



6250 DISTRICT DISPATCH

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Important Note: Deadline for district newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month. The newsletter will be distributed by the first full week of the month.

District Governor's Message



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District Governor

guests and keynote speakers our very own Rotary International President, Ray Klinginsmith and Vice President, Tom Thorfinnson.

Also in the line up is fellow Rotarian, Jim Elliot from Downers Grove, Illinois. Jim is founder and Executive Director of Diveheart. Diveheart's mission is to build confidence and independence and to improve the quality of life in children and adults with disabilities. Jim will present during a plenary session and offer interactive demonstrations in the pool. You will be inspired by the "Can Do" spirit through scuba diving.

We will also have the opportunity to hear from our very own District Rotarian, Jerry Mills who is the artist behind the song "Come Join Us". The song has become an international hit and has been translated into all of the major world languages. The music video is available for download on the RI website as well as our district website. Jerry was invited to participate in the opening session of the International Convention in New Orleans. He will not only share his story of the song....but he will share his inspiring stories and surprise us with some new Rotary songs.

We will also hear from RI Foundation Representative, Jamie Revord and Stefanie Selvick a past youth exchange student. These are just a few of the presenters who will inspire us over the weekend.

Once again this year, we will not charge a registration fee. We are hoping that you'll bring family and friends along to share our enthusiasm and spread the excitement of the great work of Rotary. Registration will be available soon, so please save the dates on your calendar.

Come Join Us....Be Inspired,

Kristin Duckart
District Governor 2010-2011

PS – Don't forget to send those Valentines!!

Dear Rotarians,

February is a month for lovers of all ages. It seems like just yesterday that I was a kid standing in the aisle of the local five and dime store. I grew up in a small town in northern Wisconsin and Ben Franklin was one of my favorite spots to shop as a kid. I had so much fun sending out my Valentines that I'd so carefully chosen from their store shelves. The special notes with heart-shaped seals went out to all of my special friends. That was nearly forty years ago now and my circle of special friends has changed quite a bit. Through the incredible network of Rotary, my friends now come from all corners of our district and even our globe. I am grateful for these special friendships with many of you.

I'm getting so excited for our District Conference this spring. Our conference theme is "Come Join Us....Be Inspired!" We are putting together the final plans for the 6250 District Conference taking place May 6-7 at the Madison Marriott West. We have the rare opportunity to have as our special



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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.](#)

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District News, Events and Announcements

District 6250 Leadership Team Seminar (DTTS)



How do you find the right direction when all of your dogs are "lead" dogs?

How do you find the right direction when your lead dogs all want to be "wheel" dogs?

Please join Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Glacier Canyon Lodge Conference Center at the Wilderness Resort as we prepare for the 2011-2012 Rotary Iditarod Race in District 6250!

LEARN HOW to gain the respect of your dog team through building your own self-awareness. LEARN HOW to drive accountability and responsibility among all of the dogs pulling your sled. LEARN HOW to let go of the handlebar and trust your team to complete the prescribed journey.

Rotary and life, like the Iditarod, are an endurance sport. Engage with your fellow Rotary Leadership Team & build the skills and team you need to navigate your course.

By the journey's end you will be a skilled "Musher" running an organized and cohesive dog team...

[Click here](#) to learn more about this event and registration information!

Upper Midwest President Elect Training (PETS)

Join your fellow Presidents-Elect on **Friday & Saturday, March 4-5, 2011** at the Glacier Canyon Lodge at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells, WI for the Presidents-Elect Training Seminar, better known as PETS. PETS is required for all presidents-elect. Please make arrangements to attend the entire program.

The Presidents-elect Training Seminars (PETS) are informational programs that are planned and conducted by the district trainer under the direction and supervision of the governor-elect as provided in RI bylaws section 15.030. Its purpose is to develop club presidents who have the necessary skills, knowledge, and motivation to:

- Sustain and / or grow their club's membership base
- Implement successful projects that address the needs of their communities and communities in other countries
- Support The Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation
- Develop leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level

This year, District 6250 is part of the UPPER MIDWEST PETS. [Click here](#) for program and registration information.

Important Dates on the Horizon

In addition to the webinar series below, we now have previous webinars available for download!

April 9, 2011 - District Assembly, Glacier Canyon Lodge, Wisconsin Dells

May 6-7, 2011 - District Conference, Marriott Madison West, Middleton

Make your room reservations now by calling the Marriott directly at 888-745-2032. Identify that you are with Rotary District 6250 to receive the group rate.

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New Regulations from the Department of State Impact Rotary Youth Exchange

Multiple changes in the regulations for "Exchange Visitor Program" through the Department of State are making a significant impact on how we carry out one of Rotary's best service projects – Rotary Youth Exchange. The changes went into effect November 26, 2010. These changes affect all youth exchange programs in our country. It is worth noting that when these changes were just in the 'proposed changes' status, Rotarians provided more feedback to the Department of State than any other youth exchange organization.

Below, and in brief form, are a portion of those changes. Clubs need to be attentive to these changes and provide the means to support and carry them out. Club Presidents, President-elects, YEO's, YEC's and Youth Exchange Committee members are urged to read this and to attend related webinars that further expand on these regulations.

- The Department of State will be providing a training module that all YEO's must complete prior to their involvement with an exchange student or even viewing a student's application. It is expected to be available starting in February online and will be approximately 8 hours in length.

- YEO's cannot host any exchange student while they are serving as YEO for a given student. This means a YEO cannot serve as a YEO for one club and a host parent for another club. It also means a YEO cannot host a student from another youth exchange organization.

- Within the first two months of a student being placed, an individual other than the individual who recruited, screened or trained the host family, must make a visit with the host family and student. This is in addition to regular visits during the exchange year.

- The Host Home Application of proposed host parents now asks for more information and must include photographs of the host home including pictures of the exterior and grounds, kitchen, student's bedroom, bathroom, and family or living room.

- The two references provided by host parents must be from within the community and cannot be relatives of the host family or Rotarians involved in youth exchange.

- In situations where there is a single host parent with no children at home, a more extensive review must be completed before the individual can be approved to host. The exchange student and their natural parents must approve, in advance, such a host family situation.

- Access to information about the exchange student must be protected. Only those individual who are vetted (completed background screening) can have access to personal identifying information about the student. This affects what can be put on a website or in any publicity seeking host families for a specific student.

As cumbersome as these rules are, the safety of the student is what is paramount. If your 16-year-old was going on exchange, think what you would want done to assure a safe exchange. Rotary Youth Exchange continues to be the best example of promoting world peace and international understanding. Your support for RYE is very much valued!

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Foundation Raffle - And the Winner Is...

In October the District Foundation Committee announced a raffle that would award a 32" flat screen T.V. to one of the clubs that was on track in sending their pledged contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. Ten clubs qualified by having sent at least 50% of their contributions as of 31 December 2010, the mid point of this Rotary year. The following clubs were entered into a drawing that took place on Thursday, January 13th.

CLUB	PARTICIPATION LEVEL
Caledonia	104%
Edgerton	75%
Holmen	116%
*La Crosse	54%
Madison	85%
Madison Horizons	80%
Menomonie	63%
*Neillsville	138%
Stoughton	59%
Tomah	84%

* Special mention is made of the Rotary Clubs of La Crosse and Neillsville. Both clubs have club goals of \$100 per member, making them "sustaining membership" clubs. Several clubs, including Beloit, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Madison Breakfast and Reedsburg were all so close but...maybe next time.

The winner of the mid year raffle is the Rotary Club of Tomah...congratulations!

Every club in the district is eligible for the third quarter raffle which ends with contributions equal to 75% of their club goal on deposit at the Rotary International Foundation by 31 March 2011...which club will win the second flat screen TV...yours?

For more information on these raffles take a look at the [October newsletter](#) and then check to see that your club is on track to qualify.



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Watch for District Ads

By Bob Boelter, District PR Chair

The district received its fourth consecutive RI PR grant for the 2010-2011 Rotary year and it is the largest we've received to date. The amount granted is \$10,000 and the district is required to provide a match of at least \$3,000. With a district contribution of \$5,000 and ad space contributions by the publishers equal to the amount being spent, the campaign value is approximately \$30,000.

The ads are targeted at readers of regional business publications scheduled as follows:

Chippewa Valley Business Report

- Winter (January)
- Spring (April)

River Valley Business Report (monthly insert in the Sunday

- La Crosse Tribune)
- February
- March
- April
- May

Business News (North central Wisconsin)

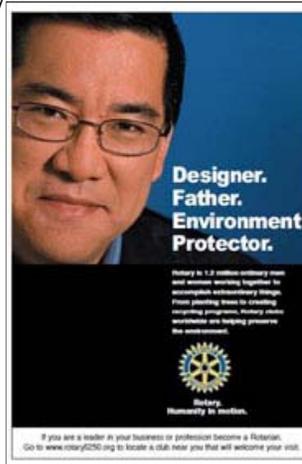
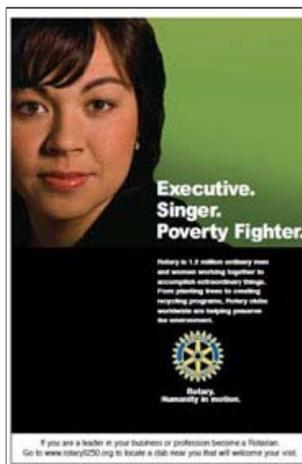
- February
- April

In Business (South Central; Wisconsin)

- February
- March
- April
- May

The 12 full-color ads in the four publications will reach 269,000 households and businesses in the district. The district campaign ads are RI produced "Humanity in Motion IV" print ads with localization to encourage readers to visit the district website to obtain information about a club near to them.

Be sure to alert your members to look for the ads and if possible get extra copies to put in the hands of prospective members. If your club chooses to do local advertising or other promotion it would be wise to utilize Rotary International's "Faces" Humanity in Motion campaign materials to extend the visibility of the combined effort.



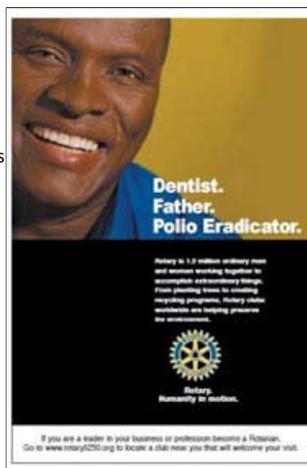
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Rotary At Work Day

The district wide Rotary at Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th. Last year, the inaugural year for Rotary at Work Day in District 6250, over thirty of the clubs and more than 800 Rotarians completed community service projects and participated in wonderful fellowship. Bob Boelter, District Public Relations Chair reported that the community service drew wonderful media coverage that shared the story about how Rotary and Rotarians make a difference. District 6250 joins with 38 other districts in this one day opportunity to serve and to promote Rotary.

When your club has identified a service project and determined the number of members who will be participating please forward that information to district Rotary at Work Day chair Dean Dickinson at logan63@aol.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.

Have Fun and Help the Rotary Youth Exchange at the Same Time! Madison Breakfast Rotary Hosts Beer/Food Tasting Event



The Madison Breakfast Rotary Club would like to invite everyone to our Beer/Food tasting event being held at Sprecher's Pub in Madison. The event will be held on March 1, 2011 from 5-8pm. You will be able to sample locally brewed beer and enjoy the specially prepared appetizers. You will also have a chance to win some amazing raffle items, such as a golf package for 4 people at Nine Springs, free stays at local hotels, jewelry, gift certificates from area merchants, and so much more. All proceeds will go towards the Youth Exchange program in our community. Registration will open soon so mark your calendars and check back soon.

A little bit about Sprecher's Pub - "We serve 14 World-class Wisconsin brewed beers and 4 gourmet sodas on tap from Sprecher Brewery in addition to a full-bar with our own imaginative specialty

cocktails. We proudly serve Steep & Brew coffees and Babcock Hall ice cream.' Check out their website at: <http://www.sprecherspub.com/about.php>

Visit their club website to learn more www.madisonbreakfastrotary.org

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Lake Mills Rotary Club Shares Great News and Pictures from International Cow Project

Submitted by Rotarian Ed Heimstreet

We started working on this Humanitarian Project with Goregaon, India Rotary Club back in January of 2008... Then in November 2010 we got the news from RI that the Grant Funds were finally released to Rotary Club of Goregaon. Then the work really began for our fellow Rotarians in Goregaon as recipient candidates had to learn about care and raising cow.

Then just this January 2011, I received these e-mails from Vivek Sheth, RC Goregaon International Grant Chairman.

[Click here to view the entire article with great pictures from India!](#)

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Rotary Club of Lake Mills to Hold 38th Annual Scholarship Breakfast

The Rotary Club of Lake Mills 38th Annual Scholarship Brunch is set for Sunday February 27, 2011 at a new location this year, Lake Mills High School (615 Catlin Drive). Brunch will be served from 9am to 1pm.

The all-you-can-eat brunch menu is Melt-in-your-mouth Pancakes, Special Recipe Rotary Eggs, Golden Hash Browns, Seasoned Sausages, Refreshing Juice or Milk, Eye Opening Coffee, Assorted Breads and Homemade Desserts.

Local Rotarians along with the help of the Student Rotarians volunteers from Lake Mills High School and Lakeside Lutheran High School, do the cooking, serving and cleanup.

Ticket price is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children 6 to 12 years old and free for under 6 years old. Advanced Tickets are available from any member of Lake Mills Rotary and locally from Rotarian Brad Glassel at 114 South Main Street, Lake Mills (ph 920-648-3141) or Rotarian Jay at Neuberger-Wakeman-Lorenz-Griggs & Sweet Law Office (ph 920-648-8381), 122 E. Lake St.,

Lake Mills. Tickets are also available at the door. All proceeds go towards scholarships for Lake Mills area students.



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Reedsburg Rotary Supports Teacher GSE Trip to India

Reedsburg Rotary Treasurer Craig Hillman presents a check to teacher Tina Moritz. The check will be used to help with expenses on Tina's trip to India as a Rotary Group Student Exchange member.



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

Reporting Tool for District Attendance

Check out the reporting tool for District Attendance!

<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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