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6110 GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE By Ron Petersen, Sr.



Together, we made many dreams real and Rotary remained strong. This was truly a year of change and advancement for District 6110! I think you will agree we have leaped light years ahead in many areas through achieving many of our goals for my year as Governor.

On-line registration for district events, coupled with a new interactive web site and DaCdb software, we have the ability to communicate like never before. Being from the communications industry, I felt we lacked a quick and easy mode of communication. You can be sure these advances will be around for a long time to help the district and the district governors to come.

I must say we had significant attendance at District Conference in September of '08 along with a record attendance in May of '08. More and more Rotarians are finding that going beyond the club level to learn about Rotary is what it takes to realize Rotary dreams.

The economy turned into a "wild thing" that gave trouble to us all. No new clubs to report for our district, but we have been working on a long list of some pretty good prospects. With the recession slowing, I believe A.C. is in a good position to charter a good many new clubs. In membership, we conducted six regional Membership Seminars and with the turn of events in the economy, many clubs were lucky to just hold the line and retain their numbers. So, membership gains were (like a lot of districts) not what I had imagined either. Currently, public relations efforts are giving more exposure to Rotary on TV, radio and

billboards—the wheels are rolling for more PR to achieve A.C.'s goal of 1,000 new members by September 30th. **6110 in 2010 RAH!** As for the Rotary Foundation Goals, clubs in the district have reached a combined 65% of our district's goal for this year. However, we always finish late and grand in June, so I have hopes all of you will come through near the finish line.

We chartered a new Rotaract Club at Northwest Arkansas Community College. What a great experience these young people are having! They will receive the Presidential Citation from RI President D.K. Lee for completing requirements for Rotaract Clubs. How great to be honored in this way!

AND .. due to a decision made in March at MAPETS, Mid-America PETS will remain in Ft. Smith, Arkansas for several years beyond what was originally planned. This works well for our district since the location is in the heart of D6110. THERE'S MORE .. The Rotary Institute will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma September 8-13. We should feel good with the success that both of these gatherings bring to our home turf, so do give a large thanks to PDG Ed Hardesty for playing a major role in bringing this about.

In August of '08, we had a full boat in that we awarded a Grant for University Teachers, along with an Ambassadorial Scholarship and a Kirshner Scholarship—all in one day!

Governor Petersen's farewell message

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Our GSE Team had a successful exchange with District 2620 in Japan. Thanks to Chair Jim Spears and PDG Ken Bateman who served as Team Leader. We appreciate the clubs and Rotarians who hosted the Japanese team as well.

As they say in the old western movies, "it's the end of the trail". In July, 09-10 DG A.C. Moncrief will assume the responsibility of the newsletter, but for now, this being my last Governor's message—I must say a big "THANK YOU" for the honor I was given to have the wonderful responsibility to serve and lead this great district as Governor. Thanks to the many district Rotarians for their contributions toward the success of Rotary in District 6110 this Rotary year. There are many to thank for a great year, I will reserve these moments of gratitude for District Conference on October 22-25.

HAPPY TRAILS to you until we meet again,

Governor Ron Petersen, Sr.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE , JULY

June 2009 -- ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

- 1-30 Reminder to clubs to have an annual audit conducted
- 10 Applications for GSE Team Leader and team members to Chile are due to Jim Spears
- 15 Membership Attendance Reports due to District Administrator
- 18-29 Review membership lists of inactive or delinquent members with secretary and treasurer
- 21-24 International Convention, Birmingham, England
- 26-July 7 Installation of new officers; Youth Exchange Outbound Students go overseas; Youth Exchange Outbound Orientation Camp; Youth Exchange Summer Tours
- 30 A.C. Moncrief installation as DG at St. Mary's Banquet Hall in Ozark, AR — 5:00 Wine Tour / 6:30 Dinner

July 2009 - - LITERACY MONTH

ROTARY YEAR OFFICIALLY BEGINS

- 1 Semi-annual Report due to Rotary International from Club Secretary; pay RI Dues; pay District 6110 dues to District Treasurer
- 1-11 Hold your first "Official Board Meeting"; Review membership lists; review Foundation Goals; reconfirm Goals and Objectives and club plan; review requirements for Presidential Citation
- 1-11 Hold a Club Assembly to outline your Goals and Objectives and enable your committee chairs to present plans to the membership
- 15 Membership Report due to District Administrator
- 15 Rotary Centers for Peace and International Understanding Scholarship applications due to District Administrator
- 15 Ambassadorial Scholarship Applications due to District Administrator
- 15 Kirchner Scholarship Applications due to District Administrator
- 30 Club YE Counselors download checklist from website and prepare for arrival of students; YE host families download orientation materials from website; YE short-term students arrive for exchanges

EUREKA SPRINGS 2009 ROTARY

GOLF CLASSIC *by Dave Baker*

The Eureka Springs Rotary Club appreciated the support that was received for the 2009 Golf Classic from 62 hole sponsors and numerous donors for the silent auction and door prizes.

The weather was suspect early, but some 82 golfers enjoyed the fellowship.

Proceeds enabled the club to fund 11 local high school scholarships this year so the financial boost was used wisely for our young people.

Rotary continues to do good things in our community. Watch for the improvements at the East Mountain Overlook. We'll also be participating in the Cancer Relay for Life on June 6th and we will make a generous contribution from our members and club. We were most fortunate to have an exchange student from Brazil and the Interact Club helped sponsor six blood drives this school year.

EUREKA SPRINGS ROTARY PRESENTS 11 SCHOLARSHIPS

Ten scholarship checks were presented at the Eureka Springs High School Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 21st. Scholarship recipients included: (left to right)

Megan Handley, Kindra Coatney, Alta Johnson, Amy Goodall, Michelle Beard, Shayla Vercruysse, Kelley Clark, Abbie Brown, Emily Deitchler, and Jane Soriano. Not pictured is Elizabeth Bartell, who was home schooled.



HOW ROTARY STEPPED INTO THE PICTURE TO HELP A YOUNG WOMAN, A ROTARY ALUMNI

The May 11th release of former [Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar](#) and U.S. journalist **Roxana Saberi**, imprisoned in Iran on charges of spying, brought elation and relief to people worldwide, especially to Rotarians of Fargo, ND. Saberi, a Fargo native, was arrested in January and initially accused of working with expired press credentials, but authorities later charged her with espionage. Her release came after an Iranian appeals court reduced her eight-year prison sentence to a suspended two-year sentence.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fargo, Saberi was selected as a 1999-2000 Ambassadorial Scholar to attend the University of Cambridge, where she studied journalism. Fargo Club President Joel Fremstad wrote a letter to Mohammed Khazaei, Permanent Representative of Iran to the United Nations, and Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki explaining Saberi's connection to Rotary and its mission, and requesting her release.

Fremstad, who worked on Capitol Hill in 2003-04 for U.S. Representative Earl Pomeroy of North Dakota, contacted his former boss to express concern on behalf of all Rotarians in the state. Pomeroy, who was a Rotary Scholar in 1975-76 at Durham University in England, got involved and worked closely with the U.S. State Department on Saberi's release. Days before she was freed, he contacted Khazaei for an update on her situation.

"A lot of people, including Iranian officials, coordinated together so that the proper diplomacy could take action in Saberi's release," says Fremstad. "Everyone was excited and relieved to hear the good news." "In North Dakota, when a friend or neighbor is in trouble, we come together and lend a hand" says Pomeroy. "That was especially true in Roxana's case, where countless individuals and groups came forward to offer their support. "As a fellow Rotary Scholar, I am especially proud of the work Rotarians did on Roxana's behalf throughout this ordeal," he says. "We don't know what ultimately led to Roxana's release, but I am confident that the rallies, letters, and countless displays of support for Roxana back home played no small part."

Gary Nolte, PDG of D5580 and a member of the Rotary Club of Moorhead, Minnesota helped select Saberi for the Ambassadorial Scholarships program and rejoiced after hearing the news of her release.

Saberi, whose father was born in Iran, holds dual U.S.-Iranian citizenship. She moved to Iran in 2003 where she worked as a freelance journalist for the BBC and National Public Radio. She plans to return to family in Fargo.



Rotary: a global network of volunteers dedicated to world peace

Rotary's commitment to humanitarian service is in virtually every corner of the world. Whether it's drilling water wells for parched village in Ethiopia, helping earthquake victims in China, or providing unprecedented educational opportunities for girls and young women in Afghanistan, Rotary clubs work at the grassroots level, both locally and internationally, to help people in need.

Rotary's 1.2 million club members are women and men who are business, professional, and community leaders united by the motto "Service Above Self". With 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, Rotary promotes peace and understanding by addressing the underlying causes of conflict and violence such as poverty, illiteracy, hunger and disease. Rotary's top goal as an organization is the global eradication of polio.

Rotary also takes a direct approach to world understanding with an innovative educational program that gives future leaders the tools they will need to "wage peace" on the global stage. Six of the Rotary Centers for International Studies offer two year Master's Degree level curricula aimed at helping the next generation of government officials, diplomats, and leaders develop the skills to reduce the threat of war and violence. Up to 60 Rotary World Peace Fellows are accepted yearly through a globally competitive selection process based on their professional and academic achievements. Grassroots Rotary members play an important role because fellowship candidates are sponsored by local clubs.

These six Rotary Centers are located on the campuses of International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan; Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina; University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England; University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia; University of California, Berkeley, California; and—in a joint arrangement—Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The seventh Rotary Center, at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand offers a three month program aimed at upper-level professionals in government, nongovernmental organizations, and international industry. The curriculum imparts the skills and knowledge that participants can put into practice immediately. The center accepts up to 25 fellows twice per year.

Since 1905, Rotary clubs have worked locally and internationally to make the world a better and more peaceful place—one person, one family, one community at a time.

"Acting alone, an individual's reach is limited, but when the right people work together, they can accomplish almost anything."

For more about the rewards of Rotary club membership and the Rotary Centers program, visit www.rotary.org.

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS BUDGET REDUCTIONS OPERATIONAL IMPACT—MAY, 2009

At their April 2009 meeting, the Trustees made difficult budget decisions in light of the current financial situation. An explanation of these decisions can be found on the [RI Web site](#). The information below explains the operational impact of these budget decisions.

Matching Grants

- The Matching Grant budget for the 2009-10 Rotary year is \$9.5 million. This represents a 70% reduction from the original budget for 2008-09.
- Matching Grant applications will be accepted beginning 1 July 2009 in accordance with the normal business cycle.
- It is anticipated that the available Matching Grant budget will be committed very early in the Rotary year, so sponsors are encouraged to submit their applications *as early as possible* in the new Rotary year.
- Complete applications will be approved in date order based on the earliest date the application is complete and meets all processing requirements.
- Grant sponsors may substitute the amount requested from the World Fund with DDF. Sponsors also have the option of requesting no award from the World Fund if the cash and DDF contributions pledged in the application exceed \$10,000.
- Matching Grant applications submitted before March 2009 that received an acknowledgement letter from TRF (with a grant application number) will not need to resubmit updated authorizations from 2009-10 leaders. These applications will be processed as normal on 1 July 2009.
- Matching Grant applications that were submitted after the budget was fully committed in March 2009 (and returned to the sponsors) must be resubmitted with updated authorizations from 2009-10 leaders.
- During 2009-10, there will be just one round of Competitive Matching Grants (applications requesting more than \$25,000 from TRF) at the October 2009 Trustee meeting. Ten percent of the total Matching Grant budget (\$950,000) was set aside to support these requests. Applications must be received by 1 August 2009 to receive consideration by the Trustees.
- Information about the status of the Matching Grant budget will be posted regularly at www.rotary.org beginning in July 2009.

Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants

- During 2009-10, the Foundation will only approve 3-H grant applications that support water and sanitation projects in Ghana, the Philippines and the Dominican Republic as part of the RI/USAID International H2O Alliance. No other 3-H applications will be supported. Sponsors of non-Alliance projects are encouraged to apply for competitive Matching Grants to fund all or portions of their projects.
- For more information about how to participate in or donate to these projects please contact Amanda Robertson at Amanda.Robertson@rotary.org or visit www.rotary.org.

Volunteer Service Grants

- Volunteer Service Grants will be phased out beginning 1 July 2009.
- The Foundation will no longer accept applications for travel to plan a future project or provide direct service in a community.
- Rotarians are encouraged to seek funding from outside sources for their international travel expenses.

District Simplified Grants

- There is no change to District Simplified Grants. Districts will still be able to request up to 20% of their available DDF to support local and international humanitarian projects according to the current program requirements.

Disaster Recovery Accounts

- All TRF funding for previously funded Disaster Recovery activities has been fully committed. In the interim clubs and districts that wish to respond to a disaster are encouraged to utilize the Disaster Recovery options provided by RI Programs.
- For more information visit <http://www.rotary.org/en/serviceandfellowship/DisasterRelief/howtohelp/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Group Study Exchange

- Currently GSE teams that use World Fund as their funding are allowed to partner with other districts using World Fund in order to travel in the same program year. The Trustees have now decided that beginning with the 2010-11 program award year, partnerships where both districts use World Fund will no longer allow for both teams to travel in the same program year.
- One district will send their team in the 2010-11 program award year and their partner will send their team in the 2011-12 program year.
- The awarding of 2010-11 World Fund GSE teams will be *conditional* until such time that the Trustees approve the 2010-11 program budget at their April 2010 meeting.
- Districts interested in participating in the GSE program for 2010-11 will need to determine whether they want to partner with other World Funded districts and travel within a two-year cycle or allocate District Designated Funds for a one-year GSE cycle.

Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships, Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers

- In April 2008, the Trustees agreed to offer Cultural and Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Grants for University Teachers for the last time with the 2010-11 program year awards. This decision was intended to phase out under-utilized Educational Programs in comparison to the Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships. In order to better achieve such program objectives and streamline operations, the Trustees moved up the phase out plan by one year.
- This decision will not impact Cultural and Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholars and Rotary Grants for University Teachers already awarded by The Rotary Foundation for the 2009-10 program year. It will, however, impact current recruitment for these same programs for the 2010-11 program year in the following ways:

- * Cultural and Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship applications in process for the 2010-11 program year may either be
- (a) submitted to The Rotary Foundation by the sponsor district as an Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarship (provided the district has \$25,000 in DDF available to award the scholarship for 2010-11 and the candidate is prepared to study abroad for one academic year, or approximately nine months), or;
 - (b) returned to the scholarship candidate by the sponsor district with an explanation as to why the district could not endorse the application.

Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries

- The Trustees agreed to suspend offering awards through the Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries for both the 2010-11 and 2011-12 program years as a means to preserve World Fund availability to support other Foundation programs and reduce operations costs.
- The Trustees agreed to reassess this suspension for the 2012-2013 program year at their April 2010 meeting.
- The Trustees also agreed to encourage districts to continue to consider donating District Designated Funds directly to low-income country districts so that scholars from developing countries have the opportunity to receive Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Regional Scholar Seminar Grants

- The Trustees agreed not to offer the annual stipend through the World Fund to provide Regional orientation Grants, for a programs budget savings of \$200,000 in 2009-10.
- Regional Scholar Orientation Seminar organizers have been informed of this decision via email. It will be up to these multi-district orientation seminar leaders to determine, by consulting with their orientation planning committees, whether they can continue to offer such orientations in the 2009-2010 Rotary year.
- Please keep in mind that all Ambassadorial Scholars are required by the Trustees to attend an outbound orientation, but that such an orientation may be held at the club, district, multi-district or regional level. It is also important to recall that Ambassadorial Scholars may use part of their flat grants to fund their transportation to and from orientation seminars as well as any necessary lodging and meal expenses.

Questions regarding the operational impact of the Humanitarian Grants or Educational Programs budget reductions may be addressed to the Contact Center (contact.center@rotary.org or 866-9ROTARY). For specific Humanitarian Grants questions, please contact [Humanitarian Grants staff](#).

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Mercedes C300 Car Raffle

Drawing Date: Saturday, October 24, 2009
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Where: Embassy Suites · Rogers AR

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April		Membership	Net	Membership	Goals	7/1/08 - 5/31/09	Goal%
Club Name	Plan	Mar. 31, 2009	Gain/Loss	April 30, 2009	% Attendance	YTD Giving	Achieved
Alma	A	47	Did Not Report	47		500.00	
Aurora	A	24	0	24	67	2600.00	
Bartlesville	A	160	4	164	70	17500.00	7,873.34
Bartlesville Daybreak	B	85	0	85	67	8000.00	7,242.50
Bella Vista Sunrise	C	22	Did Not Report	22		2000.00	465.00
Bentonville	A	94	-1	93	52	10500.00	3,500.00
Bentonville/BV Daybreak	B	44	0	44	86	4600.00	9,830.00
Berryville	A	32	2	34	66	1600.00	440.00
Bixby	A	84	5	89	92	12500.00	8,485.00
Booneville	A	32	0	32	73	2500.00	
Bristow	A	28	0	28	59	1500.00	600.00
Broken Arrow	A	74	2	76	63	7600.00	6,070.00
Bull Shoals-Lakeview	A	44	Did Not Report	44		2700.00	2,800.00
Carthage	C	99	Did Not Report	99		4750.00	8,650.00
Cassville	A	58	Did Not Report	58		2650.00	300.00
Chanute	A	30	Did Not Report	30		3100.00	600.00
Claremore	A	76	1	77	66	7700.00	8,300.00
Claremore Reveille	B	31	-3	28	84	3700.00	4,138.00
Coffeyville	A	60	0	60	45	4725.00	1,275.00
Drumright	A	14	0	14	69	200.00	
Eureka Springs	B	66	2	68	72	6500.00	7,356.99
Fayetteville	A	222	-6	216	65	25300.00	9,294.85
Fort Scott	A	58	0	58	53		190.00
Fort Smith	A	131	Did Not Report	131		14000.00	3,236.00
Fort Smith Southside	A	30	0	30	68	3000.00	2,850.00
Fredonia	A	31	-3	28	56	640.00	500.00
Frontenac	A	31	1	32	65	1650.00	1,000.00
Greenwood	A	31	0	31	51	950.00	
Grove	A	100	1	101	57	10200.00	9,342.50
Harrison	A	96	-3	93	62		3,000.00
Henryetta	A	18	Did Not Report	18		225.00	
Holiday Island	A	13	0	13	58		200.00
Humboldt	A	18	0	18	67	360.00	
Independence	A	62	Did Not Report	62		6600.00	1,558.37
Iola	A	49	2	51	47	6400.00	5,863.50
Joplin	A	113	0	113	55	12600.00	7,466.50
Joplin Daybreak	B	67	-2	65	62	2450.00	1,190.00
Lamar	A	52	2	54	79	2500.00	1,500.00
McAlester	A	76	0	76	61	8300.00	7,535.00
Miami	A	69	0	69	70	7700.00	1,650.00
Mid-Marion County	A	33	0	33	55	3000.00	1,500.00
Mountain Home	A	107	-1	106	44	5300.00	23,512.14
Mt. Vernon	A	23	0	23	60	2800.00	(725.00)
Muskogee	A	102	-1	101	49	7200.00	
Neodesha	A	18	Did Not Report	18		2850.00	
Neosho	A	61	Did Not Report	61		300.00	350.00
Nevada	A	87	Did Not Report	87		57850.00	1,000.00
North Tulsa	A	19	Did Not Report	19		1900.00	295.00
Northside Fayetteville	A	94	-2	92	61	10600.00	3,041.00
Nowata	B	12	0	12	67	1400.00	75.00
Okmulgee	A	27	Did Not Report	27		2800.00	1,967.50
Oswego	A	11	Did Not Report	11		1000.00	1,350.00
Owasso	A	32	0	32	63	3200.00	220.00
Ozark	A	32	Did Not Report	32		1500.00	2,075.00
Paris	A	31	-1	30	64	150.00	
Parsons	A	41	0	41	49	3075.00	605.00
Pittsburg	A	84	0	84	75	8200.00	1,250.00
Pittsburg Sunrise	B	48	0	48	82	4600.00	4,875.00
Poteau	A	38	0	38	71		361.74
Pryor	A	45	-1	44	85		1,990.72
River Valley		19	0	19	58	2000.00	126.50
Rogers	A	131	0	131	72	13200.00	3,959.50
Rogers Early Risers	B	44	2	46	0	5000.00	710.00
Sand Springs	A	121	0	121	53	10000.00	1,875.00
Sapulpa	A	61	0	61	52	6300.00	
Siloam Springs	A	51	1	52	61	3300.00	2,990.00
Skiatook	A	14	0	14	54	2000.00	
Southeast Tulsa	A	60	Did Not Report	60		5700.00	10,985.00
Southside Tulsa	A	61	Did Not Report	61		6100.00	6,910.06
Springdale	A	232	0	232	63	70000.00	42,507.68
Tahlequah-Cherokee Co	A	34	0	34	57	2000.00	1,535.67
Tulsa	A	481	-4	477	66	24500.00	18,764.38
Tulsa Midtown	A	27	2	29	68	2700.00	1,565.00
Tulsa Sunrise	B	75	1	76	80	7500.00	40,800.00
Van Buren	A	45	0	45	55	1000.00	3,240.00
Vinita	A	52	0	52	57	5300.00	6,061.00
Wagoner	A	34	Did Not Report	34		3200.00	500.00
Webb City-Carl Junction	A	50	0	50	65		
Will Rogers (Tulsa)	A	53	1	54	53	5500.00	7,300.00
		5061	1	5062		503,325.00	327,875.44