



Rotary District 6690 “Service Above Self”

Monthly Newsletter – December 2010

In my travels to all fifty-nine clubs over the past five months I have shared many stories of successes, heartaches, and seen many caring people. I believe it to be rather appropriate that Rotary identifies December as Family Month. What an ideal time to celebrate, to be grateful and to appreciate those people who we work alongside, participate in community projects, or just lending a hand to make a difference in people’s lives. My vision of family is of course my immediate family, and yet that bond and connection extends beyond those traditional boundaries.

As Rotarians we are blessed to have the fellowship, camaraderie and our own unique rotary family to make a difference in so many people’s lives, Whether it’s in Ironton, Zanesville or Honduras. I have shared how 3,800 Rotarians in District 6690 work collectively, individually and in unison to make a difference. Oh yes, we have coined a phrase to help identify and illustrate this spirit of our service organization, “Service Above Self”. My theme this year focuses on four corner stones, that is; Spirit of Service, Individual Clubs, Every Rotarian Every Year, and One Person Can Make a Difference. These clubs from Tri-Village to Sunbury-Galena to Marietta Sunrise participate and contribute to families every year in their communities.

In my presentations this past fall, I shared many stories about Club’s, Rotarians, and Community projects that have made a difference in people’s lives and would like to share one more story about Rotary and its impact on a family. I shared with you about a very special lady named Caribeth Legats of Zanesville. Caribeth embarked on a journey of vision, passion, commitment and a heartfelt desire to make a difference. Carrie Beth and her club and

community built a very special handicapped accessible baseball field for the children of Zanesville and Muskingum County. Oh what a story, what a family of Rotarians can do, and what a difference a community together can build!

After the completion of this state of the art baseball field and stadium, a parent sent to Caribeth a letter expressing her appreciation. It read as follows:

Dear Mrs. Legats and other dedicated Miracle League Organizers;

The first Miracle League season has come to an end (2005). How pleased you must be with its success! With hard work and commitment on the parts of so many people, Zanesville has a wonderful facility which reaches out to the community and those families of children with special needs. In a first class manner, it provides these very special children with opportunities to participate and succeed!

No stone was left unturned, from the ball field, to the concession stand, the flag poles, the announcers, the dugouts, the bleachers, the colorful umbrellas as well as other details, sending the messages that we value these children.

Our daughter participated and absolutely loved it. Her team shirt and hat are very special to her. The Saturday evening that she received her medal and team picture will never be forgotten by her or us. The following morning, everyone in our church saw the medal around her neck and took time to look at her team picture. It now sits proudly on our piano.

We are so grateful that she was given this opportunity for growth. It provided more than we could have hoped for.

Sincerely,

Drew and Barbara Hansen

So to my Rotary family, I am most grateful for your heartfelt compassion, caring, and committed determination to make a difference in people's lives. The world is a better place because of you, your club and all 3,800 Rotarians in District 6690.

Happy Holidays to All –

DG Calvin T. Gebhart

I have enclosed additional commentary on Family of Rotary:

1. Our Chairperson for Family of Rotary for the District is Vickie Bland of Bridgeport.

FAMILY OF ROTARY
The RI Board has issued the following statement on Family:

The family is struggling with a host of complex social and economic problems that are attacking its structure. In many parts of the world, the breakdown of traditional structure is threatening the fabric of community life. Rotary's commitment to Community Service makes it imperative for Rotarians to actively address the crisis in the family today. RI encourages Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and districts worldwide to:

Bring their power to bear through existing programs on the most formidable problems facing families today including, but not limited to domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, gang activities, child-care needs and unemployment. Instill the importance of universal human values in the homes, schools and communities of the world.

Continue current projects and undertake new ones that strengthen the family structure and make it a secure anchor for the larger community. Demonstrate their commitment to families and communities through projects, activities, and events in celebration of "Family Month" each year.

DECEMBER IS FAMILY MONTH
(HOW PERFECT IS THAT)

Involve your own family in club activities including Breakfast w/Santa, Santa Train projects, toy and gift collection, and holiday food drives.

Volunteer at a homeless shelter; organize a Father/Daughter, Mother/Son breakfast or dinner.

Collect toys/books for a day care center or Women's shelter. Raise awareness of child abuse prevention in your community. Assist the elderly in nursing homes with a simple craft project that they can use for gifts.

Recognize a "special" family in your community for their history of volunteerism in family related projects.

Visit a sick Rotarian and ensure that their daily household needs are met.

Maintain relationships with the family of deceased Rotarians, support them in their time of need and encourage them to remain involved and connected with your club.

REMEMBER: SERVICE ABOVE SELF – LEND A HAND – BUILD COMMUNITIES

2. Our Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar comments on Family of Rotary.



December is Family Month. To many Rotarians, the family of Rotary means spouses, brothers, sisters, parents, and children. Their work for Rotary is very much appreciated. However, to me, as long as we do not have a Rotary family membership, relatives are not the family of Rotary – the family of Rotary consists of all Rotary International districts, clubs, Rotarians, programs, and The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation is a huge part of the family of Rotary. All of the money raised, whether through Rotary International or The Rotary Foundation, is channelled through The Rotary Foundation. There are large sums of money

coming every year to the Annual Programs Fund, the Permanent Fund, the Rotary Peace Centers Major Gifts Initiative and, right now, Rotary's USD200 Million Challenge.

Even though the money-raising efforts for these four funds are separate, they are all linked together. Annual giving is the core of our business. The Permanent Fund was geared toward those Rotarians who can afford to give large sums and as a support to the Annual Programs Fund. The Rotary Peace Centers Major Gifts Initiative was also launched to approach those Rotarians who can afford to give more than average. Thus it is apparent how these three fundraising events depend on one another. In addition we have Rotary's USD200 Million Challenge, which affects the annual giving, thus also the two other fundraising programs.

It is important that when we give money, we must donate to all of the above initiatives. By remembering this, we can continue *Building Communities — Bridging Continents* through Service Above Self.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
Foundation Trustee Chair

The following is an FYI:

1. ADG Bill McCoach and Shauna Stump will be coordinating my District Awards program. The following list for the **Club President Class of 2010/2011**.

AWARDS with Nomination by CLUB PRESIDENTS

Rotary Volunteer Award

- Certificate to recognize achievements and participation of an active Rotarian in various volunteer activities and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.
- Maximum one Rotarian per Club; nominated by Club President

Five Avenues of Service Award

- Certificate to be awarded to one club member for his/her outstanding efforts in the Five Avenues of Service. A club member must have demonstrated support of the object of Rotary through active participation in each Avenue of Service: Club, Vocational, Community, International and New Generations.
- Maximum one Rotarian per Club; nominated by Club President.

Community Service Award

- This award is a certificate that Rotary clubs may confer on a Rotarian for outstanding service to their communities. This award recognizes exceptional programs or effort by a Rotarian that meets a community's needs.
- Maximum one Rotarian per Club; nominated by Club President.

Public Relations Award

- This award is a certificate recognizing outstanding achievement by a Rotarian in public relations, promoting Rotary objectives and ideals to the media, community and/or club membership. It can be awarded to the club's public relations chairperson or an individual Rotarian.
- Maximum one Rotarian per Club; nominated by Club President

AWARDS with Nomination by ASSISTANT DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Significant Achievement Award

- Certificate to be awarded to Clubs that attained a significant, outstanding achievement during the Rotary Year. It would be awarded to clubs that accomplished a major task or improvement. This would be awarded for something that stands out above all other achievements.
- Nominated by Assistant District Governors.

Literacy Award

- This certificate to be awarded to Clubs that demonstrate outstanding achievement in literacy. The award is for exceptional programs or efforts promoting and improving literacy. Literacy is a person's ability to read and write. It can also include enhancing functional abilities, such as using a computer.
- Nominated by Assistant District Governors.

OTHER AWARDS

Membership Award

- Certificates to be awarded to those clubs with increased net membership. Membership growth measured from 07/01/10 through April 2011 (measured from March 2010 Attendance Reports).

Every Rotary Every Year Award

- Three plaques to be awarded at the District Conference to the three clubs (small/medium/large) that had the highest dollar contribution of giving per capita to the Rotary Foundation.

Membership and Retention Award

- Three plaques to be awarded at the District Conference to the three clubs (small/medium/large) that had the highest % gain of net membership.

Notes:

Club Size -

- Small clubs: membership 50 and under
- Medium clubs: membership 51-99
- Large clubs: membership 100 and over

Awards of these pages exclude the Presidential Citation and Governor's Citation

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Assistant District Governor
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2. PDG Peggy Murgatroyd Chair for Kick Cancer Program.

Kick Cancer Report

Goals:

To have the donation request letters all sent out to the club president's and secretaries by this meeting.

To receive The James financial report by this meeting.

To ask and receive a \$200.00 donation from the District to print up cards promoting Kick Cancer.

To collect \$2,500.00 in donations this year.

Objectives:

I have written the donation letter to all presidents and secretaries. The letter was sent to Kris Wilson, who will then forward to those persons.

Last year the funds were not as expected, therefore I am being more aggressive in approaching the clubs.

I am designing a business card with The Kick Cancer logo and information on how to donate funds. This has been a little confusing in the past, but this way clubs can send out or hand out the card to potential donors.

The goal is to have the majority of this year's funds in by the end of February. I will give a report in March with the totals to date.

3. District 6690 4-Way Speech Test Contest – Mr. Nelson Coleman Chair.

WHERE: The District 6690 Rotary Four-Way Test Speech Contest will be held on 16 April 2011 in conjunction with the 2011 District Assembly in Westerville at Westerville North High School, 950 County Line Road, Westerville, OH 43082.

REGISTRATION & TIMING: Check in will begin at one half hour before the contest. The

starting time and lunch status have not been established yet and will be announced at a later time. Speeches will either begin at 9:00 AM or 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

PARTICIPANTS: High School students who are winners of a District 6690 Rotary Club contest are eligible to participate. **CHANGE:** Prior contest winners may participate but must have a speech different from the prior winning speech.

RULES: The complete rules are in a separate attachment.

PARTICIPATION at DISTRICT CONFERENCE:

The 1st place winner may be asked to speak again at the District Assembly and is requested to speak at the Rotary District Conference in Circleville 14 May 2011 at Ohio Christian University.

PRIZES: CHANGE: In order to stimulate more participation, the prizes awarded will be tripled this year to the following levels.

FIRST PLACE \$1000, SECOND PLACE \$750, THIRD PLACE \$500.

4. Rotary Fellowship – Catherine Baird Chair and Club President Pataskala.

Join A Rotary Fellowship

There are more than eighty (80) Rotary Fellowship groups which encompass a variety of interests ranging from recreational and vocational interests to medical and health-related concerns to specific humanitarian projects. By being a member of a Rotary Fellowship group, you (as well as the group), would, among other things, be helping to advance the Object of Rotary, strengthen membership retention and have fun with fellow Rotarians.

Each fellowship is operated independent of Rotary International, with its own rules, dues requirements and administrative structure. Membership is open to all Rotarians and, in some instances, to spouses and Rotaractors as well.

If you would like to join a fellowship or obtain information on fellowships, you can find a list of Rotary Fellowships (as well as contact information for each) on the Rotary International website, or you can contact me at cj_baird@yahoo.com. I would be happy to discuss the various fellowships with you. Also, if a fellowship for your interest does not currently exist, we can contact Rotary International for information on how to start one!

5. Rotary International Announcement on Rotary Immunization Day, Delhi India. **February 2011.**

The purpose of this correspondence is to let you know that the Government of India has announced their February 2011 Polio Immunization dates. We have organized a group that will be traveling to Delhi and Ghaziabad to participate in these exercises. We are inviting you, and the Rotarians from your District, to join us.

We apologize for the short lead time, but the Indian Government just announced the January and February dates last week. Although this is short notice, this may be one of the last opportunities you may have to join such a trip. As you know better than most, 2010 has been a remarkable year in the battle against polio. In just a year or two, the disease may be gone. Therefore, if you, or any one in your District has expressed interest in making this trip, now is the time to join.

Please feel free to share this information with anyone who is interested in joining us.

Key points about the trip:

- Departs North America – Tuesday, February 15
- Returns to North America – Wednesday, February 23
- Travels to Delhi and Ghaziabad, India

The group will be limited to the first 40 people who join us. We are already aware of almost a

dozen people who will immediately join the program. Therefore, if you, or anyone you know is interested in joining us, we strongly recommend that they act quickly as we expect this trip will fill up very soon, and we will need to immediately apply for the Indian visas.

Thank you for your interest. I hope you can join us!

Bradford R. Howard
 Rotary District 5170 Governor, 2002-2003
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6. Annual Rotary Foundation Announcement of top three contributing Clubs for 2009/2010 year.

		APF per Capita
First Place	Gallipolis	\$300.50
Second Place	Westerville Sunrise	\$203.51
Third Place	Lancaster- Sherman	\$186.21
DG Ram Gawande 2009/2010		

7. Nine (9) clubs earn Rotary's US \$200 million Challenge Certificate of Appreciation. These clubs contributed US \$2000.00 or more to Rotary's US \$200 million Challenge in 2009/2010.

- The Rotary Club of Worthington A.M.
- The Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise
- The Rotary Club of Granville
- The Rotary Club of Gahanna
- The Rotary Club of Delaware
- The Rotary Club of Chillicothe, First Capital
- The Rotary Club of Cambridge
- The Rotary Club of Athens
- The Rotary Club of Gallipolis
- DG Ram Gawande 2009/2010

8. New pilot programs support member diversity.

Four new pilot programs will allow participating Rotary clubs to experiment with flexible membership requirements and club operations beginning 1 July.

The three-year pilots -- satellite club, associate member, corporate member, and innovative and flexible Rotary club -- were approved by the RI Board at its November meeting.

Each one is designed to improve recruitment, allow for flexibility in club operations and structures, and provide Rotary clubs with an opportunity to explore new and innovative ways to promote member diversity -- all goals of the [RI Strategic Plan](#). Other potential benefits include improved leadership and engagement among members and increased support of The Rotary Foundation.

The pilots will allow RI to collect data and analyze results from the participating clubs to evaluate the effectiveness of each change.

Clubs have until 1 April to submit applications to Rotary International to be considered for a pilot. Information and applications will be sent to each club in early January. Up to 200 clubs will be selected for each pilot. Rotary clubs must have been chartered before 30 June 2009 to be considered



The Innovative and Flexible Rotary Club Pilot Program is focused on encouraging Rotary clubs to be fun, dynamic, diverse, interested in trying new things, and relationship rich. It is one of four new pilot programs approved by the RI Board in November. *Photo by Janey Ball/Rotary Club of Newlands, South Africa*

9. I would like to share a quote:

*Do more than belong: participate
Do more than care: help
Do more than believe: practice
Do more than be fair: be kind
Do more than forgive: forget
Do more than dream: work
-William Arthur Ward*

10. ADJ Larry Jenkins has given us an update that 17 clubs have indicated that they will be sending a representative to participate in the RYLA program. If you have not taken the opportunity to do so, please see if your club would like to participate in this very worthwhile program.
11. Next District Council Meeting is Saturday, January 15, 2011 from 9-11 a.m. located at 655 Zane Street in Zanesville, Ohio.