vaccine.

The fund raising efforts were spearheaded by the individuals pictured above: Rotary President Tom Seamanson, Nurses: Allison Kouba, Raquel Larson, Heather Richmond Rotary Member Terri Langer, and not pictured-Anita Lindholm.



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Marshfield Rotary Clubs Create Winter Wonderland

Young and old alike once again are captivated by Rotary Winter Wonderland---thedazzling holiday lights display in Marshfield's Wildwood Park. Sponsored by the Marshfield Sunrise and Marshfield Noon Clubs, Rotarians and volunteers have wrapped more than 300,000 lights around fences, trees and displays for a community event that promises visitors a holiday season filled with magic and memories.



Rotary Winter Wonderland is open every evening from 5PM until 9PM through December 30th. Admission is free, however, donations of nonperishable food and personal care items will be welcomed along with cash donations.



Now in its third year, the mission of Rotary Winter Wonderland remains the same: feeding the hungry in the Marshfield area. Spearheaded by Marshfield's two Rotary Clubs, Winter Wonderland measures it's success by the number of food donations received. 2007 was a record-setting year for Winter Wonderland, generating 34,533 food items, a 13 percent increase over the first year.



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Chippewa Falls Seeks Partners for Bolivian Water Project

Four members of the Chippewa Falls Rotary Club will travel to Cochabamba, Bolivia March 6-13th, 2009 to plan a community based water project. This is the Club's second water project in Cochabamba, having participated in a successful project coordinated by the Ketchikan, AK club two years ago. We invite other clubs or members to join us on our scoping trip or to contact us to learn more about this project opportunity.

The project will be developed in concert with the Cochabamba, Bolivia Rotary Club - Tunari, and will also involve a local community, and a non-profit, as well as local engineers and water specialists. The project will likely be located in the outskirts of Cochabamba, a city of roughly

1/2 million located in central Bolivia. The peri-urban area of the city, like most cities in the developing world, is growing rapidly far outstripping the capacity of the city to provide adequate services, including water.

Following our trip to Bolivia, we will work to develop the necessary project documents before submitting a matching grant to fund the project.

If you or your club is interested in learning more please contact Andrew Dane at andrew.dane@ces.uwex.edu or visit our website at <http://www.chippewafallsrotary.org/>.

Sincerely,
Club President Andrew Dane

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Restoring a Lake Decimated by Flood

As appeared in The Rotary International News, October 23, 2008.

Rotarian J.B. "Ben" Hobbins imagines the day when a fisherman trolling Lake Delton, in southern Wisconsin, USA, will turn to a buddy and say, "Let's try Rotary Reef."

The right to name a reef is one part of the fundraising efforts underway as Hobbins and Dan Small, host of Outdoor Wisconsin and a writer and radio show host, seek support for an ambitious project to restore fisheries to Lake Delton.

On 9 June, massive downpours caused the lake to burst open, its water draining into the Wisconsin River. Several homes, as well as the fish population, were wiped out.

[Click Here](#) to read the full article as seen in the Rotary International news.



Hobbins (left) and Small at the launch of the Lake Delton Fisheries Restoration Project.
Photo courtesy of J.B. Hobbins

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Wisconsin Rapids Rotary Serves Meals at Neighborhood Table

Members of the Wisconsin Rapids Rotary Club joined together on Thursday, November 13th to serve meals at the Neighborhood Table.

The Neighborhood Table serves meals on every Thursday at St. John's Episcopal Church in Wisconsin Rapids and is able to provide these meals by recruiting church groups, service organizations, schools or businesses to sponsor and volunteer at each meal. They provide help with the meal planning, training of volunteers and providing beverages and disposable items used at the meals. Neighborhood Table has served over 75,000 meals since their first meal on December 31, 2003 through July 2008.



History of the Wisconsin Rapids Neighborhood Table: Our founder and president of our Board of

Directors, Ginny Steen, began organizing a effort to provide a community meal/soup kitchen program in September of 2003. Our organization is patterned after The Bread Basket a similar program in Waupaca. The Community Foundation of South Wood County provided a start-up grant of \$1,000.00 to get the ball rolling. That's all it took! At our first meal we served 55 persons. We are current ly serving over 500 people at each of our meals. We will be starting our 2nd meal site starting in September 2008 in Nekoosa Wisconsin serving on the last Thursday of each month.

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Update on the \$100 Million Challenge - Polio Eradication

All of us have read reports and letters from throughout the world about our mission of eradicating polio so that this dreaded disease is gone forever. Key to this effort, is Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge, the three year fund raising program to match the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's \$100 million grant to The Rotary Foundation for polio eradication.

During my visits to every Club in our District, I have asked each Club to contribute a minimus of \$1000 annually to the challenge for the next three years. I have been truly amazed by the number of Rotarians who have come forth and offered to contribute dollars to challenge and offer matching grants to their Club in a variety of amounts of money. What tremendous Rotarians!! If we would consider that there are approximately 33,000 Rotary Clubs in the world and they all contribute \$1000 per year for the next three years, the challenge will be almost met. I know that this can be accomplished. It is my understanding that we have already contributed approximately \$28 million dollars so we are certainly well on the way.

I have also asked every one of our 60 Clubs to consider a fund raising project to earn this \$1000. I know that this can be done in every Rotary community in our District and this will help to remove financial pressures from each individual Rotarian.

The US\$100 million Challenge began on January, 1, 2008. Our International Foundation received the Gate's Foundation money in December of 2007 and contributions have been made ever since then.

I am asking every Club to please review what you have contributed during this Rotary year and please contribute a minimum of \$1000 dollars before June 1, 2009. Let's make this year the one that sets the pace for making our world polio free!! Thank you.

Tom Marshall
District Governor

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International Matching Grant Opportunities

I recently returned from a 10 day Group Friendship Exchange with District 2440 in Turkey. It was an unbelievable experience and while there had the chance to discuss with the local clubs their humanitarian projects for which they are looking for international sponsors. I'll have summarized them below. The amount listed is an estimate of your club's contribution needed assuming a match from the District and TRF. If your club is interested in any of them, please let me know.

Yours in Service Above Self,
Rob Gooze
District Grants Committee
Phone: 608-835-9040, Email: rob@goozer.net

| <u>Club</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Project</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|--|
| Bursa Yesil | \$1500 | Vision equipment for Pediatric Hospital |
| Bursa Osmangazi | \$5000 | Disabled children park & childcare center |
| Kusadasi | \$3000 | Heating system for disabled children school |
| Pamukkale | \$4000 | Children's emergency unit transport ventilator |
| Soke | \$3000 | Newborn intensive care incubator |

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Update on Annual Giving

Foundation Contributions - Annual Programs and Polio

The contribution reports from the Rotary Foundation indicate that we are lagging in sending in the funds collected by our clubs. Those funds collected by the club are to be forwarded to the Foundation

on a quarterly basis. We are nearly halfway into the Rotary year 2008-2009 and have met less than 20% of our goal. Treasurers, secretaries or club administrators, be particularly attentive to how those funds you are sending are being credited. If you indicate other than Annual Programs, or Polio, then the club will not be achieving the goal set by your club president at PETS last March. In fact, do not confuse Annual Programs with Polio. Misapplying funds intended for Annual Programs by contributing the monies to the Polio campaign will again result in your club and our district not meeting the Annual Programs goal that we set for ourselves this year.

End of Year Giving - Don't forget the tax benefit

All Clubs are reminded that you still have time left during this calendar year to send in your contributions for the Polio Plus program and "Every Rotarian Every Year". If you want to take advantage of the numerous tax advantages, funds must be sent to Rotary International by December 31st. ACT NOW!!!

Foundation Reports

Each club in District 6250 has established a foundation goal and the question is how are the clubs going about the achieving those goals? Have each of the clubs done an every member enrollment? Successful clubs take the time to ask each member to make a pledge commitment to the Rotary Foundation. Fulfilling that pledge might involve a quarterly billing by the club secretary/treasurer or participating in the direct deposit transfer from the Rotarians checking account to the RI Foundation account or it might mean a monthly charge to a credit card. Successful clubs establish a process that allows their members to both make and fulfill the commitment.

[Click here to view the updated Club Goals Report!](#)

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Attendance Report

New Reporting Tool for District Attendance

Check out the new reporting tool for District Attendance for 2008-2009.

<http://www.rotary6250.org/clubs/monthlyattendance.shtml> Clubs can view each month's attendance in a visual graph. Also Club Secretary's can request access to update their information directly online!

A big THANK YOU goes out to District 5340 for sharing this web functionality!

[Click here to submit your club's attendance report](#)

[Click here to see the full Attendance Report.](#)

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