

Rotary's Second Century

District 6110 Governor's Newsletter - Beginning the Second 100 Years of Rotary Service

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Governor's Message

April is Rotary Magazine Month



Ed Hardesty

We have the finest publication of any non-profit in the world. Rotarians that regularly read our magazine are informed, educated, and inspired. Our magazine is an excellent communications vehicle.

Effective communications is critical to the success of any Rotary Club. How do you communicate in your club? Leaders that communicate effectively use a variety of tools. Many members listen carefully to announcements made at club meetings, retain the information, and respond appropriately, while others never hear a word that is said. Some members do not pick up on information shared in a group setting. They need direct contact, either in person, or by telephone.

For many Rotarians today the most effective means of communication is email. Email enables us to quickly communicate with club members. It is an excellent vehicle for reminders, time sensitive materials, and personal notes. Email is effective in communicating with a large number of people, or just one person. Email is cost economical.

Email, however, is not the ultimate answer to effective communications. Many Rotarians never open their email, or inadvertently delete important messages without reading them. Also, systems problems can prevent people from being able to access their email. Many Rotarians that do not respond to email will read a fax or other written correspondence delivered by the postal service.

Websites are one of the most effective communications tools in Rotary. Rotary International, Rotary Zones 29 and 30, Mid-America PETS, District 6110, and many Rotary clubs maintain attractive and informative websites. Websites are fabulous for posting the latest news, promoting special events, newsletters, and a myriad of information critical to Rotarians. Many District 6110 clubs have excellent websites. Prior to each official visit I checked to see if a club had a website and, if so, always visited the site. Often I was enlightened and informed by the information that I found on the website, but, unfortunately, more often than not, I discovered attractive websites that were not current. I strongly encourage every club to maintain a website. It is critical, however, that the site be updated on a timely basis. People that visit a website only to find outdated information will not return.

I encourage you to look at your club and how communication takes place. Are you effectively using all

means of communications? If so, you are a part of a dynamic and effective organization that embodies the spirit of **Service Above Self.**

Ed



SERVICE Above Self



Not long ago, the telegram was the way to communicate internationally. Then the telegram was replaced by the telex machine, which was followed by the facsimile. Now the Internet is the way of daily communication. Television has also added to rapid communication. Yet newspapers, books, and magazines remain fundamental resources, difficult to replace. Through Service Above Self, let's support our magazines, a super source of information.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
President, Rotary International

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Here you will find the publications *Rotary World* and *Rotary: Navigating the Global Network* free to download and read at your leisure.

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program

Program History

Since the inception of the Ambassadorial Scholarships (then "Fellowships") program in 1947, The **Rotary Foundation** has supported study abroad at the post-secondary education level in order to increase international goodwill and understanding. While some Ambassadorial Scholars have pursued fields of study directly related to international relations, diplomacy, mediation, and negotiation, it was not until the establishment of the **Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution** in 2002 that The Foundation offered a study abroad program to specifically provide international students with coursework focused on peace studies and conflict resolution.

The same year that the first Rotary World Peace Fellow traveled abroad to pursue a two-year master's degree at one of the Rotary Centers for International Studies, 2002-03 Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul of the Rotary Club of Dhonburi, Thailand, shared with Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glen Kinross his vision of a short-term peace studies program that would serve as an alternative to the new Rotary Centers for International

Studies program. Not only would this second peace studies program attract middle- to upper-level managers who could arrange to be away from their employment for just a few months, it would also provide a lower cost option to The Rotary Foundation. By anchoring this new program at an academic center imbedded within a university in Southeast Asia, the program would offer the only intensive peace and conflict studies program for professionals and executives in the English language in the region.

Seen as an enhancement to their existing work to support international peace studies, The Rotary Foundation Trustees agreed in February

2005 to establish the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies short-term certificate program as a three-year pilot, with possible programmatic changes and extension after the test period. The Trustees reviewed proposals to host a Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, and selected Chulalongkorn University — Thailand's oldest university and

typically ranked among Asia's top universities — as The Foundation's partner for the program's pilot phase. It was agreed that the first course would start in July 2006.

It is hoped by some Rotarians that once the pilot phase is successfully completed, similar Rotary Centers for Peace and Conflict Studies will be established in major cities in Asia and throughout the world.


University Partner

As the oldest and one of the most prestigious universities in Thailand, Chulalongkorn University is uniquely qualified to host the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. In drawing on the experience of its own faculty as well as its vast network



Chulalongkorn University is regarded as one of the leading academic institutions in Asia. Photo by Jenn Weidman/The Rotary Foundation

of academic contacts, Chulalongkorn University is able to furnish the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program with regional and international experts in the fields of peace and conflict studies. Chulalongkorn University is commonly regarded as one of the leading institutions of higher learning in Asia and has been involved with hosting and sending Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars for many years.

Chulalongkorn University was founded in 1917 but can trace its roots back to the Royal Pages School formed in 1871 by King Rama V. The university itself was established by King Rama V and King Rama VI and was endowed with a 212-hectare (523-acre) tract of land by the royal family to both accommodate its infrastructure and generate income to serve the university's academic needs. 

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp/history.html>

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Meet Ron Peterson, District 6110 Governor Nominee Nominee 2008-2009

Born in Goodland, KS on August 30, 1945. He spent the first seven 7 years of his life on a wheat farm but eventually grew up in Dodge City, KS. While attending electronics school in Kansas City, he met and married Louise. They have been married 41



years and still act like they are on their honeymoon. It is said that his radio career began at age 7 when his mother, Ruth, began working at a Dodge City, Kansas radio station. After many successful years in Dodge, his Mother and step-father purchased KDMO in Carthage, MO in 1962. At age 16 Ron became a DJ and eventually worked his way into sales and ultimately management and ownership. It is said that Radio is in his Blood. He has filled management positions in


Carthage, Joplin and in the Columbia, Missouri market. Louise will often say "he doesn't have a profession --- he has a disease!" His strong integrity speaks to his character and sense of fairness. He gives back. His is active and

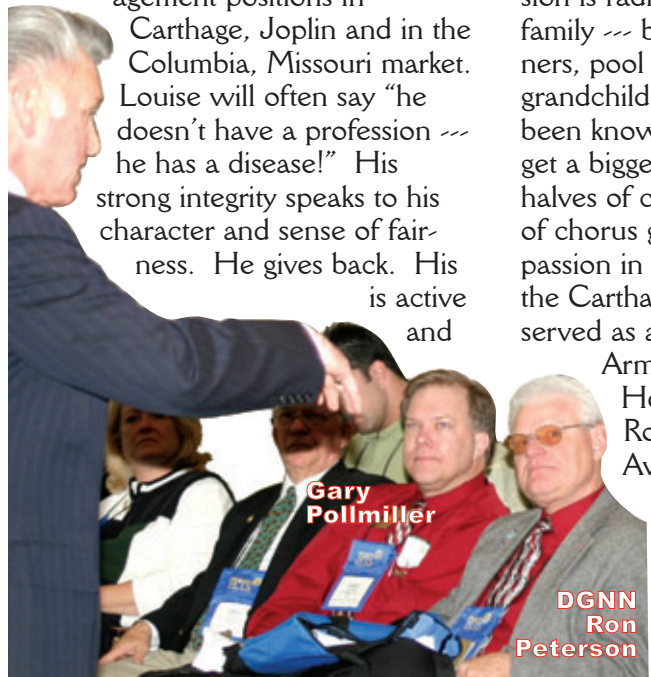
respected in the community. He's on the hospital board, the PR committee for The Ronald McDonald House of the Four States, and Past President of the Missouri Broadcasters Association. Even through all that he and Louise managed to raise 5 children all of whom are responsible and good citizens (at least that's what they tell them).

There are now three generations in the radio business with his son Ron Jr. joining him last June. The stations are the only locally owned & operated commercial stations left in the Joplin Metro. Radio isn't all Ron has a love for. He has made quite a name as a notable vintner (that's winemaker to us amateurs) and "Outdoor Chef." Although his passion is radio, what he most enjoys is family --- big (and loud) family dinners, pool parties, family stories, and grandchildren --- 15 so far. He has been known to say "I've just gotta get a bigger barbeque grill --- the halves of chicken look like two rows of chorus girls." Ron found another passion in his life. In 1977 he joined the Carthage Rotary Club. He has served as a Director, Sergeant-at-Arms and as President 97-98.



He was awarded The Rotary International 4 Avenues of Service Citation 1998, Rotarian of the Year Carthage Club 1998, Rotary International Presidential Citation 1997-98. Ron, Louise and son Ron Jr.,

take pride in being Paul Harris Fellows. During his year as President of the Carthage Club, he had a goal to achieve his clubs first Presidential Citation which required an international service project. Ron partnered with PDG Cesario Mendoza of the San Fernando, La Union Rotary club in the Philippines. Cesario's World Community Service project was to bring clean water to schools and low-income communities on the outskirts of a large town. 40 villages and 25 public elementary schools were going without wells. Water was being hauled from long distances for their needs. Learning of the project through PDG Connelly Bedell as he made his rounds as District Governor, many Southwest Missouri Clubs wanted to participate in an international service project to fulfill their clubs obligations to receive a Presidential Citation. Their donations along with help from PDG Bob Melott and the Districts DDF provided enough to top it off. Ron was then encouraged by PDG Edison Kaderly and PDG Ira Perkins to apply for a RI Matching Grant to aid in completing the project. Ron has the Rotary passion serving District 6110 as Assistant Governor '03 to present and will be District Governor '08-'09. His Rotary goals include an opportunity to serve as a GSE Team Leader. He also believes in keeping Rotary strong through "giving Rotary away" by bringing new members into his club. Quoting an article he read in the Rotarian Magazine "Rotary wasn't given to you to keep .. Rotary was given to you to give away." 



District 6110 Dates

May 6th 2006District 6110 Assembly, Rotary leadership of all levels should attend
 June 11-14, 2006International Convention, Malmö, Sweden/Copenhagen, Denmark

- April**— Magazine Month
- May**— Planning for upcoming year
- June**— Rotary Fellowships Month
- July**— Literacy Month
- August**— Membership and Extension Month
- September**— New Generations Month

- October**— Vocational Service Month
- November**— Rotary Foundation Month
- December**— Family Month
- January**— Rotary Awareness Month
- February**— World Understanding Month
- March**— President Elect Training



2006 India GSE Team Returns

Larry Long, Group Study Exchange Team Leader

Our 2006 District 6110 GSE team returned in early February from an exhilarating and eventful month hosted by District 3080 located just north of New Delhi. We stayed for an additional week to visit New Delhi and nearby Agra, home of the Taj Mahal. The team is now eager to tell our fascinating story of India's great service projects, of humbling need, of unparal-



Larry, James, Jake, and Angie

leled beauty, of gracious and hospitable people, of American outsourcing to India, of India's challenges and potential, and of the exotic wonders of all that is India. To schedule a talk about the D6110 GSE adventure to India, contact one of the team members or me.

- Team Leader Larry Long: Rotary Club of Fayetteville (Consultant with Long and Associates, 479-442-5533)
- James Smith: sponsored by the Bentonville/Bella Vista Noon Rotary Club (Senior Vice President, Bank of Arkansas, 479-254-2848)
- Angie Dowell: sponsored by the Pittsburg Noon Rotary Club (Instructor, Pittsburg State University, 620-235-4016)
- Jake Lambert: sponsored by the Bentonville/Bella Vista Noon Rotary Club (Co-owner, Main Street Builders, 479-640-1194)

After a 16-hour flight from Chicago to New Delhi, which took the team over the North Pole, and a late night arrival, we were relieved to be greeted by GSE Host Chair Sandeep Luthra. Past-president Sandeep, who would become our

good friend over the next month, planned an aggressive tour for the team. The tour took us through five

states and the Union Territory of Chandigarh. District 3080 topography spanned the gamut from the agricultural plains of Punjab to Musoorie, a 7000 foot mountaintop city in the Himalayas and site the District 3080

Conference.

Two things hit you immediately—the humanity and the traffic. India has 1.1 billion people living in an area roughly one third the size of the United States. Transportation of people and anything else is a challenge. If a bus is full to capacity (literally every available square inch), no problem. People just climb a precarious ladder to the luggage area atop the bus. By American standards, the roads are narrow and poorly maintained, but road quality isn't the problem. The problem is that rickshaws, auto rickshaws, ox carts, mule carts, elephants, camels, pedestrians, bicycles, scooters, tractors

pulling trailers, trucks, cars, and buses share the same highway. India has rules of travel, but “no one follows them.”

Our driver during our month in India, Amryk, has all the skills and the guts to be a top-flight NASCAR driver. By the end of our

trip, which involved hundreds of highway kilometers, we got used to the roadway madness and were surprised when Amryk slipped as far away as two meters from the vehicle in front of us.

One of the Hindu mantras is that “guests are treated as gods” and we were. We stayed in a hotel at the district conference for three days and spent one night in an Ashram (a religious guest house). In the other nine locations, we were hosted by Rotarians, mostly in large, comfortable, marble/granite, multigenerational family homes. We usually stayed one member to a house.

Rotary clubs in America and India share the same commitment to service and we wear the same pin, but they are very different. Indian clubs take on projects that would likely be part of government provided services or education in developed countries. For example, the types of projects they adopt may involve vocational training (classes for plumbing certification, embroidery, stenography, and so on) or building and maintaining “shelters” (small apartments) for the poor. Their meetings might be followed (or preceded) by “fellowship,” basically an open bar and snacks. The meetings are in the evening and have a designated start

time, usually 8:30--9:00, but everything in India is on IST (India stretchable time). Several times we did not finish until 11:30. Maintaining 100% attendance is not a priority and a typical meeting might have about a third of the members in attendance. This is because of their

commitment to their companies and



India's drivers face special challenges



Alternative transportation

work, which generally is 9 to 9, six days a week.

The Rotary clubs and Rotarians of District 3080 gave us an in-depth and intimate look at their culture, their institutions, their businesses and industries, and their way of life. We participated in the Evening Aarti in the holy city of Hardwar on the Ganges River and were honored in a Village Gurudwara. We paddled across Lake Renuka high in the

Himalayas and rode an Indian elephant. We were adorned with honorary garlands of flowers at each of a score of "high teas" and Rotary meetings. We were humbled by the great services provided by Indian Rotarians at orthopedic and prosthetic centers, at leper colonies, and schools for the blind and deaf. We toured many of India's industries, including a carpet plant, a tractor factory where every part was made on site, and IT facilities engaged in outsourcing to America. We stood in awe of the Taj Mahal and of tiny women



Handing out rations at a leper colony

carrying 60 pounds of bricks on their head.



The Evening Aarti on the Ganges River

Indian is an amazing country of tremendous extremes and great variety. Just cross over the next mountain or into the next town to experience a different culture, and possibly another language. With over a billion highly-motivated people, seven times more engineering graduates than the United States, an exploding outsourcing industry, and a population that speaks English, India is poised to play an important role in the trend toward globalization. 🌐

Rotary and Lions reaching out together

When Rotarian Chet Reyckert of Skiatook statuary was asked to participate in the face lift project for the Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch near Perkins, he brought the unique project before the Skiatook Rotary.

Why unique? Because the ,boys ranch is a Lions Club endeavor.

Judge Dan Crawford of the Tulsa Lions Club, submitted his request for two of Skiatook Statuary monarch lions at a special price for the entrance of the ranch.

The lions weigh over 2,500, pounds each and would cost a little under \$3,000 for the pair.

Skiatook Statuary is the only producer of the piece in. the U.S. having produced them since the 1980s castings have gone to customers on both coasts.

The Lions Club request came com-

plete, with pictures of the boys ranch entrance and an enhanced computer image of what the lions would look like when in place.

Accompanying the pictures was a detailed description of the boys ranch endeavors in giving troubled youth a new direction in life.

So dedicated were the promoters that their enthusiasm, spilled over to the Rotary Club and thus the unanimous decision to participate,

In fact, participation might be an understatement as it was decided the "special" price to the Lions Club would be, yes you guessed it, 0.

Besides, what would be more unique than Rotarians helping Lions, all for a good and worthy cause!

Such projects are the core of service clubs and this would be if not a first,

most assuredly a rare joint effort.

And then collaboration developed between the key conspirators.

It was decided that "Lion Dan," as Lions call each other, would not tell his club the two lions were going to be donated free. At the Lions convention in Tulsa he would solicit funds for their purchase. Those funds, when the hoax was revealed, would go for the for the improvements of the ranch.

The plot even thickened when Lion Dan disclosed how he would use the donation of a Rotary club to stir the incentive to do even more by The Lions.

Mixing a little rivalry, touches of plotting for a good cause and you have, the makings of a great scheme towards a common goal. Not to mention some great fun for a bonus!

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Mid America President Elect Training Seminars
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Plato's Parable - The Cave

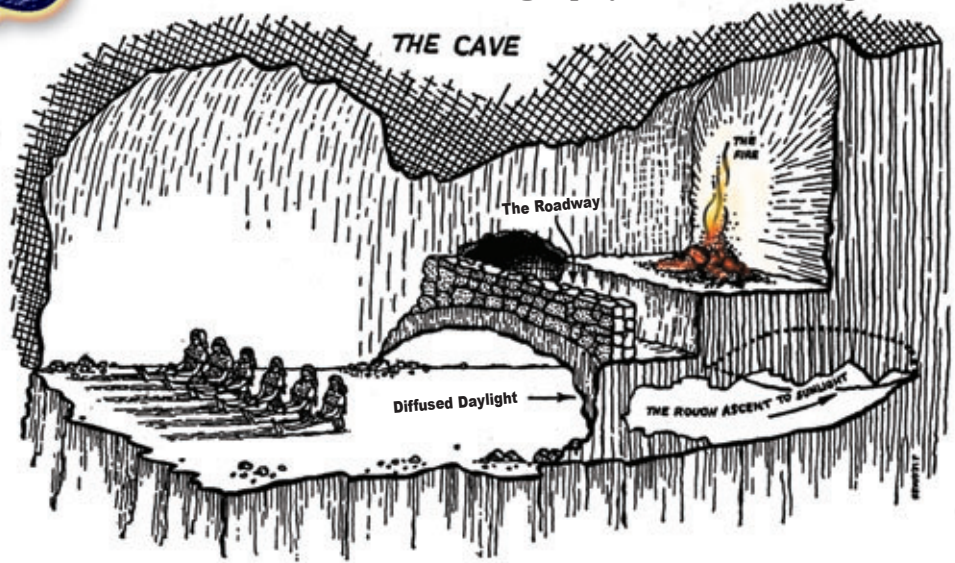
... "Next, then," I said, "take the following parable of education and ignorance as a picture of the condition of our nature. Imagine mankind as dwelling in an underground cave with a long entrance open to the light across the whole width of the cave; in this they have been from childhood, with necks and legs fettered, so they have to stay where they are. They cannot move their heads round because of the fetters, and they can only look forward, but light comes to them from fire burning behind them higher up at a distance. Between the fire and the prisoners is a road above their level, and along it imagine a low wall has been built, as puppet showmen have screens in front of their people over which they work their puppets...."

This year's President Elect Training Seminars (PETS) will be remembered as the best yet. Diving to Little Rock Arkansas from Tulsa Oklahoma was a pleasure thanks sunny cool pleasant weather.

Presidents Elect, from four districts in the heart of the United States, gathered at Little Rock's Peabody Hotel and Convention Center to become



John Brodbeck ... the new "Duck Master"



properly prepared for the coming year. PETS is much more than a training conference. PETS is a gathering of kindred spirits brought together to work as a team to lead the members of their respective clubs to become true Rotarians. For some, PETS is the first venture into the world of Rotary International ... finding out that there is a Rotary life beyond the club level. And one finds many new friends that become resources to make one's Rotary year rewarding and a rich experience for all concerned.

... "Now consider," said I, "what their release would be like, and their cure from these fetters and their folly; let us imagine whether it might naturally be something like this. One might be released, and compelled suddenly to stand up and turn his neck round, and to walk and look towards the firelight; all this would hurt him, and he would be too much dazzled to see distinctly those things whose shadows he had seen before. What do you think he would say, if someone told him that what he saw before was foolery, but now he saw more rightly, being a bit nearer reality and turned towards what was a little more real? What if he were

shown each of the passing things, and compelled by questions to answer what each one was? Don't you think he would be puzzled, and believe what he saw before was more true than what was shown to him now?"...

The weekend began with Rotarian Reverend Dr. Mouzon Biggs Jr., from the Rotary Club of Tulsa, explaining the meaning of the coming year's Rotary theme. Mouzon is a master rhetorician.



Those in attendance would agree that this is one of the most meaningful sessions of the weekend. We will truly be "Leading the way" in the coming year, and hopefully many more years to follow.

... "He would have to get used to it, surely, I think, if he is to see the things above. First he would most easily look at shadows, after that, images of mankind and the rest in water, lastly the things themselves. After this he would find it easier to survey by night the heavens themselves and all that is in them, gazing at the light of the stars and moon, rather than

by day the sun and the sun's light."

"Of course."

"Last of all, I suppose, the sun; he could look on the sun itself by itself in its own place, and see what it is like, not reflections of it in water or as it appears in some alien setting."...

The rest of the afternoon (with a brief "house of friendship" break) was filled with educational breakout sessions. Each district took the opportunity to inflict the presidents elect with information-overload. By the end of workshop 1 at 5:50 pm there were many presidents elect roaming the vast halls of the Peabody, Little Rock easily identified by the stars in their eyes. It was now time for the Reception in honor of their spouses and them.



... "Then again," I said, "just consider; if such a one should go down again and sit on his old seat, would he not get his eyes full of darkness coming in suddenly out of the sun?"

"Very much so," said he.

"And if he should have to compete with those who had been always prisoners, by laying down the law about those shadows while he was blinking before his eyes were settled down-and it would take a good long time to get used to things --- wouldn't they all laugh at him and say he had spoiled his eyesight by going up there, and it was not worth-while so much as to try to go up? And would they not kill anyone who tried to release them and take them up, if they could somehow

lay hands on him and kill him?"...



The Dinner was refreshing. This writer was really looking forward to seeing Past RI President Frank Devlin speak. Unfortunately Frank had a family emergency. Frank was kind enough to provide an outstanding speaker in his place. Lou Piconi of Pittsburg, PA, past RI Director and past RI vice president first had us laughing at the experiences of his humble beginnings in Rotary.

Lou became President of a small Rotary club that was about to lose the charter they couldn't find. Lou then brought us to tears. The Rotary foundation has touched and is touching the lives of millions. The most important being the eradication of Polio. Lou told a story of how one corner of a country was not getting the polio vaccine because the remote nature of the area. He had facilitated the process of a young lady that was awarded a Rotary Scholarship to go to study in the United States. Upon her return to her country, she made the effort and delivered the polio vaccine to a corner of her country that everyone was afraid to venture to. She found many more children than was thought needed the vaccine. Lou



explained "there isn't a person in any remote part of the world that isn't as special as anyone else in the world.

... "But any man of sense," I said, "would remember that the eyes are doubly confused from two different causes, both in passing from light to darkness and from darkness to light; and believing that the same things happen with regard to the soul also, whenever he sees a soul confused and unable to discern anything he would not just laugh carelessly; he would examine whether it had come out of a more brilliant life, and if it were darkened by the strangeness; or whether it had come out of greater ignorance into a more brilliant light, and if it were dazzled with the brighter illumination. Then only would he congratulate the one soul upon its happy experience and way of life, and pity the other; but if he must laugh, his laugh would be a less downright laugh than his laughter at the soul which came out of the light above."...

After a wonderful evening, and making a trip to the "house of friendship," it was time to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! The celebration was brief. It was time to rest and let all of the information accumulated throughout the day filter through one's head.

... "Then if this is true," I said, "our belief about these matters must be this, that the nature of education is not really such as some of its professors say it is; as you know, they say that there is not understanding in the soul, but they put it in, as if they were putting sight into blind eyes.

"They do say so," said he.

"But our reasoning indicates," I said, "that this power is already in the soul of each, and is the instrument by which each learns; thus if the eye could not see without being turned with the whole

body from the dark towards the light, so this instrument must be turned round with the whole soul away from the world of becoming until it is able to endure the sight of being and the most brilliant light of being: and this we say is the good, don't we?"...



RI Director Elect, Tom Branum, was the keynote speaker at the breakfast meeting. Tom inspired us to be lead-

ers, wearing his white cowboy hat and conjuring up images of Tanto and the Lone Ranger. Tom inspired us to find our white horse to ride.

... "Then it is the task of us founders," I said, "to compel the best natures to attain that learning which we said was the greatest, both to see the good, and to ascend that ascent; and when they have ascended and properly seen, we must never allow them what is allowed now."

"What is that, pray?" he asked.

"To stay there," I said, "and not be willing to descend again to those prisoners, and to share their troubles and their honours, whether they are worth having or not."

"What!" said he, "are we to wrong them and make them live badly, when they might live better?"

"You have forgotten again, my friend," said I, "that the law is not concerned how any one class in a city is to prosper above the rest; it tries to contrive prosperity in the city as a whole, fitting the citizens into a pattern by persuasion and compulsion, making them give of their help to one another wherever each class is able to help the community. The law itself creates men like this in the city, not in order to allow each one to

turn by any way he likes, but in order to use them itself to the full for binding the city together."

"True," said he, "I did forget."


"Notice then, Glaucon," I said, "we shall not wrong the philosophers who grow up among us, but we shall treat them fairly when we compel them to add to their duties the care and guardianship of the other people. We shall tell them that those who grow up philosophers in other cities have reason in taking no part in public labours there; for they grow up there of themselves, though none of the city governments wants them; a wild growth has its rights, it owes nurture to no one, and need not trouble to pay anyone for its food. But you we have engendered, like king bees' in hives, as leaders and kings over yourselves and the rest of the city; you have been better and more perfectly educated than the others, and are better able to share in both ways of life. Down you must go then, in turn, to the habitation of the others, and accustom yourselves to their darkness; for when you have grown accustomed you will see a thousand times better than those who live there, and you will know what the images are and what they are images of, because you have seen the realities behind just and beautiful and good things. And so our city will be managed wide awake for us and for you, not in a dream, as most are now, by people fighting together for shadows, and quarrelling to be rulers, as if that were a great good. But the truth is more or less that the city where those who are to rule are least anxious to be rulers is of necessity best managed and has least faction in it; while the city which gets rulers who want it most is worst managed."

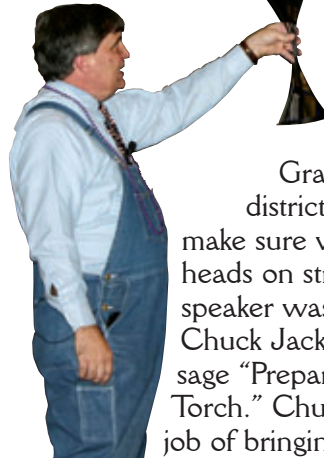
"Certainly," said he. ...

Saturday morning we had another round of learning opportunities. Paul Wise, President of the Rotary Club of Fort Smith gave an outstanding explanation of the new "club leadership plan" being introduced by Rotary International. After a morning

of being filed with information, we were treated to a special lunch. The lunch was complete with a New Orleans Mardi

Gras act put on by the district governor's elect. To make sure we all left with our heads on straight, the keynote speaker was psychologist Dr. Chuck Jackson with the message "Preparing to Accept the Torch." Chuck did a wonderful job of bringing us all back down to earth after such an exhilarating weekend,

"For the truth is, my friend," I said, "that only if you can find for your future rulers a way of life better than ruling, is it possible for you to have a well-managed city; since in that city alone those will rule who are truly rich, not rich in gold, but in that which is necessary for a happy man, the riches of a good and wise life: but if beggared and hungry, for want of goods of their own, they hasten to public affairs, thinking that they must snatch goods for themselves from there, it is not possible. Then rule becomes a thing to be fought for; and a war of such a kind, being between citizens and within them, destroys both them and the rest of the city also." 



**DGE Peggy ... A tribute to New Orleans
It's not worth doing if your not having fun**

Peruvian pleasures

MATT VILLANO

An energetic traveler takes you inside her native land.

Peru is a country of widespread diversity, a place that blends rich history with the unexpected. Long ago, it was home to some of the greatest civilizations of all time. Visitors today find some of the highest peaks in the Andes Mountains, one of the wettest rain forests in South America, and miles upon miles of wind-swept, dune covered desert.

For Geraldina “Dina” Chabes, president and founder of the brand-new Rotary Club of Lima Sunrise in the capital city, this varied land is as much heaven as it is home. “To me, there is no more beautiful spot on earth,” says Chabes. “We have natural beauty, cultural beauty, and a history that is just incredible. We have it all”

Chabes spends most of her time in Lima, a lively metropolis that sits on the edge of the continent overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Here, she tends to her ophthalmology practice, which shares space with a coffee shop she also owns. The business sits on a bustling avenue in an area called Miraflores. In this neighborhood, considered the commercial center of Lima, modern buildings stand alongside the ruins of sacred places called huacas, adobe pyramids thousands of years old. Nearby, in Chabes' favorite neighborhood of Barranco, discotheques pump music all night long. “I am not so much into the dancing scene, but I love the cobblestone streets and tiny little buildings with balconies and flowers,” she says of the historic spot. “There is no place in Lima like it.”

On the other side of town, Chabes favors the Plaza de Armas. Here, at Lima's main square, pale yellow buildings with wooden balconies flank grandiose cathedrals and the Palacio de Gobierno, where it seems it's always time for a parade to “El Condor Pasa,” an Andes folk song.

When Chabes wants to escape the honking taxis of Lima, she flies 350 miles north to the seafood-rich beachfront town of Trujillo. It's common to find archaeologists and surfers working and playing side-by-side here, as the lazy city is a mix of pre-Colombian ruins and white sand beaches. When Chabes visited Trujillo last year, Enrique, her eight-year-old son, simply didn't want to leave, she recalls. “We have beaches in Lima,

but none of our beaches are as big and beautiful as Trujillo. He was playing in the waves, having the time of his life.”

Both were fascinated by the archaeological site of Chan Chan, former imperial city of the Chimu civilization. Today, this adobe city, the world's largest, is one of 10 UNESCO World Heritage sites in Peru.

Another favorite escape is Arequipa, the White City, where Chabes was born and raised. Located 600 miles south of Lima, this city stands in a lush valley surrounded by three 15,000-foot peaks, including the snow-capped El Misti volcano. White buildings made of a volcanic stone called sillar line narrow streets that frequently are clogged by farmers selling ultra-hot rocoto peppers. For Chabes, Arequipa's most

striking characteristic is its resolve; the city's fiercely proud citizens resent the assumption that everything in Peru is run from Lima. “I like to call my beautiful home city ‘the Independent Republic of Arequipa,’” she quips.

Like most Peruvians, Chabes holds a similar love and respect for the Sacred Valley of the Incas in the Andes Mountains. “It takes my breath away,” she says. Cusco, the former capital of the Inca Empire, sits at the mouth of this valley. The city's 500-year-old stonelined streets are reminders of the civilization's remarkable feats of masonry. High above, the sprawling stone fortress at Machu Picchu clings to a knife-edge ridge with spectacular views of the Urubamba River Gorge below. “To visit this place and know it is such an important part of history is, for a Peruvian, very special,” Chabes says.

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The Rotarian mentioned in the article is in the club that is partnering with the Springdale club to provide 12 mechanical cows. The cows convert soy beans to milk for children.

PDG Gerald Harp writes from the ship: January issue of Rotarian. Be sure and read the article on Peruvian Treasures. Pg 15. This is the shop where we went to pick Dina up. We went to an Immunologist office and toured it. The immunologist is the DGE. He may be in San Diego with Peggy. Quite an office for Peru.



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RI-CAS has all the functions of about any type of accounting software. This is not just a checkbook software. I guess one of the best aspects of using RI-CAS for accounting purposes versus a generic product is the ability of RI-CAS to transfer information from the secretary to the treasurer.

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Dan Allen, Sec.
Muskogee Rotary

80 and Still Counting

March 31 marked the 80th Anniversary of Rotary in Oswego, Kansas. To commemorate the milestone, the local club hosted an ice cream and cake social and invited the whole town. The activity was held at Lori's Creative Cakes.

We not only celebrated Oswego Rotary's 80th birthday but also acknowledged the Oswego community for their support of club activities. Also honored was Jerry Barnard, a continuous 58-year Rotary member and a recipient of Rotary's Commitment to Service Award in 2005.

80 years young and still growing!



Pryor Rotary Club Annual Golf Tournament 2 Person Team Golf Scramble (Blind Flighted) Pryor Creek Golf Course



Friday, April 28, 2006
12:00 PM Registration & Lunch
1:30 PM Shot Gun Start

\$55 per person includes,
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Closest to the pin contests, Longest Drive contests
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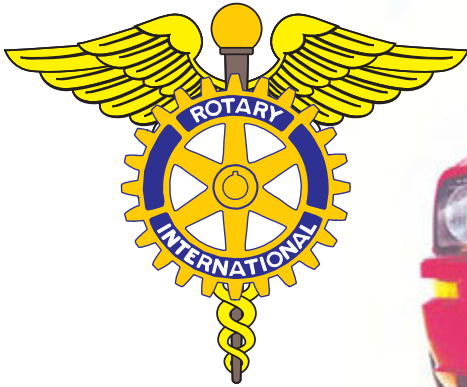
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February

Club Name	Membership 1/31/2006	2/28/2006	Net Gain/Loss	% Attendance	7/1/05-2/28/06	Goals
Aurora	.31	.32	.1	.68	.00	\$3,100.00
Bartlesville	169	172	.3	.77	4230.00	\$16,600.00
Bartlesville Daybreak	.81	.81	.0		1356.00	\$7,560.00
Bentonville	112	114	.2	.65	1068.00	\$10,200.00
Bentonville/BV Daybreak	.35	.34	-.1	.85	498.00	\$3,500.00
Berryville	.33	.33	.0	.7	1928.00	\$1,980.00
Bixby	.75	.75	.0	.54	2416.00	\$7,000.00
Booneville	.35	.35	.0	.82	.00	\$3,500.00
Bristow	.31	.31	.0	.59	350.00	\$3,300.00
Broken Arrow	.82	.83	.1	.70.61	3014.00	\$7,000.00
Bull Shoals-Lakeview	.48	.48	.0		2700.00	\$5,200.00
Carthage	.94	.94	.0	.53	600.00	\$4,500.00
Cassville	.59	.60	.1	.49	.00	\$5,000.00
Chanute	.34	.34	.0	.48	.00	\$1,900.00
Claremore	.82	.83	.1	.49	300.00	\$3,120.00
Claremore Reveille	.22	.22	.0	.86	895.00	\$2,300.00
Coffeyville	.58	.60	.2	.60	2350.00	\$1,650.00
Drumright	.23	.23	.0	.64	.00	\$1,150.00
Eureka Springs	.59	.58	-.1	.75	4630.00	\$5,800.00
Fayetteville	227	228	.1	.67	4120.00	\$23,900.00
Fort Scott	.62	.66	.4	.56	.00	\$1,100.00
Fort Smith	153	154	.1	.70	1500.00	\$14,000.00
Fort Smith Southside	.32	.32	.0	.0	25.00	\$2,900.00
Fredonia	.31	.31	.0	.78	500.00	\$2,500.00
Frontenac	.27	.28	.1	.70	.00	\$2,200.00
Greenwood	.53	.53	.0		37.50	\$.00
Grove	.91	.91	.0		5346.00	\$8,800.00
Harrison	.98	.97	-.1	.63	1100.00	\$10,000.00
Henryetta	.21	.21	.0	.60	.00	\$2,000.00
Holiday Island	.24	.26	.2	.66	126.00	\$1,000.00
Humboldt	.21	.19	-.2	.58	.00	\$.00
Independence	.66	.64	-.2	.63	.00	\$.00
Iola	.48	.49	.1	.63	3702.76	\$4,600.00
Joplin	129	127	-.2	.65	2566.00	\$12,400.00
Joplin Daybreak	.77	.77	.0	.69	1200.00	\$7,100.00
Lamar	.56	.57	.1	.80	1684.00	\$5,900.00
McAlester	.90	.90	.0	.59	200.00	\$8,500.00
Miami	.85	.84	-.1	.62	4350.00	\$8,600.00
Mid-Marion County	.25	.28	.3	.72	1068.00	\$2,900.00
Mountain Home	.88	.89	.1	.76.4	3018.00	\$8,500.00
Mt. Vernon	.37	.38	.1	.63	.00	\$4,000.00
Muskogee	.81	.83	.2	48.6	292.00	\$.00
Neodesha	.21	.20	-.1	.82	.00	\$500.06
Neosho	.55	.54	-.1	.61	1153.00	\$4,350.00
Nevada	.91	.91	.0	.47	1060.00	\$4,000.00
North Tulsa	.21	.21	.0	59.5	452.00	\$2,000.00
Northside Fayetteville	.84	.83	-.1	.62	6261.00	\$9,000.00
Nowata	.12	.11	-.1	.57	75.00	\$240.00
Okmulgee	.27	.27	.0	.63	1200.00	\$1,400.00
Oswego	.15	.15	.0	.78	1210.00	\$1,600.00
Owasso	.42	.48	.6	.56	422.00	\$4,300.00
Ozark	.21	.23	.2	.72	1725.00	\$2,300.00
Paris	.26	.28	.2	.57	.00	\$.00
Parsons	.43	.43	.0	.64	1400.00	\$.00
Pittsburg	.89	.88	-.1	.71	630.00	\$4,250.00
Pittsburg Sunrise	.42	.41	-.1	.89	.00	\$4,000.00
Poteau	.35	.35	.0	.63	.00	\$4,100.00
Pryor	.49	.50	.1	.84	1604.00	\$5,000.00
Rogers	151	152	.1	.67	4945.00	\$12,600.00
Rogers Early Risers	.51	.51	.0		800.00	\$5,200.00
Sand Springs	117	117	.0	66.76	200.00	\$11,800.00
Sapulpa	.66	.66	.0		1000.00	\$7,100.00
Siloam Springs	.54	.54	.0	50.5	.00	\$.00
Skiatook	.18	.18	.0	.48	.00	\$.00
Southeast Tulsa	.74	.74	.0	.85	5329.00	\$7,200.00
Southside Tulsa	.69	.71	.2	.80	6735.00	\$6,700.00
Springdale	234	227	-.7	.67	87256.69	\$69,000.00
Tahlequah-Cherokee County	.39	.40	.1	.63	.00	\$999.94
Tulsa	477	476	-.1	.69	3122.50	\$47,500.00
Tulsa Midtown	.35	.35	.0	.65	595.00	\$3,300.00
Tulsa Sunrise	.63	.63	.0	.81	856.00	\$6,500.00
Van Buren	.57	.57	.0	.33	.00	\$500.00
Vinita	.54	.54	.0	.56	2370.68	\$1,600.00
Wagoner	.42	.44	.2	48.8	.00	\$4,200.00
Webb City-Carl Junction	.41	.43	.2	.76	2000.00	\$4,500.00
Will Rogers (Tulsa)	.70	.70	.0	.77	100.00	\$6,700.00
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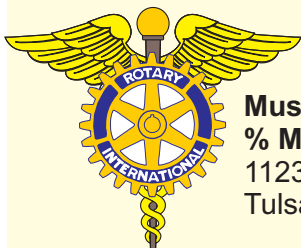
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