



# 6250 DISTRICT DISPATCH

District Governor

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## District Governor's Message



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provides us the opportunity to highlight Rotary.

Another opportunity to highlight our district and the magic of pooling our efforts is a water and sanitation project in Ghana. What started as one club's interest in participating in an international water project has evolved into a district wide collaboration to raise \$50,000 for the RI/USAID Alliance Water and Sanitation Project for Ghana. Cheryl Mader, International Service Chair of the Rotary Club of Prairie du Chien, began by researching the project and was excited from the outset. Joe Ruskey, club member and AG for southwest Wisconsin thought they might get some interest from other SW Wisconsin clubs and they put together a presentation that generated a \$2,000 challenge from Richland Center Rotary. When they pitched the idea of district matching funds to the District Foundation, the foundation awarded \$25,000 in DDF to match dollar for dollar funds raised from district clubs for this effort by June 1. They were amazed...but fearless. So now Joe and Cheryl and anyone else they interest in coming along are traveling around the district, presenting information about how District 6250 can work together to make a huge impact in the lives of the people of Ghana. They're fired up about this project...and hope you will be too!

Once again, I invite you to our 2011 District Conference. You will receive a Conference Brochure by mail soon but you can [register online now](#). We have an amazing line-up of speakers and I'm excited to welcome you to Madison, May 6th and 7th! Please "**Come Join Us..... Be Inspired!**" Remember, it's FREE! You simply have to pay for meals. And we have kept May 8th clear so we can all be home to celebrate Mother's Day.

The Madison Rotary clubs have teamed up to host a "Derby Day" reception Saturday afternoon. That's right. We've gone from Cowboy Logic and the lessons of the West to Mint Juleps and Kentucky bluegrass. May 7th is Kentucky Derby Day and we'll be celebrating this special event by donning our Derby Day finest attire and placing our bids to End Polio. We'll have a live feed on the big screens and be able to place our bets on the race to end polio. It's almost too much for this Wisconsin cowgirl to handle.

Many of you know how passionate I am about our mission to End Polio. It's been at the top of my priorities since I released those first polio drops in a young child's mouth in Nigeria. That was certainly a Rotary Moment for me. But, I have another Rotary moment to share with you. After presenting at a club last week, a man slowly approached me, his eyes welled with tears, and he softly said, "Thank you, Kristin. Thank you for your important work with polio. I am a polio survivor." Suddenly, I felt warm to the core and most definitely validated in my personal promise to the world's children that I would keep polio eradication at the forefront until the last child has been immunized. I hope that you will join me and keep Rotary's promise to finish the job we began over twenty years ago.

Come Join Us at the District Conference! I know you'll be inspired!

Warmly,

Dear Rotarians,

Are you a regular reader of our monthly magazine **The Rotarian**? I am! In fact, I can't wait for the next issue to arrive in my mailbox. I'm hooked! Well for those of you who are avid Rotarian readers as well you'll already have discovered that our very own Ben Hobbins from the Madison Rotary Club was featured in the April issue. Congratulations Ben!

The Rotarian will soon be available in electronic format. You can already preview the May issue at [Rotary.org](#) now. Many of us are sensitive about conserving our forests and would prefer that it didn't arrive in print form. Several 6250 Rotarians have expressed a preference to receive it in your electronic mailboxes instead. By July you'll be able to make your own decision about the format you prefer.

I hope that most clubs will be participating in **Rotarians at Work Day, April 30th**. This is a great opportunity to get out and make a difference in our local communities but it also

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