



6250 DISTRICT DISPATCH

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District Governor's Message

2010 District Conference



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because of a grant that has been approved by the Rotary Foundation and it is reflected in the hoped for water projects that were presented to our group by Aqua Tuya, a civil engineering firm in the area of Cochabamba, Bolivia that specializes in water and sanitation projects.

Rotary has taken on a special meaning for me because of the wonderful efforts of the Rotary Clubs of Rock County in their collaboration with Kids Against Hunger. This collaboration is providing thousands upon thousands of meals for the people of Haiti who are struggling against hunger even as they wonder how they will rebuild their country after the devastating earthquake that destroyed so much of the infrastructure of the country. David Warren, of the Rotary Club of Janesville, a moving force in the organization, is one of many Rotarians in that area who are living out the motto, "service above self".

Rotary is reflected in the pure joy expressed by Mary Kessens, of the Rotary Club of Madison West Towne Middleton, when she learned that a grant proposal for the building of a school for beggar children in Lagos, Nigeria has been approved. This school will provide an educational opportunity for the poorest of the poor children in that beleaguered country.

The Rotary Club of Cochabamba-Tunari has provided a Bolivian equivalent of the Ronald Mc Donald House for the family of children who are being treated at a burn center at the local pediatric hospital. I saw Rotary reflected in the eyes of the parents and in the eyes of the children being treated and I saw it in the joyful expressions of the hospital staff as David Crane arranged for the purchase and delivery of a microwave and a new refrigerator for the burn center.

What does Rotary mean to you? Are you as clueless as I was just a few short years ago when I attended my first district conference? Are you looking for an answer? **Come to the District Conference in La Crosse on May 21-22.** You may see a part of Rotary that you have never seen before. I will guarantee you this...you will not go away from the conference in the same place that you came from. Rotary... changing the world, one life at a time.

Yours in Rotary,

Dean Dickinson
District Governor
Rotary District 6250

District Conference, Friday and Saturday, May 20-22, 2010

[Click here for more information and to register!](#)

Radisson La Crosse and La Crosse Convention Center, La Crosse

Rate: \$129-139

Reservations: 608-784-6680

Reservation Code: Rotary District Conference

The rhetorical question that I posed in my club visits was, "what is Rotary?" I asked the question and then answered with a response that was shared in an address by Otto Schlabach, one of the chartering members of the Rotary Club of La Crosse, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the club in 1946. He pointed out that Rotary is a philosophy of living based upon service. I would ask each of you to think about what Rotary means to you as I share with you what it has come to mean to me.

I recently spent eight days in Bolivia, the poorest country in South America. Dr. David Crane of the Rotary Club of Chippewa Falls has been visiting Bolivia for over twenty years and on each visit has managed to plan or execute a service project. Rotary, for me, has come to be reflected in the dental clinics that this one Rotarian has established in order to serve the poorest people of Bolivia. It is also reflected in the water projects that are now providing clean water to the village of Buena Vista, clean water that will soon come to Sivingani

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