



# 6250 DISTRICT DISPATCH

District Governor

**Dean Dickinson**

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## District Governor's Message



**Dean Dickinson**  
District Governor

Dear Rotarians,

When I assumed the position of District Governor I shared with you my vision of the type of leadership that I wanted to provide to the district. It was leadership built on service. As I made the rounds of the club visits I assured each of the clubs that I would do whatever was in my power to help them to fulfill their goals in this Rotary year...to encourage our members to a heightened awareness of what we can do to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace.

The culmination of my year as your servant leader resulted in our recently concluded District Conference. The theme, "Breathe a Song" reminded each of us that we breathe a song into the hearts and minds of those we serve, in our communities and in the neighborhoods of India, Nigeria, Bolivia...wherever the human condition calls for "a song of service". The programming simply told the story of Rotary and how, in and through Rotary, we can make a difference. We

were exposed to literacy projects, water projects, the option of solar cooking to reduce dependency on wood fires, the ongoing effort to eliminate polio and more.

Those in attendance participated in the creation of over 12,000 meals with the Kids Against Hunger project. Those meals will find their way into food pantries and other social service groups in the greater La Crosse area and a significant number will be sent to Haiti to assist those folks who continue to struggle following the earthquake that devastated their country. We wrote hundreds of letters of support to our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq and we contributed over \$12,000 to the Polio Plus Campaign and because of two matches of \$10,000 the district will send \$32,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

We advanced the ownership of this district to our members and our clubs as we conducted a district business meeting for the first time in years. This district belongs to you and through your club delegates you exercised your ownership rights.

We enjoyed great fellowship and had fun!! We celebrated our accomplishments, educated ourselves to what is possible and have been motivated to become champions for Rotary.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your District Governor. It was a great privilege. My heart is full and my affection for this district and our members beyond measure.

Thank you,

Dean Dickinson  
District Governor 2009-2010

## A Great Year for District 6250

TWO GSE TEAMS: JAPAN AND URUGUAY

TWO AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS

DISTRICT INCORPORATION PROMOTING INCREASED OWNERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT BY OUR MEMBERS AND OUR CLUBS

EXPANDED DISTRICT LEADERSHIP:

- BOARD of DIRECTORS
- FIFTEEN AREA COORDINATORS
- 5 AREA FOUNDATION COORDINATORS
- 5 AREA MEMBERSHIP COORDINATORS
- 5 AREA GSE COORDINATORS

YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- PROTECTS THOSE ENTRUSTED TO OUR CARE

**VISION**

Club Vision Facilitation  
Information



**Save The Date**

**Did You Know?**

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

[Check out the 2009-2010 district calendar with upcoming training dates.](#)

- [- Update on Annual Giving](#)
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- PROTECTS THE REPUTATION OF OUR MEMBERS
- PROTECTS THE REPUTATION OF ROTARY

CLUB PRESIDENTS MID-YEAR DINNERS: 44 CLUBS 73% PARTICIPATION

CLUB VISIONING: ALLOWS CLUBS TO REINVENT THEMSELVES  
- 17 CLUBS WILL HAVE PARTICIPATED BY YEARS END

ELECTRONIC DISTRICT DIRECTORY:

FOUR OUTSTANDING TRAINING SESSIONS:

- MEMBERSHIP/FOUNDATION
- DISTRICT TEAM TRAINING
- PETS
- DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

ROTARY AT WORK DAY: 35 CLUBS AND OVER 800 ROTARIANS DOING COMMUNITY SERVICE

28 CLUBS QUALIFYING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

AN APPARENT INCREASE IN ANNUAL PROGRAMS SUPPORT FOR THE ROTARY FOUNDATION AND FOR THE POLIO PLUS CHALLENGE.

## **District News, Events and Announcements**

### **District Conference Recap**

**Submitted by Rita Clavadatcher  
Rotary Club of Horicon**

Hello Everyone!

I am very exhausted and almost ready to end the day. However, before I do, I just must share with those of you who could not make it to La Crosse this weekend the absolutely wonderful and awesome weekend I spent at the District Conference with nearly 500 lovely people from around our district, and beyond.

We talked Rotary; we ate Rotary; we listened to Rotary; we laughed about Rotary; we gave money to Rotary and I believe that each of us came away with a new understanding and appreciation of how very important Rotary is to each of us and to the world. I am so very happy that I had the privilege of attending the District Conference.

Listen....they had an actual iron lung there in the polio display; there was a guy who set up the Shelter Box tent display. Lying outside of the tent were all the tools, equipment, sleeping bags, children's play bags, etc. that a family with no home would use. There was a table set up for us to write letters of support to our troops. During the day we had the opportunity to help package 13 oz. bags of fortified rice-soy which would be used as a casserole to feed hungry families in the great La Crosse area and starving children in places like Haiti. There was a small store where we were able to purchase Rotary shirts, pens, pins, mugs and other items. Way over in the corner was a jewelry display. Made by women in Uganda, the items were sold by friends and the money will go back to those women. It is their single source of income.



*Dan & Lyn Gundlach of La Crosse's Oktoberfest serve Friday night cocktails to PDG Don Mayo and DGNN Rob Stroud.*



*Miss Wisconsin Kristina Smaby of La Crosse, was the chartering President of La Crosse's Rotaract Club. Here she's presented with a Paul Harris Fellow award by Deb Ondell, wife of La Crosse Downtown Rotary Club President Todd Ondell.*

We listened to Rotarians who have been on the front lines giving the polio drops, digging wells, setting up schools and doing literacy projects. We listened to speakers whose passion for serving inspired all of us. The Presidents Representative, Jennifer Jones, from Canada, was wonderful in her presentations.

It was a tremendous conference and I wished with all of my heart that each of you could have been there. Next years conference is going to be in Madison on May 6 & 7.

Put it on your calendar right now!! I look forward to seeing all of you at the next conference.

Rita Clavadatcher  
Rotary Club of Horicon

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### **A Tribute to Governor Dean Dickinson and the 2009-2010 Rotary Year**

As we approach the end of the 2009 - 2010 Rotary year in District 6250, we want to compliment Governor Dean Dickinson for an outstanding year!

Dean's willingness to "go outside the box", his forecasts of the future of Rotary and for his overwhelming love for Rotary, have not only been most impressive, but have been an inspiration to all of us. He has often led us in directions that were uncommon to all of us but in every case, he always had the best interests of Rotary in his heart.

We want to extend our sincere appreciation to Governor Dean on an absolutely great year that was topped of with a terrific District Conference.

Thank you, Governor Dean, for assisting in making all of us better Rotarians.

Tom Marshall PDG  
Rotary Club of Wisconsin Rapids

Joey Marshall  
Wisconsin Rapids Sunrise Rotary Club

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### **District Governor Kristin Duckart's Welcome Reception**

For the past several decades, it has been traditional for District 6250 to have a celebration to welcome the new District Governor and to wish them well for the upcoming year.

Everyone is invited to the Welcome Reception of Governor Kristin Duckart which will be held in Wisconsin Rapids on Thursday, July 1. Please plan to attend and help get us started for another amazing Rotary year!! Here are the details:

**When:** Thursday, July 1, 2010

**Where:** Bulls Eye Country Club  
2800 Ridgewood Trail  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Buffet - \$20.00 Cash Bar

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. Cocktails & Appetizers  
6:30 p.m. - Dinner

**Please RSVP to:**  
Tom Marshall PDG by June 20



*DG Dean presents the Ethics in Business award to Dave & Barb Skogen. Dave is a member of the Onlaska Rotary Club. The Skogens own Festival Foods Corporation, and are noted contributors to their communities.*



*Dist Gov. Dean presents the Rotarian of the Year Award to Linda Buchs Hammond. Without Hammond's efforts, said Dickinson, the district would not have a youth protection policy in place.*

715 423 1921  
541 Witter Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Make check payable to Wisconsin Rapids Rotary. Bring a guest or even two!!

Let's get the 2010 - 2011 Rotary Year off to an amazing beginning!

Thank you.

Thomas Marshall  
District Governor, 2008-2009  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI  
715-423-1921 (H)  
715-213-3046 (C)

## The District Bell Travels Many Miles

The district bell was purchased by a group of Rotarians from our district who were in India on a Friendship Exchange. It is a magnificent bell...one that we should all be proud of and cherish as a symbol of Rotary in District 6250.

The bell traveled throughout our district this year, in fact it traveled 2566 Rotarian miles as it found its way to sixteen different clubs. The winning club, hands down, was the Rotary Club of Marshfield Sunrise who logged 1205 Rotarian miles in capturing the bell. In second place was the Rotary Club of Lodi. They logged 585 Rotarian miles as they traveled all the way north to Medford to capture the bell on the Tuesday before the District Conference. The Rotary Club of Deforest, the first club to capture the bell way back in July, traveled 350 Rotarian miles to capture the bell from the Rotary Club of Reedsburg.

The purpose of the traveling bell? To encourage our clubs to move around the district and discover how wonderful an experience it can be to visit another club. In talking with the clubs that participate I think it is safe to say that the bell fulfilled its purpose...Thanks to all who participated. I hope that the traveling bell becomes a great tradition within the district...and that next year even more clubs will take advantage of the opportunity to discover for themselves that Rotary is alive and well in places other than their own club.

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## Youth Protection Information for 2010-2011

District Youth Protection Officer Mike Ripp conducted a session for Club Youth Protection Officers (CYPO) at the District Assembly in April. Changes to the background check process for 2010-11 and key items that all Rotarians should be aware of regarding Youth Protection were presented.

Here is a summary of both the key items for all Rotarians to be aware of with regard to Youth Protection and the changes in procedure for the background checks for the 2010-11 Rotary Year:

### Key Items for Club Youth Protection Officers To Share with Club Members

Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth

- This is the first paragraph of Dist. 6250 Youth Protection Policy
- It is the essence of why we conduct youth programs in the District.
- It comes directly from Rotary International.

All Volunteers must complete an Affidavit

- If any volunteer will have one-on-one contact with any Rotary Youth, that person must provide a SS# on the Affidavit so a background check may be completed.
- Affidavit must be filled out completely.
- References must be checked by CYPO and record kept securely and confidentially.

Any and every incident involving abuse and/or harassment of a Rotary Youth MUST be reported.

- Specific guidelines are provided in the District Youth Protection Manual.
- Club Youth Protection Officers are the club's "go to" person in this reporting chain.

Club Youth Protection Officer should work closely with Club Youth Exchange Officer and Club Youth Exchange Counselor.

- Rotary clubs sponsoring Youth Exchange Students have considerable responsibility to insure safety of their student.
- District 6250 Youth Protection Policy and Youth Exchange Policy provide detail and direction to assist with this program.

Resources are available at the District and Rotary International level to help with any questions, concerns, etc.

- [rotary.org](http://rotary.org)
- [rotary6250.org](http://rotary6250.org)

**NEW INFORMATION FOR THE 2010-11 ROTARY YEAR STARTING JULY 1, 2020:**

Cost of the background check will now be \$11.50

Linda Buchs-Hammonds, D6250 Youth Exchange Inbound Coordinator, will continue to do background checks for Youth Exchange Host Families

We will establish a 'cycle' of doing background checks to coincide with the Rotary Year. In other words background checks will be valid until June 30 of each year. New background checks need to be done for the new Rotary Year are submitted July 1 or after, valid until the following June 30 th.

Since the Volunteer Affidavit needs to be filled out once every three years, the process for those already background checked for the 2009-2010 Rotary Year will be as follows for the 2010-11 Rotary Year:

- The CYPO will, in writing, send a list of Rotarians who need the background check, along with the money, to Morgan Data requesting the 2nd year background check
- Morgan Data will then follow the current process
- Reminder: You will need to send an Affidavit to Morgan Data for any first time background check
- CYPO to keep track of who has been background checked and when
- The background check renewal is not an automatic process; you must request a renewal be done.

This updated process will be posted on the Youth Protection page of the District 6250 website, [http://www.rotary6250.org/district/youth\\_protection.shtml](http://www.rotary6250.org/district/youth_protection.shtml) , in late June. You should refer to the website for the latest information regarding Youth Protection.

Any questions regarding Youth Protection in District 6250 can be referred to Mike Ripp, District 6250 Youth Protection Officer or Al Steevens, District 6250 Youth Protection Chair.

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## Call for Rotary Peace Fellow Applications

**The Rotary Foundation invites all districts to submit [applications for the 2011-12 Rotary Peace Fellowships](#). complete applications must be sent to the rotary foundation by 1 July 2010 .**

Dear Rotarian District Leaders,

In these uncertain times, there is a growing demand for well trained international leaders to promote national and international cooperation and peace throughout their lives, in their careers and through service activities. The challenges of the 21 st century require people skilled in the art of diplomacy, mediation and conflict resolution. The Rotary Peace Fellowship program was developed to meet this very need.

Rotary is seeking non-Rotarian professionals interested in expanding their knowledge in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies and conflict resolution or a related field. Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellowships (50 master's degree fellowships and 50 professional development certificate fellowships) are offered on a competitive basis at six prestigious Rotary Centers around the world.

Participants in the master's degree program gain access to:

- Two years of Rotary-funded graduate study toward a master's degree at one of our six Rotary Centers

- Training in the root causes of conflict, theories of international relations, and effective models of cooperation, conflict resolution, and negotiation.

- A growing network of committed alumni employed around the world in diplomacy, government, non-governmental organizations and private corporations.

Candidates already working in the field of peace and conflict studies may opt for the three-month professional development certificate program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Both programs require, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in a related field; 3 years of relevant work experience for the MA program and 5 years for the professional development certificate.

Since the Rotary Peace Centers inception, more than 85% of all Rotary districts have endorsed at least one Rotary Peace Fellowship Applicant totaling over 1,700 application submissions. Now is the time to start recruiting for your district! Please share this information with business associates, local universities, service organizations, religious institutions, and community groups that may know of individuals interested in conflict resolution and diplomacy. For eligibility and application information, please [click here](#).

**Candidates for the 2011-2012 academic term should send their applications to Rotary clubs now .**

Contact [rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org](mailto:rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org) for further information or [click here](#). Thank you.

Rotary Peace Centers Department  
The Rotary Foundation  
[rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org](mailto:rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org)

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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](mailto:rotarydistrict6250@morgandata.com).

### **Caledonia Club Sponsors June 19th Brewfest**

The Rotary Club of Caledonia is sponsoring an event to raise funds for local and international Rotary projects. The June 19th Brewfest will be held at the Houston County Fairgrounds in Caledonia, MN. [Click here](#) for more information and to view the event flyer.

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### **Rotary Club of Madison West Towne-Middleton Golf Classic**

District 6250 Rotarians and friends are invited to join the members of the Rotary Club of Madison West Towne-Middleton for the Club's Annual Golf Classic August 23, 2010. The golf scramble, a major fund-raising activity for the Club, will be held at Madison's Blackhawk Country and will begin with a noon shotgun start. The \$125 entry fee includes lunch, dinner, golf, and cart. Following the golf will be a social with a raffle and silent auction.

[View the registration form here.](#)

[View the sponsorship form here.](#)

For registration information contact Dean Ryerson at [dryerson@tds.net](mailto:dryerson@tds.net).

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### **Reedsburg Western Sauk County Club Participates in Rotary at Work Day!**



The Reedsburg Western Sauk County Rotary Club participated in the May 1st Rotarians at Work Day by painting the dugouts on the local baseball field.

[Click here](#) to check out the Local Club Calendar of Events on the district website!

## **RI News**

### **The Rotarian Magazine**

The Rotarian Magazine is our link to the greater Rotary world. The pictures and stories tell us of the wonderful work that is being done, in and through Rotary, to make the world a better, safer and a more peaceful place...all because we are advancing the key elements of social justice, health projects, and educational opportunity and alleviating the dire effects of poverty.

A person is not free if they are hungry. A man is not free when he has to watch his children die because of the lack of clean water or adequate food. A mother will not be free if her sick child cannot receive medical care and when people are not free they will seek social justice even if it means going to war to achieve it.

Our magazine, paid for in our RI dues, is not junk mail. It makes you and me "literate" in the great story of Rotary. Read it. Share it with others. Drop it off in a public area where literature is offered, a dentist's reception area, the waiting room at your local hospital or when you go to your accountant's office to pick up your tax filings. Plant the seeds of Rotary by sharing our great story.

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### **Member Access to RI Website**

Do you have questions about what you can find on the Rotary International website and how you go about getting access. [Check out this fact sheet with Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) about the RI site.](#)

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## **Update on Annual Giving**

### **New RI Foundation Donation Forms**

Club executive members can now download a Multiple Donor Form that is pre-populated (filled out) with details of club members including their ID number. This form is on [Rotary.org](#) at [member access](#). Club presidents and club secretaries have access to this form. Also club treasurers and club Rotary Foundation chairs can get this form if they have been registered on member access by the president or secretary. Select the club members who have donated and add the amount of each donation. The new form makes it easy to forward donations from a group of club members who contribute weekly, quarterly, etc. [More Info.](#)

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### **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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