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Notes from the Governor

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“Rotary has a rendezvous with
destiny”.

“From the Governor”

We’ve devoted our lead article this month to the upcoming PETS (President-elect Training Seminar). It’s absolutely critical for every club to be represented by at least it’s President-elect for 2003/4, and it’s President-nominee for 2004/5 if possible, at this meeting in Springdale AR. Be there by NOON on Friday, March 7th, and I promise you an exciting day and a half. By the time

you leave Springdale, you’ll have a roadmap for your Rotary year, and lots of ideas to re-energize your Rotary Club. See you at the PETS Conference.

Future Rotary Club Presidents Will

Hear Incredible Speakers at PETS

By PDG Don Wasson
District Trainer 2003-
2005

Incoming club presidents “should be there by noon” March 7 so they will not miss any of the incredible speakers scheduled to make presentations at PETS, DGE Tom Clark says. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Springdale, AR. Many presidents-nominee will also want to attend, Clark says, as the line-up of speakers and presenters may not be possible to assemble again.

Look at this...

€ · Rev. Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Rotary Club of Tulsa past president and senior minister of Boston Avenue Methodist Church, Tulsa, speaking on “Lend A Hand” – the Rotary International theme for 2003-2004. Rev. Biggs’ interpretation of President-Elect Jonathan Majiyagbe’s theme will keynote the two-

day PETS gathering. Rev. Biggs speaks at 1:30 Friday.

€ · PDG Charlie Laine, Franklin, Tenn., will spin humorous stories about Rotary that will inspire and motivate. Charlie is probably the most sought-after motivational speaker in the world of Rotary today. Laine will address the Presidents-Elect and Spouse Recognition dinner Friday night.

€ · RI Director-Elect John Germ, Chattanooga, Tenn. Just to have one of 17 RI Directors in attendance at PETS will make it worth the early arrival. Director-Elect Germ will be an available resource person throughout the PETS as well as speaking at noon Saturday.

Past Governor George Paden, Sand Springs, says “all the club presidents should be there to get their cups filled. Biggs’ address will set the standard for the rest of the weekend. Go for it!” He, like Clark, stresses that EVERY club president-elect should be at PETS.

In addition to the motivational speakers, nine sessions featuring hands-on training will be led by some of District 6110’s best talent. Pam Bohannon’s Springdale Rotary Club gained more than 50 members when she was president last year. Her session on Membership Recruitment,

Orientation and Retention will be one of the best hours on Saturday. "Goal Setting", "Roles and Responsibilities of a Club President", "Planning Your Year", and extensive training on "The Rotary Foundation" will be some of the other sessions, led, respectively, by Past President Barbara Prichard, Fayetteville; Governor Nominee-Nominee Ed Hardesty, Tulsa Southeast; A. C. Moncrief, former District Trainer, Van Buren; and John Brodbeck, twice past governor and current president, Eureka Springs. The District Governor Nominee, Gerald Harp, Springdale, will be Master of Ceremonies Friday evening. He will serve in 2004-2005.

One of the toughest subjects to understand is "What Motivates Rotarians?" PDG Dave Baker, Eureka Springs, notes. He will present "Understanding The Importance of Recognition in a Volunteer Organization" just before lunch Saturday. "if you really want to be a successful president, this is one of the key elements," Baker believes.

Other presentations will be made by District Secretary Pam Everett, Springdale; and District Treasurer Russell D. Robinson, Tulsa Southeast. Representatives of District projects will display their programs for presidents-elect in the foyer of hotel. "We're planning plenty of time at breaks for incoming officers to look over these projects," DGE Clark noted. Youth Exchange, Medical Supplies Network, Rotary Youth Leadership

Awards (RYLA), Four-Way Speech Contest, Group Study Exchange (GSE), Organ Donor Awareness, and Rotaplast will all be making presentations.

Assistant Governors will convene Thursday evening, March 6, to begin their training. They will be working with incoming presidents throughout Friday and Saturday, culminating with "Planning Your Year" where presidents-elect will actually sit down and begin writing down goals for the clubs they will lead in 2003-2004. Assistant Governors have been named for the coming year, six of them new appointees by DGE Clark. The new AGs are Ron Petersen, Carthage; Barbara Prichard, Fayetteville; George Pickell, Pittsburg Sunrise; Jack Maxwell, Bixby; Ellyn Shleiffarth, Ft. Smith; Gene Roy, Bentonville Daybreak; and Pam Bohannon, Springdale.

Repeating as Assistant Governors will be Roger Bates, MidMarion; Charles Keeter, Joplin; Gordon Conger, Iola; Glenn Fischer, Oswego; Bob Daggett, Grove; Garry Harris, Pryor; Tom Cobb, Sand Springs; Ron Petty, North Tulsa; and Ed Hardesty, Tulsa Southeast. Hardesty will serve as District Governor 2005-2006.



Character is what a man is in the dark. **Dwight L. Moody**

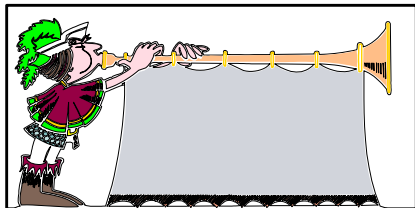
RYLA DEFINITELY WORTH REPEATING

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: 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.

CLUB NEWS

SPRINGDALE ROTARY ON A MISSION

TO DISTRIBUTE WHEELCHAIRS

The Springdale Rotary Club will be delivering 280 wheelchairs to residents in Tepic, Nayarit Mexico on April 26th. Several Rotarians have already committed to go on the distribution. If you are interested in joining the group please contact Marilyn Chicken at Advantage Travel at 750-3456 or make your own reservations and join the group there. The package is \$713 for double occupancy

and \$898 for single. This trip promises to change the lives not only of the recipients but those participating in the distribution. It will also be a great way to get to know your fellow Rotarian.

If you make your own reservations please let Noel know you will be joining the group. They will be staying in Puerto Vallarta and making the trip from there.

MOUNTAIN HOME TO HOST RI Foundation Regional Representative DR. FRED HAHN.

Dr. Hahn has agreed to come speak to the Mountain Home Rotary Club's banquet on Saturday, March 15 at Big Creek Country Club. This is just one week after he returns from Kenya for a President's meeting. Hope you will be able to make it.

AND NOW THE WEATHER FORECAST FOR SAND SPRINGS ROTARY CHILI !

On March 7th, between 1130 and 1, Sand Springs Rotary is hosting its 11th Annual Chili Cook-off. Those desiring to be contestants should contact Ed Dubie at 587-9481, 245-1101, or 521-0784. There is no entry fee. Additionally pies are being sold to support the Sand Springs Schools. Tickets at the door are \$6.

Thanks, Harlan

CELL YES !!!! IN PARSONS!

Donated Cell Phones Fund Raiser

Chris Robinson reports that with 3 weeks remaining in this fund raiser, approximately 230 cell phones have been donated. Our club's goal was to collect 200 phones by March 1, 2003 although we are very pleased to exceed that number. Keep the donations coming!! If you have any questions, phone Chris Robinson.

10 COMMANDMENTS OF GETTING ALONG

1. Speak to people - there is nothing so nice as cheerful words of greeting.
2. Smile at people - it takes 72 muscles to frown; only 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name - the sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of their own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful - if you would have friends, be a friend.
5. Be cordial - speak and act as if everything you do were a genuine pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in other people - you can like everybody if you really try.
7. Be generous with praise - but cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate of the feelings of others - it will be appreciated.
9. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others - there are three sides to a controversy;

theirs, yours and the right one.

10. Be alert to give service - what counts most in life is what we do for others.

CLAREMORE ROTARY CLUB ELECTS 2003 OFFICERS

At the annual meeting in December, The Claremore Rotary Club elected new officers for the 2003-2004 year. Jon Klassen, 2002-2003 president-elect will ascend to the presidency. Rick Mosier will become the new President-Elect beginning July 1, 2003, and will then become club president the following year.

Other elected for 2003-2004 are John Detter, treasurer; Brian McGuire, sergeant at arms; Bob & Marguerite McKinney, vocational service; Ray Brown, international service; and Lindel Stephens, Club Service.

Those retained for 2003-2004 are Richard Lundy, secretary; Charles Kietzman, Paul Harris fellowship; Max Milner, organ donor service; and Richard Mullins, community service.

In other club news a check for \$3,500 was

recently presented to Beth Ann Jensen, Executive Director of the Claremore Public School Foundation. Proceeds were raised from the club's annual Chili Supper last fall. This year's total is the most ever raised in the history of the event. Presenting the check are



(pictured, from left) Bob Waters, Treasurer; Jensen; Debra Reynolds, President; Jack Roberts, Chili Supper Committee and (not pictured) Richard Mullins, Community Service Director.

NEED A HELPING HAND?

The best helping hand in the world - is the one found at the end of your own sleeve.



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?

DON'T JUDGE

Don't judge a man by his family relations, for Cain belonged to a good family.

Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears; God made the one and the tailor the other.

Don't judge a man by his speech, for a parrot talks and the tongue is an instrument of sound.

Don't judge a man by his failures in life, for many a man fails because he's too honest to succeed.

Don't judge a man by the house he lives in, for the lizard and rat often inhabit the grandest of homes.

Judge him not by his acts alone, but by the motive of the actions.

DUE TO THE EARLY PUBLICATION OF THE 6100 NEWSLETTER TO GET OUT P.E.T.S AND RYLA INFORMATION ATTENDENCE REPORT WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY THIS MONTH

DEMOCRACY

Democracy does not guarantee equality of conditions - it only guarantees equality of opportunity. " - Irving Kristol

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EVENT

DATE

PLACE

OFFICER IN CHARGE

District Assembly & Conference

May 3, 2003

Springdale

Tom Clark

District Conference

September 12-13-03

Eureka Springs

Ed Clifford, Tom
Clark

Rotary Foundation

Foundation Seminar

November 7, 2003

Guest Speaker: Cliff

"Mr. Rotary"

Dochterman

Renaissance Hotel

Tulsa, OK

Tom Clark

Asst Gov Training

February - 04

TBA

Gerald Harp

PETS

March - 04

TBA

Gerald Harp

District Assembly

May - 04

TBA

Gerald Harp

District Conference

9-04

TBA

Gerald Harp

NOTICE

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)

TO: Club Presidents /
President Elects

If you have a President Nominee for year 2004-2005, would you please forward this information to me at gharprotmiob@cox-internet.com. If your club has not picked a President for the 2004-2005 year yet would you please do so as soon as possible and forward this information to me so that I can start communicating with this officer. This will be the 100th anniversary of Rotary and we need to be working on it as soon as possible. Thanks for your help. Gerald Harp, District Governor 2004-05