

6110 ROTARY INFORMER

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Notes from the Governor

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“Rotary has a rendezvous with
destiny”.

After the first of the year, there is a tendency to take a break, to let up after the fast pace of December, and to begin to wind down the Rotary year. However, as I told you in my remarks to each club during my visit, this is a very active Rotary year, and we have not yet achieved the goals we set up for the District in 2002/3:

MEMBERSHIP

It looks right now like the District may have gained a couple of percentage points in membership over where we started in July 2002, but we're not yet at a 10% gain, and without continuing to push for

new members, attrition will erase the gains we have made. Make a list of projects your club does now, a list of the projects the club would like to be involved in, and as you talk with prospects, ask them to join your club to help make those dreams a reality. It tells them what you're about, lets them know what they will be doing as a member of your club, and gives everyone a new sense of purpose.

POLIO ERADICATION

The single most important Rotary initiative for 2002 through 2005 is Polio Eradication. We are within 1% of ridding the world of this dreaded disease, and we must finish the job now. Your District leadership has set a goal of a minimum of \$100.00 per Rotarian to make that happen, so take the number of Rotarians in your club times 100, and that is your Club goal. Imagine how we are all going to feel when RI announces to the world in 2005 that Polio has been defeated - \$100.00 is a small price to pay to make that possible.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ANNUAL FUND OF THE RI FOUNDATION

As we emphasize the Polio Eradication campaign, we can't ignore the importance of contributing to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund. This is where the money for all the matching grant requests, both within the District and at Rotary headquarters, originates. More

Rotary District 6110 - Friday January 31st, 2003 and more, in cities and towns in our District and around the world, folks are counting on Rotary Clubs to make a difference. Every Rotarian should contribute a minimum of \$100.00 per year to the fund in order to make that possible. It's too important to let it slide, so let's keep reminding our Club members of the goal.

CENTENIAL PROJECT

This is your Club's chance to give your community something to celebrate 100 years of Rotary, and to join with Clubs all over the world in doing good. The deadline to register your project with RI has been extended to 7/1/03, so let's have 100% of our Clubs register a project, and let's make sure we're ready to celebrate in 2005.

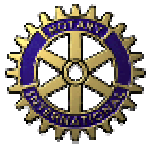
This is the second month in a row I've talked about these four points, so you know how important both RI and your District Leadership consider them. We only have five months left to hit our objectives, so don't waste any time in making them happen.

Ed



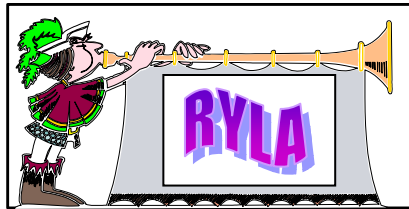
IT'S RYLA TIME EVERYBODY

"Note from a Parent Regarding RYLA I am the father of two participants of the RYLA program sponsored by Rotary. My daughter, Heather, attended four years ago and my son, Brian, was a student last year. Both attended the camps held at Tahlequah. I can only offer my sincere thanks to Rotary and the other members of the local club (I am not a Rotarian) for allowing them to attend one of the most positive, uplifting and encouraging weekends they have ever encountered for high school students. Both Heather and Brian would have stayed at camp permanently if allowed. They both loved it that much! It was a tremendous weekend for them and it was hard to get them to stop talking about their experiences. One of the many rewards from RYLA was providing specific examples of leadership suggestions and styles they could utilize during their senior year as officers of the Student Council at school. Heather and Brian asked me to extend my heartiest thanks to Rotarians Ralph Holmes and Donna Berryhill for all their hard work, which obviously was required to put on a major program of this type each year.



They also mentioned several other Rotarians who were crucial to the success of the two weekends including (and please

excuse the spelling if necessary) Diane Ellston, Jim Vanderlin (who I was told was responsible for selecting the counselors from Tulsa University who worked directly with the kids), along with James Allison, Mike Bibbie and his wife, Betty, Jim VerHoef, Paul Brauer, Bob Newkirk and Jerry Harp. These are the names they could remember. I'm sure there must have been many more Rotarians involved putting on a project this large but I can't remember their names.



Interesting coincidence too. I was mentioning how much Heather and Brian enjoyed the Rotary RYLA camp to my uncle during the Christmas holiday. He said he served in Viet Nam with a Captain Ralph Holmes who was the commanding officer of a Green Beret unit made up of Vietnamese Rangers and some Chinese mercenaries. Phil said they were members of different 'A' teams but both served on the island of Phu Quoc at the same time in 1967 and 1968. He didn't know much about Captain Holmes other than he was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry on three different occasions because of various actions. Phil also said Captain Holmes lead some highly classified missions into Cambodia. He just smiled when I asked him about details however. I wonder if this could be the same Ralph Holmes responsible for the annual RYLA camp for Rotary? If so it

certainly appears you have placed the right man in the right job. I highly encourage Rotarians or other parents with high school students to look into the RYLA program sponsored by Rotary. It is truly a most remarkable weekend. My two children can readily testify to that. Thank you Rotary!
Signed,
Mark Williams"



Editor's note.) I spoke with Ralph Holmes, who has been in charge of our district's RYLA program for the last eight years. He told me he did, in fact, serve as a Special Forces officer during 1967 and 1968 assigned to Phu Quoc island in the period mentioned. Ralph said any success of the RYLA program should go to PDG George Paden who laid the foundation and guidelines of the concept more than ten years ago. This year's RYLA program is to be held from March 27, through March 30 at The Salvation Army's campground near Tahlequah. For additional details contact Ralph at 918/744-5800 or visit the RYLA page on the district's web site.



**SRINGDALE ROTARY
CONTINUES GOOD
WORKS AND SERVICE
ABOVE SELF**



Don Blakeman is shown at left presenting a wheelchair to Richard Royal, Executive Director of Sources, a United Way sponsored agency. The Springdale Rotary Club presented the wheelchair, which was used to kick-off our own Wheelchair Project, so that it would be put to use here locally.

PARSONS ROTARY

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Dingies

Donated Cell Phones Fund
Raiser

Chris Robinson reports that with six weeks remaining in this fund raiser, approximately 230 cell phones have been donated. Hal Clifton has snagged another 31 used cell phones toward this effort!! Way to go Hal! Our club's goal was to collect 200 phones by March 1, 2003 although we would be very pleased to exceed that number. Keep the donations coming!!
PARSONS ROTARY DOING A GREAT JOB AS ARE MANY OF THE REST OF YOU ON THE CELL PHONE PROJECT! SUPER!!!!

NEVER GIVE UP

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. - Calvin Coolidge



THE 4-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

IS IT A CURSE OR A BLESSING?

Never think that God's delays are God's denials. A lone shipwreck survivor on an uninhabited island managed to build a rude hut in which he placed all that he had saved from the sinking ship. He prayed to God for deliverance, and anxiously scanned the horizon each day to hail any passing ship. One day, he was horrified to find his hut in flames. All that he had was gone. To the man's limited vision, it was the worst that could happen and he cursed God. Yet the very next day, a

ship arrived. "We saw your smoke signal," the captain said.
- Walter A. Heiby

**P.E.T.S. REMINDER
- IT IS COMING UP**

**GAME PLAN FOR
P.E.T.S 2003**

March 7-8, 2003
Springdale, AR
Holiday Inn
Sessions Convene Friday at 1:30 p.m. and adjourn Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Presidents-Elect and Presidents-Nominee invited Training in all aspects of leadership. Take an intense look at your opportunities and responsibilities as president of your Rotary Club in 2003-2004. Get the latest information from Rotary International trainers.

Hear from your peers – the ones who have “Walked the Walk” in their own Rotary Clubs. Leave the session “fired-up” and ready to return with your own team of players for District Assembly May 3, 2003.

**PRESIDENT'S DAY SALUTE
TO ABE**

I do the best I know how, the very best I can; and I mean to keep on doing it to the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me will not amount to anything. If the end brings me out all wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference. - Abraham Lincoln

**SHARE/DDG FUNDS
UPDATE !!!!!!!**

To: Club Presidents and
President-Elects,

From: Gerald Harp District 6110
Governor 2004-05

If your club or committee would like to participate in the SHARE/DDG Funds (District Designated Funds which represents the district share of funds received back from RI that the district sent in 2001-2002) for Rotary year 2004-2005, please forward your suggestions to me by Feb 15, 2003! I must have SHARE worksheet to RI by March 1, 2003. I need some idea of the requests clubs/committees will be making. SHARE/DDF funds cover the following areas: HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS: Matching Grants for International Humanitarian Projects; District Simplified Grants; Health, Hunger & Humanity (3-H) Grants; Disaster Relief Grants; Blane Community Immunization Grants (a lot of communities should be using this with our influx of immigrants). Respectfully,
Gerald L. Harp, District Governor
Elect Nominee 2004-2005
Rotary District 6110

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**WHAT WOULD TEDDY SAY
ABOUT WIPING OUT
POLIO?**

Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat. Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground. "It is not the critic who counts, nor the man who points out where the strong man stumbled, or where a doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man in the arena whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs, and who comes up short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause. The man who at best knows the triumph of high achievement and who at worst, if he fails, fails while daring greatly, so that his place will never be with those cold timid souls who never knew victory or defeat." - Theodore Roosevelt

THE 6110 CALENDAR

**EVENT
DATE
PLACE**

OFFICER IN CHARGE

District Assembly
5-3-03
Springdale
Tom Clark

District Conference

9-12, 13-03
Eureka Springs
Ed Clifford, Tom Clark

Rotary Foundation
11-03
TBA
Tom Clark

Asst Gov Training
2-04
TBA
Gerald Harp

PETS
3-04
TBA
Gerald Harp

District Assembly
5-04
TBA
Gerald Harp

District Conference
9-04
TBA
Gerald Harp

Some specific dates and places are not detailed as yet but will be distributed as soon as possible. It is really important that as many current and past district officers attend each event. (From DG Ed Clifford)

**ATTENDANCE REPORT WILL BE
SENT SEPARATELY THIS
MONTH**