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District Governor's Message



Kristin Duckart
District Governor

Go Badgers! Go Rotarians!

As my journey around our District continues, I have participated in some amazing gatherings. From new member recruitment socials to Paul Harris Award ceremonies, I'm meeting some incredible people. It's heartwarming to learn that we have such devoted and passionate Rotarians in District 6250. I am grateful to be a part of such a remarkable organization as Rotary.

This devotion and passion played out before my eyes on a sunny Saturday game day in Madison. The Madison South Rotary Club fired up the grills and rolled in the half barrels for another action packed day in the Beer and Brat stand across from Camp Randall Stadium in Madison. The Badgers were taking on the Ohio Buckeyes.

I arrived to lend a helping hand and was quickly given a red Madison South Rotary sweatshirt to wear. I was then a member of the team! My job for the day was to be a runner. And run I did. From 1:30 to 6:00 I ran to fill orders for my teammate Randy Sproule. Randy handled the money and I ran for the food and beer. I wish I would have counted the number of orders we filled that day, but I know it was a lot. As folks came up to the tables to order, Randy would shout the order out so I could easily gather the items. With each order he would share with the guests...."and all proceeds go to help charities!" It was magical. I've never seen so much money change hands so quickly. Folks eagerly and generously filled the tip buckets marked "End Polio Now".

In the end, it was a record-breaking day for the club's brat and beer stand. In over 40 years of selling, the best sales amount was \$13,200. That day totaled \$19,161. And the tip jars brought in \$646. What a day! To see so many Rotarians come together with their families to raise money for projects near and far was heart warming. Congrats Madison South for this successful fundraising effort.

There are many more success stories around our District. With the support of the Rock County Rotary Clubs of Janesville, Beloit and Edgerton, over 700 students at Beloit Memorial packaged 285,000 highly nutritious Kids Against Hunger meals that will be sent to Cameroon, Africa. Not only will this effort feed the hungry, but it's also a beautiful exercise in serving others. I am certain that the hungry children of Cameroon will be truly grateful to fill their bellies with nutritious food.

There have been Polio Runs, Rose Sales, Pancake Breakfasts, Book Sales.....and more. I commend all of you for your tireless efforts to make our world a better place. And I know in my heart that the people who need our help the most are grateful for the efforts that you're making to reach out.

November is Foundation month. Let's support the Rotary Foundation. Be grateful for the abundance that we enjoy and be proud to reach out to those in need. What Rotarians do best is serve others. Service Above Self...The dollars we give today will make a significant impact tomorrow.

Thank you for the work you do in Rotary. I am grateful to be Rotarian in District 6250.

Thankful for the opportunity to Build Communities and Bridge Continents,

Kristin Duckart
District Governor 2010-2011

District News, Events and Announcements

District Foundation Team Offers Webinar Series

Webinar: The Rotary Foundation-An Overview

Date: January 10, 2011

Link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/328499272>



Club Vision Facilitation
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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 2010-2011 district calendar with upcoming training dates.](#)

Attendance Report

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Description: Have you ever wondered what's so great about The Rotary Foundation?

Wondered why you should give money to The Rotary Foundation?

Attend a one-hour webinar to learn about how you and your club benefit from Rotary Foundation programs, develop pride in your connection to The Rotary Foundation and energize your club through Rotary Foundation Participation.



Webinar: Matching grants-How to multiply your contributions to international projects

Date: January 17, 2011

Link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/797549392>

Description: Does the thought of writing a MATCHING GRANT strike fear in your heart? This webinar, conducted by Rotarians who have lived through the process, will build your confidence to tap into the wealth and support of Rotary networks. Learn how to access District Designated Funds, multiply your club's cash contributions and navigate the requirements of applying for a matching grant.

Webinar: District Simplified Grants-Increasing the value of your local projects

Date: December 13, 2010

Link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/318023400>

Description: Do you have a club project that could use a little extra money? District Simplified Grants are available to assist you in implementing projects in your local community or for international projects that do not qualify for larger matching grants. Your District Grants Subcommittee Chair will help review the simple application and approval process to gain extra funding for your club's special projects.

Webinar: The Club Rotary Foundation Chair-Don't we already do that?

Date: December 6, 2010

Link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/943190153>

Description: Attend this one-hour webinar to learn how having a Rotary Foundation expert in your club can supercharge your projects, bring Rotary Foundation dollars to your community and simplify your fundraising for The Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus

Webinar: Every Rotarian Every Year and Paul Harris Fellows-Explained at last

Date: November 22, 2010

Link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/640787553>

Description: Would you like to know how every Rotarian in your club could be a Paul Harris Fellow? Would you like to learn new ways to make your Every Rotarian Every Year goal easier to achieve? Dave Warren, the inimitable Annual Programs Fund Chair, will cover the mysteries of earning and awarding Rotary Foundation points, how to use them to gain more Rotary Foundation donations so that you club can achieve the Every Rotarian Every Year goal of an average of \$100/Rotarian a year.

New Generations

Why is it so difficult to attract younger members into our clubs? In July I had a conversation with some of the more senior of the Rotaract Group here in La Crosse.

They shared with me the issues that they have in joining an established club.

- They have little in common with the club members.
- The age spread between themselves and current members is an issue.
- The cost of joining an existing club is an impediment.
- The meeting times of most club do not work for them.
- They would like to network with their own generation.

At the end of July a group of twelve of these young people gathered and discussed the possibility of forming a New Generations "N-Gen" Club. The target group would be 22-32 while understanding that there would be no age ceiling. The Rotary Club of La Crosse agreed to a feasibility study and in September the group gathered again and brought friends. This second meeting had 22 potential members in attendance. In October the group held two meetings and the attendance has grown to over thirty interested young people. A steering committee meets between the stated meetings, which are scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. On the first and third Tuesdays the club will engage in a community service project or an off premises fellowship. The group has chosen as their name, The Rotary Club of La Crosse-After Hours. They are committed to chartering as a Rotary Club when they have thirty six chartering members and will be electing their officers at the second meeting in November. The Rotary Club of La Crosse has agreed to be the sponsoring club. District Governor Kristin Duckart has appointed me to serve as the Special Representative of the district during the formation of the club.

In anticipation of some questions let me point out that these young professionals want to be a part of a Rotary Club. They have, in their own minds, moved beyond Rotaract. Will they graduated out of this club when they reach an upper age? I doubt it. I think this club will age out together but hopefully, will continue to attract younger members for a long time. This is a "happy hour" club that will enjoy an hour of fellowship before adjourning to the formal meeting. Right now their big push is on developing a slate of community service projects.

I would not wish a year of my life away in order to be able to catch a glimpse of what the future holds for this group of young people but suffice it to say I believe that they will charter, they will function at the very highest levels of what Rotary is about: fellowship, leadership, integrity, diversity and service and that within a year this club will have over fifty members. I believe that I have looked at the face of the future of Rotary and this is it.

Dean Dickinson

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Support the Foundation, Win a T.V.

Last year the District Foundation Committee launched an incentive program to spur foundation support. **Three flat screen T.V.'s were raffled at the district conference. We are going to modify the program and "kick it up a notch" for this Rotary year!**

At the end of each quarter, beginning with the second quarter which ends on December 31st and following the end of each subsequent quarter, the third quarter which ends on March 31st and the fourth quarter which ends on June 30th, we will be awarding a 32" flat screen to one of the clubs that meets the following criteria:



- The club must have a Club Goal Report Form on file with R.I.
- The club must have sent their pro-rated club contributions to the Rotary
- Foundation before the end of the quarter
- The club must have a minimum of 75% of the members contributing to the
- Rotary Foundation....this is the Every Rotarian Every Year goal.

Briefly, if your club goal for Annual Programs is \$5000 then your club must have sent to the foundation \$2500 by the end of the second quarter, \$3750 by the end of the third quarter and the entire amount of \$5000 by the end of the fourth quarter.

How do you get to the 75% member support level? The only way we know how is to do it is through an every member enrollment and ask your members what they want to do to provide financial support. Ask your Area Foundation Coordinator to do a foundation program for your club...it works like nothing else will.

What does your club do with the T.V.? Well, put the names of those in the club who are EREY contributors and do your own raffle. Use the T.V. as an incentive for a club fundraiser. Donate the T.V. to a community organization such as the Salvation Army, a shelter for abused women or to one of the many youth organizations in your community and garner tremendous public relations exposure and goodwill.

The second part of this incentive program, a 42" flat screen T.V. will be raffled at the district conference. Every Rotarian in the district who supports the foundation at the sustaining member level by 1 May 2011 will be entered in multiples of \$100 so that someone who contributes \$100 will be entered once while someone who contributes \$1000 will be entered ten times. The winner need not be present to win.

Please share this letter with your members and initiate the every member enrollment and position your club to be one of the lucky winners. **GOOD LUCK!**

In Rotary Service:

Mary Kessens
District Foundation Chair

Dave Warren
District Annual Programs Chair

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Rotary at Work

Last spring we launched a great new program into our district, Rotary at Work Day. Thirty five clubs and over 800 of our members worked on community service projects that provided club fellowship, service and a wonderful opportunity to showcase what we Rotarians do best....SERVE!

District Governor Kristin Duckart would like to continue this program and has asked each of the clubs in the district to once again identify a community service project that can be completed on Saturday, April 30, 2011. We cannot do this project on the first Saturday in May as that is the week-end of our District Conference and two weeks later many of us will be at the International Convention in New Orleans.

I would ask that each of our clubs give consideration to being involved in Rotary at Work Day...those who participated last year will tell you that it was a great event and the public relations that resulted was immeasurable.

If your club did not participate last year then the district will be purchasing a "hard to miss you" day-glo green t-shirt for each of your members who sign up to work. If your club did participate then you have a goodly supply of shirts but...additional shirts will be purchased for those who are participating for the first time.

Don't sit on this...get your club thinking about what is possible, identify the project, let me know what that project will be and how many shirts you need (by size). Your Assistant Governor and I will be available to answer any questions and to encourage you as you make your plans.

In Rotary Service

Dean Dickinson
Chair/Rotary at Work (RAW)

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Rotary Youth Exchange Needs Your Help

The number of clubs committing to host next year is down and Rotary Youth Exchange needs your help. Please consider hosting a student. The number of students that we send out is influenced by how many our district hosts. Please don't deny and inbound or outbound student from this incredible experience. Normally we host 20+ students but we only have 17 clubs committed.



Exchange students can add value to your lives and we hope they too will become Rotarians with your guidance. Please involve yourselves with your inbound student. Your rebound students

(students who at one time went on an exchange) really want to stay involved with Rotary. Please involve your inbound and rebound students in your social and service activities.

If any of you have questions about hosting an inbound student or sponsoring an outbound student, please contact Judy Levine or Doug or Sharon Richmond. Contact information is shown below. Doug and Sharon Richmond need to at least know about any students who will be applying to go out for the 2011-2012 school year as soon as possible.

Thank you to all clubs who are currently hosting or sponsoring students. You cannot imagine the difference you are making in these students' lives. Outbound applications were due Oct 1 to Doug and Sharon Richmond but we can still accept more. We will accept applications up until April 1st. It just limits their country selection. We need to know about any applicants so that we can schedule them for the Interviews. Applications can be accepted up November 15, if they are accurate and complete. Clubs, please help us get the word out to students who would be great ambassadors for Rotary and the United States.

Our district works with Central States Rotary Youth Exchange. **Their deadline is December 1.** The applications can be found on the Central States website: www.csrye.org. They should be sent along with a check for \$775 made out to District 6250 to:

Doug and Sharon Richmond
W12978 Highway 188
Lodi, WI 53555
Email: richmond1@bigplanet.com

Questions? Contact Judy Levine, District Youth Exchange Chair, judyalevine@gmail.com

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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.

Rotary Club of Menomonie Organizes Elementary Book Project

The elementary book project project begins with the start of each school year with administrators, reading specialists, librarians, and teachers providing data on the number of students by classroom. The books are sorted and labeled (Donated by the Rotary Club of Menomonie.)

In the beginning, the Pre-K screening program in two elementary schools presented an excellent opportunity to get books into the hands of the children; during the second year all children in the Pre-K screening, plus the younger siblings received books. And, age appropriate books were also given to all elementary students in the two schools with highest numbers of free/reduced cost lunch students.

Throughout the third year, Pre-K screening students and younger siblings in the parochial schools were added to this distribution. In the fourth year all elementary school students from Pre-K through grade 5 were given books. Last year 2,000 books were handed out.

In the past books have been delivered to the schools. This year the books will be distributed at the Menomonie Public Library where students will visit to learn about its summer reading program.



Pictured from the left are Rotarians Annette Taylor, Jeanne Holden-Leff, (an Honorary Rotarian who spear heads this project), Sue Beety, Bryan Kneeland, and Nancy Moynihan organizing books for the club's Elementary Book Project because the club believes that the children of Dunn County will benefit from owning books of their own.

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LaCrosse Area Rotary Clubs Host Annual Rotary Lights Run!

This 4th annual 5k run/walk will be held Sunday, December 4th. For more information and registration visit <http://www.rotarylightsrun.org/>

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From the Stoughton Club Rotary Spokesman: Montague M. Bear, Origins of the Rotary Wheel Emblem

Excerpt from the Stought Rotary Spokesman Newsletter, Originally printed in The Rotarian Magazine 1970.

In 1881, a boy named Montague M. Bear came to Chicago from his nearby hometown of Decatur, Illinois. At age 16, he was strictly on his own. After two years of study at Christian Brothers College in St. Louis, Missouri, his schooling had come to an end because of his family's financial reverses. But despite his hardships, Montague Bear would become a successful businessman and Rotary pioneer - he would give Rotary its world-renowned wheel insignia.

Young Montague found room in a little boarding house on West Washington Boulevard run by a fine old Irish woman named Gibbons. Soon he became an apprentice at L.D. Childs, Chicago's oldest stationery



house, where he learned steel and copper engraving. In the evenings he made a little extra pocket money by writing cards in his flowing Spencerian hand in a doorway at the corner of State and Madison Streets (later the site of the entrance of the old Palmer House Hotel).

After his apprenticeship, he worked as a designer and engraver at two other Chicago stationery firms, then started a business of his own, eventually employing 52 workers. "I had 10 engravers and paid them \$50.00 a week...some money in those days," he reminisced in a letter to a friend. Monty, as he was known to his fellow Rotarians, came to the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905, its charter year. Because of his classification, his fellow members asked him to design a fitting emblem for the new organization. He gave them a sketch of a simple buggy wheel - a basic design, representing civilization and movement. Later, some members complained that the wheel was too plain and asked Monty to dress it up. He added a cloud of dust, then some streamers, and the words "Rotary Club." That design satisfied everyone until 1912, when other Rotarians began to experiment with variations of the original wheel, ultimately suggesting that the Rotary Board agree on a standardized emblem. In 1919, one final improvement was made; the wheel was given a keyway, making it a "worker" rather than an "idler." Today, that wheel works for Rotary everywhere.

Oddly enough, Monty Bear, meticulous craftsman though he was, never thought a "perfect" wheel was all that important. He believed its symbolism stood for more than its technical accuracy. In a 1935 letter to George L. Treadwell, then Secretary of the Rotary Club of Chicago, Monty enclosed a new design - a wheel with four spokes (the official wheel has six), each symbolizing one of the founders of the Rotary Club of Chicago - and 15 gear cogs, each representing one of the Club members during the Club's first year. "The wheel should include the real history of Rotary, regardless of the engineers," he wrote. "Ask a hundred men at random, and not one could tell you whether six or four spokes are correct."

The new design was never adopted, of course, and Monty didn't expect it to be. If the official design pleased his fellow Rotarians, it pleased the affable Monty Bear.

Monty was voted an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1935, in honor of his long service to his Club and for the "mark" he made on Rotary International, the distinguisher "logo" that has survived the organization's first 75 years. Monty remained a Chicago Rotarian until his death, in his late 70's.

Today the Rotary wheel identifies Rotary and Rotarians in every corner of the world. Montague M. Bear was always proud to know that he had given that wheel its first turn on the road to Rotary service.

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Chippewa Falls Rotary Club Finalizes Expedition to Bolivia

The details are now finalized for our expedition to Bolivia in March 2011. The focus this year will be to follow up on our past water projects and plan a new sanitation project hopefully for the same community where we provided water. The Rotary Club in Cochabamba will again host us. Our web site with all the information is <http://www.chippewafallsrotary.org/bolivia-trip>

In past years we always took the group to another country in South America before we went to Bolivia. We discontinued that a few years ago to help hold down the cost and to make it easier for planning. On this next trip however we are giving folks the option to extend for three days in Buenos Aires or just return home from Cochabamba. The added cost is \$513. This is very reasonable for a tour to Argentina as we are working with a long-term friend in Bolivia who is a travel wholesaler and a private guide in Buenos Aires.

We are hoping to get a nice group of Rotarians and their family/friends (hopefully we will get something in the next District 6250 newsletter). Several clubs are giving travel grants to their members. The web site explains how to make the travel arrangements.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David Crane
President, Rotary Club of Chippewa Falls
crane@dentsem.com

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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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