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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE By Ron Petersen, Sr.



IF you have never given to the Rotary Foundation—**NOW** is the time. Rotary is finally getting the attention and credit it deserves! Every day people around the world are learning for the first time about Rotary and our organization has certainly received the attention of Bill Gates, Jr. Please read RI President D.K. Lee's March message below.

At the International Assembly in January, we were privileged to host a special guest from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation: Microsoft founder Bill Gates, Jr., who had come to speak to the incoming Rotary officers on the Gates Foundation's involvement in PolioPlus. A few moments into his remarks, the room erupted in cheers at the announcement that Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge had become Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge: The Gates Foundation would commit an additional \$250 million of funding, over and above its initial \$100 million contribution, and Rotary would agree to raise an additional \$100 million match by 30 June, 2012.

This is a tremendous vote of confidence in our work, and its implications are spectacular. When we succeed in meeting this challenge, Rotary and the Gates Foundation will have brought an additional \$555 million of new funding to the polio eradication effort, at the time when it is most needed. Only four countries are still polio endemic, but those four present the greatest practical and epidemiological challenges. We are close to the final hurdle of this race—but the final hurdle is also the highest and will require the greatest effort from us all.

This money will be used for operational support, surveillance, and social mobilization—vital aspects for the success of the campaign. In order to make the world polio-free, we must be vigilant for signs of new cases, we must coordinate well-planned and well-executed immunization days, and we must keep all our efforts organized for maximum efficiency and effectiveness. The hiring of town criers, the purchase of megaphones, the transportation of lab samples and vaccines, the mapping of villages to be sure not one child is missed—all of these needs are being met with the support of this challenge grant. We are already close to halfway to raising our first \$100 million; in the three years ahead, we must, and will, raise a full \$200 million. We ask every Rotary club to carry out at least one fundraising event for polio eradication in

each of these three years, and we especially ask newer Rotarians, and newer clubs, to be a strong part of this effort. We are so close to eradicating polio. We are so close to making this Rotary dream real. We should all be part of this incredible effort and this page in Rotary history.

*Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International*

EYEGASSES FOR VIETNAM

Rotary District 6110 Vision Quest made its presence known in Vietnam in February, 2009. Two members of the Bentonville/Bella Vista Daybreak Club, John Hughes and Ron Pfluger, along with their spouses and two other couples, traveled to Phu Tho Province just northwest of Hanoi, Vietnam. The four couples were on a mission trip for their church.

Upon hearing of the planned trip, (see pg. 5)

ANNUAL SCRYE “LOCK-IN” HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF SAND SPRINGS, OK

By PDG George Paden

You might benefit from knowing that for well over 15 years now, the South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE) organization has held its mid-winter conference in Tulsa, OK. Rotary exchange students, along with exchange officers and various other Rotary district leaders, travel to Tulsa from several states to attend this annual conference. I truly wonder if folks are actually aware of what happens each year in Tulsa concerning SCRYE and the various details of this event that involve enlisting volunteer home hosts in the Tulsa metro area for Friday night's student lodging, various Saturday activities until mid-afternoon that become the responsibilities of the home host families, the exchange students appear at the Saturday night banquet and, sort of like magic, present a 'sizzling experience' enjoyed thoroughly by all Rotarians and guests who attend that evening activity. And then the real fun begins...these 200+/- students are then transported by school busses from the headquarter hotel to Sand Springs, located on the west side of Tulsa county. They arrive at the 'lock-in' location shortly before 11 p.m. and in that setting they pull an 'all night event' that very few adults attending the SCRYE conference have the slightest awareness of. This drill has been happening well over 15

years and the hosting of that 'lock-in' for the Rotary Club of Sand Springs is a MAJOR happening!! Sunday morning these students are then transported back to the headquarters hotel all safe and sound and the event is labeled a huge success. Boy, if folks only knew the never-ending details of what hosting a night like this really involves!!

Rotarians Brian Smejkal and Debbie Thompson, two of our local members, take on the leadership of this activity and are there ALL night and are supported by at least four other local Rotarians per shift. They commit to serve 2 hour shifts that run from 10:30 p.m. Saturday until 8:30 a.m. Sunday. Once in a while there are adults connected to SCRYE that drop in for a time and the younger exchange alumni help 'sponsor' throughout the entire event. It is really a BIG responsibility and to make it an enjoyable evening requires more planning than one would ever realize. For example, one of the coordinators from our club told me a few days ago that at this year's event, students who attended went through 30 gallons of bottled water that evening in addition to lots of *Mountain Dew, Dr. Pepper, Coke,* and whatever else was there ... 30 gallons of water!! That is a lot of juice and that seems to be their real "drink of choice"!!! Water, of all things .. It's the real thing to most of these students. The point to all of this is that great events take great planning and do not just happen. I have a deeper appreciation toward some of my fellow club members after seeing them in action during this year's events, for it

was the first time I had attended in about 10 years.

The main reason that I am so aware of all this is that my late friend, PD Liggett Lancaster, first asked me for the use of one of our school gyms when he was SCRYE chairman, and he and his wife, Donna, took the SCRYE weekend event to a new level with home hosting Friday night and the 'lock-in' after the Saturday evening banquet. After his death, a fellow Sand Springs Rotarian who hosted several exchange students during a several year period, the late Don Belden, took on the lock-in almost single handedly for well over eight years, and when he developed cancer, the lock-in torch was then passed to our club and the event was moved to its present location. The beat goes on, getting bigger and better each year. I doubt that very many currently involved in SCRYE (even including Rotary International President Nominee Ray Klinginsmith, one of the original founders of SCRYE and a staunch supporter of Rotary Youth Exchange for many, many years) are aware of the history of this annual event.

Some plant an idea, others water it, and a few folks weed it, and in due time the harvest is here and it is enjoyed by those currently benefiting from it! (See SCRYE on page 3)





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Editor's Corner

The call of the RI President and our own District Governor to think about the Foundation this time of the year hit home at this household. My wife and I are both Paul Harris Fellows, have considered EFT for some time, and finally put the pen to paper and did it! We are retired and fixed incomes are rather iffy for some retirees and even working Rotarians in our present economy, but everyone can commit to helping to stamp out Polio. Let's do our best to help 6110 meet the goal. Gene

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SCRYE *continued*

That, my friends, reflects the true service spirit of Rotary District 6110, Tulsa metro area Rotary families, and the Rotary Club of Sand Springs (who for a long time have been a positive factor in Rotary Youth Exchange). Isn't it interesting how good things become better in Rotary and what good Rotarians do to make meaningful differences in quiet ways?



After the Saturday night banquet, 2 Rotarians and 6 Rotex (former Rotary Youth Exchange Students) found a photo opportunity with our RI President Nominee.

Back row: Paul Reagan, Rene Manjarrez, Zach Weyland, Harry Duff

Front row: Taylor Whitmore, Yume Ruzdzinski, Ray Klinginsmith, Simone Dunn and Jake Dahlem

Paul Reagan is a member of the Rotary Club of Fayetteville, AR

Rene Majarrez traveled from Ft. Smith to South Korea, 2007-08 exchange

Zach Weyland traveled from Tulsa to Chile, 2007-08 exchange

Harry Duff traveled from Tulsa to Czech Republic, 2007-08 exchange

Taylor Whitmore traveled from Fayetteville to Switzerland, 2007-08 exchange

Yume Ruidzinski is a member of the Rotary Club of Fayetteville, AR

Simone Dunn traveled from Springdale to Japan, 2007-08 exchange

Jake Dahlem traveled from Ft. Smith to France, 2007-08 exchange

What's Happening in District 6110 Rotary Clubs

EUREKA SPRINGS MARDI GRAS PARADE

ASSEMBLED BY ES ROTARIANS ROD AND PHYLLIS MCGURE, MARK MALLET AND JANE SCHWITZ-WEST, the entry WON THE 2ND MONEY IN THE ES MARDI GRAS PARADE! The float displays the Rotary Wheel, East Mountain Rotary Gazebo, originally built by Rotary over 16 years ago and now being refurbished along with the surrounding park area, and a banner for the Rotary sponsored 27th Annual Victorian Classic 10K/2Mile Fundraiser for ECHO free clinic being held March 14th. The float was pulled by Rotarian Ray Johnson and Billy Batson. Pasty Miller, Judy Montgomery, Connie Featherstone and David Teigen dressed for the occasion in Victorian Classic T-shirts and masks, tossed out 1,500 beads. Rotarian Alan Eply played "his silver horn" during the entire route.



ES Rotary Receives Thank You for East Mountain Lookout Project

"On behalf of the Eureka Springs Parks and Recreation Commission and staff, I want to extend our sincere gratitude for Rotary's very generous involvement with the East Mountain Lookout Project. The planning for long-term improvements to both the structure and the view of East Mountain are progressing very nicely, largely due to the supreme efforts of one of Rotary's own, Judy Montgomery. I simply can't say enough good things about Judy. Her organization and presentation throughout the planning phase of East Mountain has been nothing short of totally professional and absolutely exemplary of how to "get things done". The Parks Commission has been blessed to have many individuals and organizations step forward in the recent past to help us care for and enhance parks properties, and Rotary's efforts to help with the East Mountain stand tall among those various undertakings.

With limited funds and staff, the job of simply maintaining 1800+ acres is daunting, to say the least. Of course, the Parks Commission continuously wants to enhance current facilities to provide even more recreational experiences for both locals and visitors in Eureka. We can only do our best job and reach our numerous goals with the added support of organizations like

Rotary. Again, we are grateful you have chosen East Mountain as a pet project at Rotary and encourage you to encourage other groups and organizations to also lend a helping hand. Parks have countless opportunities to add to the outdoor enjoyment of the area we all love.

Bill Featherstone, Chairperson

Eureka Springs Parks and Recreation Commission



Connie Featherstone reads a letter from Bill Featherstone, Chairperson, Eureka Springs Parks and Recreation Commission to Judy Montgomery and ES Rotary

12TH ANNUAL AURORA ROTARY CHILI SUPPER GIVES TOWN THE PROVERBIAL "HOT" TIME!

The Aurora, MO Rotary Chili Supper was deemed a success when a profit topped the \$800 mark. Tucked neatly inside Lawrence County, the historic Rotary Club is one of the town's oldest service organizations. The club meets at noon on Tuesdays (see pg.6)



Rotarian Ron Pfluger presenting Daybreak Flag to Dr. Tu



Vision Testing



Reading with eyeglasses for the first time



A happy group, some with glasses and others knowing they'll receive theirs soon

VIETNAM *continued:* The Rotarians were made aware of 6110 Vision Quest by their club president, Harris McKee. Harris had seen the eye-glasses displayed at a District Conference. Rotarian Ron Pfluger and his wife, Sally, were put in contact with Rotarian Bob Hawk and former District Governor Ellis Potter to receive the glasses along with training in how the eye glass kits are used to produce glasses.

The project provides kits consisting of the tools, eye glass materials and training needed to allow someone in a developing country to make reading glasses for themselves and their neighbors. Each 26 pound boxed kit has enough material to make 314 pairs of reading glasses. After checking with the Vietnamese government official with whom the mission team works in Vietnam, it was decided that 6110 Vision Quest was indeed needed in many areas of the country. Consequently, the Bentonville/Bella Vista Daybreak club purchased two kits and the four couples received money for an additional two kits from members of their home congregation, Bella Vista Lutheran Church in Bella Vista, AR. Each couple agreed to provide an additional piece of luggage so all four kits could be taken to the country postage free.

The kits were delivered to Dr. Tu Ngu, Director of the National Institute of Nutrition in Hanoi. He arranged for two staff people to be trained to make the glasses. Several pairs were constructed during the training session. Then the group, accompanied by the NIN staff, traveled to two communes to see 6110 Vision Quest in action.

Using the health station and assisted by the health officials in each commune, eyes were tested and the needs of the people recorded. Glasses appropriate for those tested were handed out. The smiles on the faces of those who received glasses showed the appreciation of the people. One elderly man with tears running down his cheeks gave several members of the group a big "hug". The people who didn't receive glasses that day still carried big smiles on their faces because they knew the glasses would be coming soon. The delivery of the ability to once again read the paper, sew and do close work with the aid of reading glasses was a "mountain top" experience for the group from Bella Vista.

But...there is more, and here is the rest of the story. Dr. Tu had visited members of the Bella Vista group in Arkansas two years ago. While in the area, he observed a number of projects where work was being done by retirees. The doctor noticed that this volunteer work gave immeasurable purpose, meaning, and fulfillment to the lives of the volunteers. He concluded that retired people were useful and needed in America. That kind of thinking doesn't exist in Vietnam. So, recalling his America experience, Dr. Tu called some of his retired friends and invited them to come to his office in Hanoi and make eyeglasses for those commune members who needed reading glasses but couldn't afford them. Every person he called immediately accepted his offer and the opportunity to do something useful for others on a volunteer basis.

Even though Rotary is not officially in Vietnam, the spirit of Rotary is there!

AURORA CLUB continued

at St. John's Aurora Hospital's community room. The chili supper is a popular tradition where the community comes out to support the club and its Houn' Dawg pride. In the past, suppers have been linked to football games in the fall. The past two years have found the club showing off the town's new high school and shifting the spotlight to basketball games too—where Houn' Dawgs have also enjoyed some success.

Proceeds have been earmarked for the Tom Ward Memorial Scholarship Fund and other community betterment efforts. Last year's profits were donated to the new Veterans Memorial in the town's Maple Park Cemetery.

Jake McCully and his father, David, collected over 20 non-perishable food items for two food baskets for needy families in the area. Jake attended RYLA in 2007 and received one of the Tom Ward Memorial Scholarships in 2008. He wanted to work at the chili supper and help collect food items as a way of saying "thank you" to the club for its past support of his efforts.

Rotarians Rick Batson and Don Buchanan prepare the traditional peanut butter sandwiches!



A handful of Rotarians celebrated the success of the 12th Annual Aurora Rotary Chili Supper with a round of laughter!



Pryor, OK Rotary Club Celebrates Harold Hirzel's 50 Years of Perfect Attendance

On January 30, 2009, the Pryor Rotary Club celebrated, along with members of Harold Hirzel's family, his 50 years of membership and perfect attendance in the club. Harold joined the club on January 30, 1959. Before Harold's retirement, he had a construction business building fine homes and commercial buildings. He has shown his love of Rotary by his attendance, participation in club projects, work on committees, and becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. Harold is an excellent example of the 4-Way Test in action!

Plaques and proclamations celebrating this event were presented by Representative Ben Sherrer, District 6110 Governor Ron Petersen, Mayor Jimmy Tramel, and club Rotarians. Fellow club members presented Harold with a specially designed bolo tie which incorporates turquoise and the Rotary wheel in gold plate. Future Harold Hirzel Fellowship recipients will receive a similar bolo tie to commemorate their gift of \$500 or more to the Pryor Rotary Club Foundation.



Governor Ron Petersen presenting 50 year Perfect Attendance certificate to Harold Hirzel



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District Objectives

- Launch Interactive District Website.
- 100% of clubs receiving a Presidential Citation with concentration on health, hunger, water and literacy in order to reduce child mortality at home and internationally.
- Increase membership 10% net as suggested by President D. K. Lee.
- Seek our Alumni as a resource for new members.
- Meet D.K. Lee's goal to start at least two new Rotary clubs.
- Achieve greater public awareness of Rotary through the use of Public Relations "Humanity in Motion" tools.
- Keep the Bill and Melinda Gates \$100 Million Challenge uppermost in our minds-we need to be creative!
- Achieve an Annual Programs Fund Foundation goal averaging \$100 per Rotarian and continue to make Electronic Funds Transfer a tool for ongoing Foundation giving.
- Increase Major Donors.
- Exceed attendance record for District Conference.
- More clubs supporting RYLA.
- Increase the number of clubs to host Youth Exchange and recruiting outbound students.
- Make our Group Study Exchange with District 2620 in Japan a success.
- Every club involved in the meaningful Dictionary Project.
- Continue to promote and support MSNI and Vision Quest.
- Embrace Peace and Conflict Studies.
- Support Ambassadorial and Kirchner Scholarship efforts with applicants.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

MARCH -

- 14 Significant Achievement Award nominations due in RI
- 15 Membership Attendance Reports due to District Administrator
- 15 DG Membership Report due to RI
- 20-21 Multi-District PETS, Ft. Smith, AR
- 26-29 RYLA Camp, Heart of the Hills Campground, Tahlequah, OK
- 27 Youth Exchange Rebound Orientation Weekend to prepare current Inbound students for return to home countries



APRIL - Magazine Month

- 1 Prorated Dues to RI for any Rotarians added since January 1st
- 1 Clubs owing \$250 or more to RI since July 2008 will be terminated
- 1 Presidential Citation Forms due to District Administrator
- 15 Membership Attendance Reports due to District Administrator
- 15 Presidential Citation Certification (signed by District Governor) due in RI

January		Membership	Net	Membership	Goals	7/1/08 - 12/31/08	Goal%	
Club Name	Plan	Dec. 31, 2008	Gain/Loss	Jan. 31, 2009	% Attendance	YTD Giving	Achieved	
Alma	A	32	0	32	84	500 00		
Aurora	A	26	-3	23	48	2600 00		
Bartlesville	A	163	-6	157	68	17500 00	2,250 00	13%
Bartlesville Daybreak	B	85	0	85	53	8000 00	4,842 50	61%
Bella Vista Sunrise	C	25	-3	22	86	2000 00	465 00	23%
Bentonville	A	96	0	96	41	10500 00	2,900 00	28%
Bentonville/BV Daybreak	B	45	0	45	73	4600 00	4,535 00	99%
Berryville	A	32	0	32	63	1600 00	280 00	18%
Bixby	A	99	-5	94	73	12500 00	5,128 00	41%
Booneville	A	31	2	33	83	2500 00		
Bristow	A	28	0	28	51	1500 00	300 00	20%
Broken Arrow	A	77	-3	74	68	7600 00	5,415 00	71%
Bull Shoals-Lakeview	A	44	0	44	68	2700 00	1,600 00	59%
Carthage	C	106		106		4750 00	8,150 00	172%
Cassville	A	54	2	56	59	2650 00	300 00	11%
Chanute	A	30	0	30	53	3100 00	100 00	3%
Claremore	A	78	-3	75	68	7700 00	7,400 00	96%
Claremore Reveille	B	34	0	34	63	3700 00	3,093 00	84%
Coffeyville	A	58	-1	57	42	4725 00	125 00	3%
Drumright	A	14	0	14	86	200 00		
Eureka Springs	B	64	2	66	79	6500 00	4,868 00	75%
Fayetteville	A	215	-2	213	67	25300 00	8,854 85	35%
Fort Scott	A	56	2	58	39		190 00	
Fort Smith	A	128	0	128	60	14000 00	561 00	4%
Fort Smith Southside	A	30	0	30	72	3000 00	2,325 00	78%
Fredonia	A	29	0	29	65	640 00	500 00	78%
Frontenac	A	31	-2	29	70	1650 00		
Greenwood	A	32	-1	31	56	950 00		
Grove	A	99	-1	98	60	10200 00	5,715 00	56%
Harrison	A	91	1	92	73		2,500 00	
Henryetta	A	17	1	18	9	225 00		
Holiday Island	A	16	-1	15	60			
Humboldt	A	18	0	18	70	360 00		
Independence	A	60	1	61	33	6600 00	991 69	15%
Iola	A	55		55		6400 00	3,844 00	60%
Joplin	A	118	-4	114	57	12600 00	5,635 50	45%
Joplin Daybreak	B	64	1	65	58	2450 00	710 00	29%
Lamar	A	52	1	53	70	2500 00	1,500 00	60%
McAlester	A	74	1	75	46	8300 00	6,410 00	77%
Miami	A	70	-1	69	69	7700 00	1,650 00	31%
Mid-Marion County	A	33	0	33	71	3000 00	1,100 00	37%
Mountain Home	A	98	2	100	62	5300 00	1,650 00	21%
Mt. Vernon	A	28		28		2800 00	(825 00)	-29%
Muskogee	A	107	-5	102	46	7200 00		
Neodesha	A	17	-1	16	63	2850 00		
Neosho	A	63	-1	62	73	300 00	325 00	108%
Nevada	A	87	0	87	47	57850 00		
North Tulsa	A	19	0	19	90	1900 00	250 00	13%
Northside Fayetteville	A	92	1	93	52	10600 00	2,557 00	24%
Nowata	B	12	-1	11	52	1400 00	75 00	5%
Okmulgee	A	28	0	28	47	2800 00	830 00	30%
Oswego	A	11	0	11	75	1000 00	800 00	80%
Owasso	A	28	0	28	68	3200 00	140 00	4%
Ozark	A	30	2	32	59	1500 00	1,825 00	122%
Paris	A	31	-1	30	59	150 00		
Parsons	A	40	1	41	66	3075 00	605 00	20%
Pittsburg	A	86	0	86	64	8200 00	1,185 00	14%
Pittsburg Sunrise	B	47	1	48	84	4600 00	4,825 00	105%
Poteau	A	38	0	38	64		268 38	
Pryor	A	45	0	45	83		1,321 36	
River Valley		25	-3	22	54	2000 00	126 50	6%
Rogers	A	132	-3	129	62	13200 00	3,119 50	24%
Rogers Early Risers	B	45	0	45	62	5000 00	495 00	10%
Sand Springs	A	125	-3	122	65	10000 00	1,125 00	11%
Sapulpa	A	61	1	62	51	6300 00		
Siloam Springs	A	53	0	53	62	3300 00	2,990 00	91%
Skiatook	A	14	0	14	77	2000 00		
Southeast Tulsa	A	60	0	60	80	5700 00	3,995 00	70%
Southside Tulsa	A	59	1	60	78	6100 00	5,810 06	95%
Springdale	A	224	1	225	59	70000 00	33,644 36	48%
Tahlequah-Cherokee Co	A	38	-2	36	52	2000 00	975 67	49%
Tulsa	A	494	-8	486	62	24500 00	10,645 00	142%
Tulsa Midtown	A	27	-2	25	84	2700 00	1,115 00	41%
Tulsa Sunrise	B	76	0	76	71	7500 00	15,615 06	64%
Van Buren	A	44	1	45	54	1000 00	3,140 00	314%
Vinita	A	54		54		5300 00	4,007 00	76%
Wagoner	A	33	-1	32	68	3200 00	400 00	13%
Webb City-Carl Junction	A	52	0	52	64			
Will Rogers (Tulsa)	A	60	-1	59	54	5500 00	850 00	15%
District 6110								
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