Greetings Heart of America Rotary Leaders,

In just a few days almost 400 Rotary leaders from the 26 districts in 13 states in the Heart of America will gather at the Rotary Red Stick Rendezvous in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We will share fellowship, fun, motivational speakers including RI President Ravi Ravindran and Rotary International President-elect John Germ.

If you are not among those gathering in Baton Rouge, we will miss you and you will miss out on a wonderful Rotary experience. Next month we will share photos and stories about the events.

September is Literacy Month on the Rotary Calendar. We know that many clubs are involved in the Dictionary Project, the Imagination Library, reading and tutoring in local schools and supporting public libraries to name just a few. See page 12 for more.

And, check out some of the articles in this issue:

Just in — RI President K.R. Ravindran (Ravi) encourages support for Nepal Relief (p 13)

Visioning sessions are leading us to a focused view of what we want our clubs and districts to look like. District 6510 has started on this journey. (p 6)

RI President Ravi is urging us to join him on October 23, for the third annual World Polio Day event — streaming live from New York City. Other opportunities for that day are also included in the article. (p 9)

President Ravi is also seeking panelists for the Seoul Convention. Your club or district may be in a position to show your successes to the Rotary World. (p 7)

More information about Rotary resources and opportunities fill the pages.

I look forward to seeing many of you next week at the Red Stick Rendezvous. Laissez les bons temps rouler.

Let the good times roll!

Karen Wentz, RI Director 2015-17

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## Coming Attractions

**ROTARY INSTITUTE**  
**September 24-27, 2015**  
**ZONES 30 & 31**  
**Baton Rouge, LA**  
**Crowne Plaza Hotel**  
**September 22-24**  
**Governors-elect, Governors-nominee and Spouses/Partners Seminars**  
**September 23-24**  
**District Governors and Spouses/Partners Seminar**  
**September 25**  
**Emerging Rotary Leaders Seminar**  
**October 24**  
**World Polio Day**

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Centennial Club Celebrations in 2015-16

Fifteen Rotary clubs in the Heart of America will celebrate Centennials this year. One hundred years of service and dedication to the ideals of Rotary is a significant landmark. Your director will attend as many of the celebrations as possible. I attended the Rotary Club of Knoxville event and will be attending the Lexington and Ft. Wayne events in the next two weeks. Let’s all toast these clubs and their achievements and service.

Rotary Club of Knoxville Centennial Celebration

The Rotary Club of Knoxville, Tennessee held a three-day celebration of their history and achievements. Club founder David Chapman and many of its club members were instrumental in the creation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park so the first event was a picnic in the Smokies. Participants wore 1915 attire and some rode in antique automobiles. The second event was a cocktail party and the dedication of a bust of David Chapman to the East Tennessee Historical Society. The third event was a gala at the Knoxville Museum of Art. The Rotary Club of Knoxville funded a Peace Garden and commissioned a sculpture of a Peace Dove by noted sculptor Richard Jolley. Your director attended two of these events and made a toast to the club’s achievements on behalf of RI President Ravi Ravindran and Rotary International.

Photo: RI Director Karen Wentz and Rotary Club of Knoxville President Sandy Martin with the Peace Dove by sculptor Richard Jolley.
Rotary Marketplace

Community Marketplace — Find it on the Rotary website at: https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/manage/tools/community-marketplace All sites listed below are accessible through this site.

Rotarians and Rotaractors are developing innovative resources that help clubs and districts operate more efficiently and connect with each other. So how do you get the word out about your creation? Post it in our Community Marketplace and share it with the Rotary world! The marketplace features solutions made for Rotarians by Rotarians.

You can submit your community resource to have it posted here. Your submission must be Rotary-related and include a brief description. Contact us to make a submission.

Connect with other Rotary members in the community marketplace discussion group.

In the coming months, look for enhancements that will allow you to rate tools and provide comments.

Matchinggrants.org

The goal of matchinggrants.org is to facilitate communications between Rotarians looking for projects to finance, and Rotarians looking to finance their local projects. Submitting a project on this site will not submit it to The Rotary Foundation. Once they've agreed to undertake a project, partners must submit a grant application to The Rotary Foundation. Go to site

Take Rotary With You

This smartphone and tablet app enables you to stay connected with Rotary wherever you go. Read the latest Rotary news, keep in touch with Rotary’s social networks on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and watch videos. The app also provides direct access to popular documents, Rotary Showcase, Rotary Club Central, the Rotary Shop, and End Polio Now.

3 Clicks to Peace

A 3-step guide to how to pursue peace in personal life and expand to communities and cultures around the globe. The website describes teachings and principles of peace, the path to peace as well as ideas for what you can do to achieve peace at home, and help promote peace in the world. Go to site

SendTree.com

SendTree is a text messaging service that makes it easy for Rotary members to reach members or prospective members on their mobile phones. Because texting has a high read rate, especially among young, digitally-oriented people, it’s an effective way to communicate. Use SendTree to instantly send news, meeting reminders, and event updates. Try it free today. Go to site
Rotarians fight hunger through month-long efforts

The Rotary clubs in District 6080 of Missouri recently battled each other in a month-long effort to fight hunger. Clubs in the northern part of the district competed against those in the south to see which region could do the most to reduce hunger and malnutrition.

District 6080 comprises 49 Rotary Clubs between St. Louis and Kansas City and south to the Arkansas state line. Altogether, the clubs collected 10,644 pounds of food, donated $18,553 and volunteered 1,463 hours for food pantries and similar organizations.

“The northern part of the district won the ‘food fight,’ but the clear winners were the people we helped; the people who won’t have to go to bed hungry due to our efforts,” District Governor Steve Dulle of Columbia said.

The highest food total was turned in by the Jefferson City Breakfast Rotary Club, which collected 2,515 pounds of non-perishable items outside a supermarket during Saturdays in July. The club also donated $996 and volunteered 56 hours.

The Rotary Club of Columbia (Downtown) contributed the most labor, volunteering 258 hours at the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri. Jefferson City Breakfast collected the most food, 2,515 pounds. Columbia South, Fulton and Jefferson City Evening Rotary Clubs collected the most money, each giving more than $2,000 in addition to their food donations and volunteer hours.

“Instead of a traditional, formal installation for the district governor, we encouraged clubs to join in a work day June 28 at the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri,” Joe Weston, chair of the organizing committee, said. “Approximately 150 Rotarians and guests repackaged nearly 5,000 pounds of Rice Krispies for local food pantries.”

All clubs in District 6080 were then challenged to do something to combat hunger during the month of July. “Missouri ranks second from the bottom of all states for food insecurity,” Carla McDaniel, District 6080 Community Service chair, said. “That’s why we chose this as our first community service project of the new Rotary year.”

She added, “Rotary has six areas of focus, including saving mothers and children. At least seven million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care and inadequate sanitation. We want to do our part to prevent this from happening.”

Here’s a tally of what Rotary clubs in Columbia and Fulton donated to the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri: Columbia Downtown—258 hours, Columbia Metro—27 hours, Columbia Northwest—70 pounds of food, $250 and 53 hours, Columbia Rotaract—18 pounds of food, $200 and 28 hours, Columbia South—$2,310 and 106 hours, Columbia Sunrise Southwest—21 hours Fulton—100 pounds of food, $2,170 and six hours donated to SERVE’s food pantry, the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri and the Tower Garden Project.
Reminder:

You Smile, Amazon Gives to The Rotary Foundation

Frequent or even occasional Amazon shoppers: do you know about Amazon Smile? If you enter the Amazon sight through this special portal you can designate a charity of your choice to receive a percentage of your purchase dollars.

Go to www.Smile.Amazon.com, log in with your regular Amazon user name and password, select “supporting”, continue following directions, and then select a charity from the dropdown list – the list includes The Rotary Foundation – then shop. Note: you can download an app that will take you there automatically when you shop Amazon. Or, remember to enter the Amazon through the Smile portal every time you shop.

TRF 4-Star Foundation

The Rotary Foundation earns eighth straight 4-star rating

The Rotary Foundation earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States.

This year’s top distinction is the Foundation’s eighth in a row, which places the Foundation in the top 2 percent of U.S.-based charities. In a letter to the Foundation, Charity Navigator President and CEO Michael Thatcher wrote, “Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that your organization adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way.

“This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator differentiates The Rotary Foundation from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust,” Thatcher said.

Rotary News

Vision It/Make It Happen

At the invitation of Governor Roger Sims, District 6510 Visioning Chair, Greg Yank and Tom Ripperda co-facilitated the training of the District 6540 Club visioning team in Plymouth, IN. The newly-trained team already has two requests from clubs to come and do a club visioning event.

Districts interested in scheduling a team club visioning training should contact Greg Yank, Project Lead Zones 30-31 Regional Membership Plan 2015-16 at greg@gregyank.com or 618-567-7511.
Call for Proposals for Breakout Sessions at Seoul Convention

Rotary’s Learning and Development team is currently soliciting proposals for 2016 Seoul Convention breakout session. Any Rotarian, Rotaractor, or approved Rotary organization (such as a Rotarian Action Group) may propose a breakout session.

Each breakout session should relate to at least one of the following themes.

**Partnering for success:** topics such as working with corporate and community partners, other clubs or districts, or club-sponsored organizations

**Developing leaders:** share tips and teach skills for leadership growth in Rotary, in our communities, and in business

**Strengthening membership:** ideas for developing innovative clubs, fostering diversity, and improving member recruitment or retention

**Promoting Rotary:** exploring ways to enhance our public image and increase awareness in our communities

**Service and projects:** sharing project success stories, global grant best practices, and ways to create significant projects and increase sustainability

If you would like to make a proposal, please complete the electronic proposal form at [rotary.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_42TvbcAY0OuIgEB](http://rotary.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_42TvbcAY0OuIgEB) by 15 October. You can also download a hard copy of the form for reference at this site. If you have any questions, send them to convention.breakouts@rotary.org.

The number of spaces available for breakout sessions is limited. Proposals will be evaluated by members of the convention committee, and RI President K.R. Ravindran will confirm the final program. Notifications of acceptance will be sent in November.

Breakout session leaders and speakers must register for the convention and pay the appropriate fees.

May 28, 2016 — June 1, 2016

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How you can help on World Polio Day
Nigeria and the continent of Africa have gone a year without a polio case caused by wild poliovirus. But as significant as these accomplishments are, we have not yet reached our goal of a polio-free world. To mark World Polio Day, Rotary will host a streamed global status update on 23 October, sharing information about these recent milestones and focusing on the work that remains to be done.

Learn how you can participate
An extensive list of ideas, including how to create your own World Polio Day event.

Add the streamed event to your calendar
23 October — the third annual World Polio Day event — streaming live from New York City, so tune in at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time to watch a global status update on the fight to end polio and take part in the conversation. Guests will include Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, celebrity ambassadors, polio survivors, and others.

Download the World Polio Day tool kit
• Share your voice
  Get the facts about polio and spread the word via your social networks, throughout your local community, with the press, and to your government.

• Club meetings
  Invite policy makers (members of parliament, ministers, members of Congress, development agency representatives) to a local Rotary club meeting to discuss the progress against polio and how they can make history by supporting the fight to end polio.

• Share your story
  Each person has his or her own personal reason for supporting the fight to end polio. Your story can help convince others to get involved. Share your story with Rotary for a chance to be featured on this website.

RI Board and TRF Trustee Decisions

June, 2015 TRF Trustees action highlights on line now
July, 2015 Board Decisions on line now
BE INFORMED ABOUT OUR RI BOARD AND TRF TRUSTEE DECISIONS
Summary and minutes of recent Rotary International Board Decisions
Summary and minutes of recent Rotary Foundation Trustee Decisions
Jim Graham has a long and prestigious list of achievements and awards.

New to the list is the Zone 30 THE ROTARY GLOBAL ALUMNI SERVICE TO HUMANITY AWARD. The world winner will be selected from the 16 zone winners and will be announced at the RI Convention in Seoul, Korea.

Rotary has served as the vehicle for many of Jim’s humanitarian achievements. In addition to Rotary, over twenty civic, business and non-profit organizations have claimed him as a working member.

Previous awards include:
- Sagamore of the Wabash Awarded by Gov. O’Bannon, 2002
- Distinguished Citizen Award, City of Indianapolis, Bart Peterson 2001
  - John Morton Finney Award for Public Service by a former military officer, Awarded by Indianapolis Veterans Day Council Nov. 11, 2001
  - Mission Commander Award /Community Service in Education Brownsburg School System 1995
  - Herschel A. Gentry, Sr. Award for outstanding commitment and loyalty to the Hendricks County Republican Party 2003
  - Inducted into Purdue University ROTC Hall of Fame 2004
  - Boy Scouts of American Silver Beaver Award 2011
  - Recognition Award for Humanitarian Mission to Mexico City Rotary (Wheelchairs distributed 2006)
  - Rotary International “Service Above Self Award “ 2010
  - Rotary Zone 30 award for #1 in per/capita Giving during Governor’s year
  - Rotary Zone 30 award for # 1 in percentage of Membership Increase during Governor’s year

Jim and his wife, Roberta, have given many “gifts to the world” through Rotary and other organizations.

Congratulations Jim!
Rotary World Peace Conference

January 15-16 2016 — Ontario California

The 2016 Rotary World Peace Conference will be an incredible opportunity to exchange ideas and solutions with leaders and experts in conflict prevention and resolution.

“The mission of the Rotary World Peace Conference 2016 is to bring together experts with solutions to major issues that are occurring in our personal lives, homes, schools, businesses and communities, not just in Southern California, but around the world. We are inviting leaders from health care, academia, government, public safety, religions, business, and communities to meet together to share the solutions presented by experts. The format will allow for action plans to be developed such that real and measureable actions can be undertaken when attendees return home.”

— Rudy Westervelt - Conference Convener

Find more at www.peaceconference2016.org

International Assembly and More

Just in case you weren’t on the mailing list —

Dear PDG,

There are 3 exciting opportunities coming up in January around the International Assembly in San Diego. You may be interested in participating in one, two, or all three events.

1. PDGs can register as “Observers” to the International Assembly. This gives you access to all the plenary sessions. The dates are January 18 to 22, 2016. The cost is $65. RI has a new online registration system for observers. This event is held at the Manchester Hyatt in San Diego.

2. The Past Officers Reunion (POR) is an event for PDGs held in conjunction with the International Assembly. This is great to get the latest Rotary information, and have private access to the senior Rotary leaders. The dates are January 16 to 18, 2016. The cost is $225 which includes a Banquet Dinner with RI President-Elect John Germ. Click here for more information, and to register. This event is held at the Manchester Hyatt in San Diego.

3. A Peace Presidential Conference will take place on January 15 to 16, 2016 in Ontario, California (a 2-hour drive from San Diego). The registration cost is $245 (prior to Sep 30). Click here for more information, and to register.

If you want to do both the Presidential Conference and the POR there is an overlap of the Saturday Dinner. These dinners are optional at both event registrations, so you can pick one or the other. We will soon have a link to book a room at the Manchester Hyatt at the RI rate. The link will be posted on the POR website, and we will make an email announcement to everybody who is registered.

We hope to see you there. Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about these events.

Cheers

Philippe Lamoise, Chair, Past Officers Reunion Philippe@Lamoise.net
September Is...

Rotary Basic Education and Literacy Month

Worldwide, 67 million children have no access to education, and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our members support educational projects that provide technology, teacher training, vocational training teams, student meal programs, and low-cost textbooks to communities. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. (*from the Rotary website*)

Districts throughout Zones 30-31 are supporting numerous literacy projects (many with TRF funding) including:

- Initiating a basic adult literacy program in a rural community
- Providing school-supply backpacks, computers, books and dictionaries
- Stocking a clothing closet or food pantry in a low-income school
- Financially supporting the Imagination Library
- Sponsoring Interact or other school centered clubs
- Tutoring or reading to children in school
- Speech contests and essay contests
- And much more . . .

October Is...

Rotary Economic and Community Development Month

Inform others of successful Rotary projects in the arena of Economic and Community Development.

Send information about projects in your district(s) for publication in *The Heartbeat* to Jane Molloy jabmolloy@bellsouth.net
From RI President KR (Ravi) Ravindran:

In April of this year a severe earthquake in Nepal caused immense damage with the loss of over 8,000 lives. Over 500,000 homes were completely destroyed and several hundred thousand damaged. Rotarians, along with other agencies have come forward to provide the immediate relief and response to the disaster.

The Rotarians in Nepal have developed a comprehensive rehabilitation and reconstruction program to build 1,000 low-cost homes and equip/furnish 140 schools. The cost of this rebuilding is estimated at between US$7-8m.

As has been the case in other disasters, local Rotarians dealing Rotarian to Rotarian and Club to Club have assisted with immediate and long-range rebuilding plans. The leadership of the local district and local clubs has been essential. Local Rotarians, Clubs and District 3292 are working with Rotarians in India under the guidance of PRID Yash Pal Das and Past Presidents, Kalyan Banerjee and Raja Saboo, through funds such as the Rotary South Asian Development and Cooperative Account, as well as the TRF NERI Donor Advised Fund and finally through TRF Global Grant process. PRID Bob Stuart is heading efforts from a global stand point.

A six-minute video has been produced by Rotarians in support of the relief effort which will available soon. You may establish contact with the District Governor, Keshav Kunwar at dgkeshav1516@rotary3292.org and examine the opportunities for service found on the Disaster Network of Assistance-Rotary Action Group (DNA-Rag) at www.dna-rag.com.

This is a great opportunity to be a Gift to the World.

Important Dates

PETS Training Events for Heart of America Districts — 2016

- February 24-28 — Lone Star PETS, Dallas, TX (D5830)
- March 4-6 — Midwest PETS, Itasca, IL (D6460)
- March 4-6 — Ole Man River PETS, Natchez, MS (D6190, D6200, D6800, D6820, D6840)
- March 10-12 — Great Lakes PETS, Kalamazoo, MI (D6540)
- March 10-12 — Mid-America PETS, Fort Smith, AR (D6110, D6150, D6170)
- March 11-13 — All Ohio PETS, Columbus, OH (D6670, D6690)
- March 12 — District 6560 PETS, Indianapolis, IN
- March 12-13 — Land of Lincoln PETS, Effingham, IL (D6490, D6510, D6580)
- March 18-20 — Mid-South PETS, Nashville, TN (D6740, D6710, D6760, D6780, D6860, D6880)
- April 1-2 — Show Me PETS, Jefferson City, MO (D6040, D6060, D6080)
More Important Dates

DISTRICT CONFERENCES 2015

October 2-4 — District 6110 Conference, Fayetteville, AR (Governor Larry Long)
October 3-4 — District 6060 District Conference, Jackson, MO (Governor Brigitte Bollerslev)
October 15-18 — District 6190 Conference, West Monroe, LA (Governor Jerry Wall)
October 16-17 — District 6040 District Conference, Kirksville, MO (Governor Ralph P. Cupelli)
October 16-17 — District 6460 Conference, Macomb, IL (Governor Steve Hopper)
October 16-17 — District 6510 Conference, Fairview Heights, IL (Governor Tom Guebert)
October 23-24 — District 6690 Conference, Lancaster, OH (Governor Tara Craaybeek)
October 24 — District 6080 Conference, Lake Ozark, MO (Governor Steve Dulle)

DISTRICT CONFERENCES 2016

March 30-April 2 — District 6200 Conference, Lake Charles, LA (Governor Michael Hayes)
April 1-2 — District 6800 Conference, Oxford, MS (Governor Cary Vaughn)
April 7-10 — District 6840 Conference, Gulfport, MS (Governor John Cornwell)
April 8-9 — District 6540 Conference, Merrillville, IN (Governor Roger Sims)
April 8-9 — District 6580 Conference, Bloomington, IN (Governor Jim Bright)
April 21-23 — District 6820 Conference, Ridgeland, MS (Governor Barbara Travis)
April 21-23 — District 6880 Conference, Orange Beach, AL (Governor Michael Chambers)
April 22-23 — District 6560 Conference, Carmel, IN (Governor Mark Blade)
April 28-29 — District 6780 Conference, Pigeon Forge, TN (Governor Beth Stubbs)
April 28-May 1 — District 6670 District Conference, Northern Cincinnati, OH (Governor William Shula)
April 29-30 — District 6490 Conference, Normal, IL (Governor Surinder Sethi)
May 5-7 — District 6860 Conference, Huntsville, AL (Governor Pat Cross)
May 12-14 — Districts 6150 and 6170 Conference, Hot Springs AR (Governor Paul Ford and Governor Charles DeVore)
May 13-14 — District 6740 Conference, Prestonsburg, KY (Governor Cindy Legg)
May 20-21 — District 5830 Conference, location TBD (Governor Tom DeWitt)
June 10-11 — District 6710 Conference, Louisville, KY (Governor Michael Kull)
June 17-18 — District 6760 Conference, Franklin, TN (Governor William Jones)
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