



Rotary District 6690 “Service Above Self”

Monthly Newsletter – March 2011

March is Literacy Month

Our Literacy story in 6690 is an amazing story! Our clubs, Rotary clubs are actively reaching out every year to participate, contribute, and help make a difference in the lives of the children in your communities.

There is a massive number of programs and Rotarians that actively engage in Literacy programs of some type. I have compiled a sampling of a multitude of club programs to help illustrate the “Spirit of Service”, because we truly build the spirit and resources of our own local communities.

I would first like to share with you a truly amazing person, Deepa Willingham.

Deepa Willingham established a program called PACE. This program, which stands for Promise of Assurance to Children Everywhere, has two district missions:

1. To nurture the educational, health, nutritional, social, and cultural development of girls in impoverished areas of India, and other parts of the world.
2. To build in Piyali Junction (outside of Calcutta) the first prototype PACE learning center complex to serve as a model for the delivery of these services all over the world.

Deepa Willingham has shared her story about eradicating extreme poverty. Deepa said she would “Lend a Hand” by giving the gift of education, particularly to the girl child. With her involvement along with Rotarians, PACE is Deepa’s dream, vision, and hope to reach out and make a difference. One woman’s dream to change a community.

Here are two quotes that illustrate what literacy is about:

“Education is the most powerful weapon, which you can use to change the world”.

Nelson Mandela

“You educate a boy, you benefit that individual. You educate a girl, you benefit that community.”

Greg Mortensen

Throughout my visits this past fall, I shared with you how one person, one club, and/or one district can make a difference. I have enclosed for you Deepa Willingham’s bio and how this amazing individual has accomplished making a difference in young ladies’ lives. Her compelling story underlies what we do as Rotarians in our communities and in the world.

We have a unique opportunity on Friday, May 13th, at our District Conference to hear Deepa share her passion for education by changing the face of Poverty, by changing one girl at a time, by changing one village at a time, and one community at a time. I would encourage you to attend your conference to have this unique opportunity to hear her personal story. Deepa Willingham's theme presentation will be "One Woman's Dream to Change Communities."

Updates from each club on their literacy program:

Ironton Club – Jeff Clark

ADG Matt Willis wanted me to send you some information about our literacy project. We completed our "Dictionary Project" in the month of November. The project was lead by our Literacy Chairman, Mike Caldwell, and consisted of giving dictionaries to all third graders in Lawrence County, Ohio. We gathered financial support from some local businesses and one individual Rotarian to offset most of the cost to purchase the dictionaries. We had a sticker printed and we attached them inside the front cover of each book stating that the dictionaries are a gift from the Ironton Rotary Club while also acknowledging all our project financial sponsors. Club members visited all 7 public school systems and 2 private schools handing out approximately 950 dictionaries to all the third graders. Rotarians spoke briefly to each class about the importance of literacy and the use of dictionaries. We also spoke about our Rotary Club as a local civic organization that is part of larger District and Rotary International that has clubs and members all over the world. Most of the students were very appreciative to receive the books.

Gallipolis Club - Lou Ellen Werry

The Gallipolis club has recently completed two literacy projects. The first was a dictionary project where we provided a new dictionary to all of the 5th graders in Gallia County. We also just recently completed our reading to all the first grade classes in Gallia County. For six months we go to the schools and read both new and old books to the each class and leave some books in their classrooms and some in the school library. I can personally report that when I entered the classroom this morning a group of first graders greeted me with a huge hug and were so glad to see me, it really made my day!

Malta-McConnelsville – William Flesher

The Malta-McConnelsville Rotary Club along with a District Grant has set up the supplies and arranged to have the facilities to instruct our Literacy Program. We are currently working with another organization to teach the classes. We have not served anyone to date.

The Malta-McConnelsville Rotary Club currently gives out two \$500 Scholarships to graduating high school seniors at Morgan Local High School.

Bridgeport Club - Sharon Creamer

The Bridgeport Rotary Club feels that it is important to place age appropriate reading materials into the hands of children in order to promote literacy. To assist in making this happen, the club purchases a collection of children's books to have on hand for each meeting. Each speaker who takes the time to make a presentation at our club selects a book from our collection. This book is then donated to the Bridgeport Public Library in honor of the speaker. These books are placed in circulation at the library so that children have the opportunity to read new, age appropriate books.

Annually, the club donates approximately 45 books to the Bridgeport Public Library to support literacy in the Bridgeport community.

Barnesville Club - Jason Perkins

The Barnesville Club has the person from the weekly program choose a children's book and then we donate that book to the Barnesville Hutton Memorial Library in the speaker's name.

St. Clairsville Club – Jennifer George

The St. Clairsville Rotary Club has been doing an ongoing literacy project for several years. We pass out dictionaries to all Belmont County 3rd graders. One or two Rotarians will visit a third grade class and talk about Rotary and pass out the dictionaries. We visit 15 schools and pass out between 730-750 dictionaries each year depending on class size.

Marietta Club – David Bricker

Our Literacy Committee and Chairperson has been very busy this year. They had three goals this year that each alone were needed and were well embraced by the club.

Goal 1

Donate a book to the Ely Chapman Education Foundation in the name of the weekly guest speaker (Schoastic Literacy Club).

Goal 2

Give 1 book to every 1st grader in the Marietta City School System and St. Mary's Elementary School. The book was put in a cloth/plastic bag and was given to every student. An estimate of 500 students received a book with the words that this book has been doated to you by the Marietta Noon Rotary Club with a label on the inside of the front cover. Some of these children had never received a book and let alone one that was different from each and every child...no title of any book was the same as someone else's.

Goal 3

To encourage reading across the district, the club sponsored a book reading contest for 3rd graders. Starting in January, each teacher would record the number of books read in that classroom. The winning classroom for January would then have a pizza party. The contest continues through February with another pizza party for the classroom that read the most. The classroom that reads the most over January and February are then invited to our Rotary Club weekly meeting to be recognized with another pizza party.---3 Pizza parties for 20-24 students. Scholarship

To continue awarding \$10,000 in scholarships to Career and Continuing Education People. The club has a meeting dedicated to the presentation to the award winners. The scholarship committee does an excellent job in this selection and the week that the money is given is one of the most attended meetings of the year.

Sponsor 4 way Speech Contest-This has never been accomplished and one of my goals to occur this year. We are working with the Fort Frye High School and the winner will be sent on to the Districts 4 Way Contest.

Another goal was to send a High School Junior to the RYLA conference and this too will occur.

Belpre Club – Randy Shingleton

The Rotary Club of Belpre started in 1996. Since that time, we have maintained scholarship partnering through the Mid-Ohio Valley Economic Roundtable (MOVER) for a student to attend Marietta College.

Our \$1,000 partnership with the Mid-Ohio Valley Economic Roundtable (MOVER), generated \$5,000/Annually to a student going to Marietta college which the Rotary Club of Belpre selected from either Belpre High School or Warren High School.

Through this leveraging, our \$1,000 partnership through MOVER became a \$5,000 annual scholarship for a student going to Marietta College for up to four years.

In other words, our \$1,000 became a \$20,000 scholarship since 1996, and a new scholarship was selected each year to receive the \$5,000 annual scholarship.

This program ran through 2006, and in that ten years, the leveraging of \$1,000 annually to the Mid-ohio Valley Economic Roundtable (MOVER) in order to provide an annual scholarship of \$5,000 for four year totals \$200,000 in scholarships since 1996.

The bad news is that in 2007, the Mid-Ohio Valley Economic Roundtable (MOVER) has reduced the underwriting of this scholarship down to \$1,000 annually, so our \$1,000 partnering has been reduced down to \$4,000 per student.

In addition to the Marietta College scholarships, we have also provided a \$1,000 Annual Scholarship for each of two (2) students from Belpre High School, as well as, each of two (2) students from Warren High School. This amounts to \$4,000 annually for the past fourteen years totaling \$56,000 since 1996.

Circleville Noon Club – Tom Theller

The Circleville Noon Rotary Club has awarded over one hundred \$2,000 scholarships to graduating seniors in Pickaway County through J.B. Stout Trust Fund. Each year, since 1988, the Circleville Noon Rotary Club has interviewed applicants from the six school districts enrolling Pickaway County seniors and awarded \$2,000 scholarships to top applicants. Each year this has averaged from five to seven seniors receiving a scholarship from the club.

The student is awarded \$1,000 each year for two years and must maintain good standing in the college of his/her choice in order to received the scholarship money for the second year. It is a delight for the Club to hear from scholarship recipients who later speak at the Club and share how the scholarship helped them achieve their career goals.

Marietta Morning Club – Pat Peoples

1. Our Annual Literacy Project involves buying and delivering of 700 dictionaries to all third grade students in Washington County. This is the 4th year that our club has distributed the dictionaries. We were assisted in the funding of this project by receipt of a District Simplified Grant in the amount of \$700.00. The club's share of the cost was also \$700.00. Dictionaries were delivered to 33 third grade classrooms by our membership. The delivery of the dictionaries by our members allows for a positive interaction between the Rotarian, the teachers, and most of all, the students. My personal experience allowed me to interact with the students by discussing the uses of the dictionary and also the accompanying atlas (1 per classroom). I had planned to spend perhaps 10 minutes in the classroom, but my visit lasted over 30 minutes. I am certain that I enjoyed the visit more than the students did.
2. We have been able to grow our Scholarship Fund to a degree (\$10,000.00) that ensures that we can fully endow an annual scholarship in the amount of \$500.00. The Scholarship was created to honor the memory of our Past President Mark Studenic, who died in an unfortunate automobile crash. The fund, as well as the selection of recipients, will be administered by the Marietta Community Foundation. We are committed to increasing the principal amount of the fund on an annual basis. We are also in the process of soliciting additional donations to the fund from the local business community. The foundation will award the first scholarship this spring.
3. The club entered into a partnership with the Youth Leadership Group at Marietta College and the Boys and Girls Club of Marietta to fund and participated in "Make a Difference Day" activities. Make a Difference day was celebrated locally during 10/23/2010. We obtained a matching grant of \$300.00 from American Electric Power Company to help fund this program. Rotarians and Marietta College students

assisted approximately 130 children during games, crafts, and physical activities. This event was noteworthy in that it was the premiere event for the new center for the Boys and Girls Club.

Circleville Sunrise – Don Bradley

In 1994, the Circleville Sunrise Rotary club decided to honor one of its members who had been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Leo Moats had not been a member of Sunrise Rotary as long as some other members, but he was the first member to pass away while being an active member of the club.

In honor of Leo Moats, the Rotary Club elected to establish a separate foundation to obtain funds in order to make scholarships available to students of the four school districts in Pickaway County. The first Leo Moats Scholarship Reverse Raffle fundraiser was held in the spring of 1994 and has been held every year since. It was evident from the very first event that the Sunrise Rotary Club and the community were behind the notion of honoring a community member by giving scholarships for students in Pickaway County. The overwhelming response to ticket sales and to the wonderful evening of fun and socialization for such a good cause that first year has not faltered. Because of the demand, the original limit of 200 tickets has been increased by nearly seventy-five percent and the event is one of the most widely attended social events in the community.

Since that first year of 1994 and including recipients of the 2010 scholarships, the Leo Moats Scholarship Foundation will have given out \$77,000.00 of scholarships to students of Circleville, Westfall, Teays Valley, and Logan Elm high schools. The scholarship to students of the four districts is a competitive scholarship based on a written narrative that includes a personal description of the Rotary Four-Way Test and participation in school, community, and spiritual organizations. A minimum grade point average of 2.5 is necessary with the pursuit of a post-secondary degree at either a two-year or a four-year program.

An active group of nine (9) members of the Rotary Club makes up the Leo Moats Scholarship Foundation Board. All funds for the scholarships are raised at this single fundraiser held annually.

Because of the popularity of this event the addition of the Silent Auction the night of the event has allowed Sunrise Rotary to expand its scope. The proceeds of the reverse raffle still are used exclusively for the scholarships while the proceeds of the silent auction are used to sponsor Foreign Exchange Students through the exchange program of Rotary International as well as provide funding to the Community Fund Committee. This part of the event has routinely brought in additional participants who have graciously donated items for the auction or purchased those items. Many Rotarians and community members do both. Typically, over \$7,000 is raised for the exchange program and for community projects from the silent auction.

This hugely successful night requires the work and effort of many, if not all, Sunrise Rotarians and the support of the community. It is a shining example of how Rotary can honor its members, give to the community, and have fun doing it.

Upper Arlington Club – David McCurdy

We adopted West Broad Street Elementary School in Columbus 13 years ago to help provide reading, tutoring, cultural and social events, and to provide funds for various musical and arts activities.

We currently have 32 UA Rotarians who read books to every classroom Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st-4th grades at least once per week. We have six others who tutor math, reading, or science at the 5th grade level.

We have 71 Rotarians who are Pen Pals with the third graders at West Broad exchanging letters each month. At the end of the school year we have an Ice Cream Social where our Rotarians can meet their 3rd grade pen pals, enjoy some ice cream and conversation, and see the children's rooms and work.

We provide funds for various activities for the school including sending the 3rd and 4th graders to the production of the Nutcracker at the Ohio Theater.

They get to meet and attend a workshop with the professionals. We bring the Columbus Opera to the school to perform with the 4th and 5th graders in musical productions for the school and parents. We bring the Phoenix Theater groups to perform with selected children for the school and parents. We provide funds for the music department for school plays and musicals. The children make their own costumes, construct and paint their background sets, and the older children perform in a school musical. Last year's performance of the Chinese musical "The Nightingale" was presented to the school and parents, was videotaped and photographed, and then it was presented for a Statewide arts award. The program won a \$5,000 arts grant for the school.

The music teacher used the funds to purchase African Drums for the school and brought World Famous African Drummers in from the Ivory Coast this year.

This "African Master Residency Program" was presented in February of this year. The children learn about African culture, learn rhythms, songs, dances, and languages from the beginning of the school year and then get to perform with the Master Drummers at the school. In the past, we brought the American Jazz Experience, again world famous musicians to the school to perform. The children learned the history and all forms of Jazz in music class throughout the year. This year the children will be creating and performing an "Egyptian" musical for the school and parents. Again, they learn about Egypt and its history connecting the culture with the play. We hope to present this for another arts award which moneys we can use for other cultural events for the children at West Broad Street Elementary.

We send the 5th grade students to Ohio State Scarlet and Gray AG Day. They learn about agriculture and attend a day long workshop at Ohio State. We send the 5th graders to Camp Oty Okwa at the end of the year for a Hocking Hills camping experience. We bring in the Upper Arlington Fire Department to conduct fire safety classes for the youngest grade students who physically go through a simulated home fire experience and escape, get coloring books for fire safety instruction, and can receive free fire alarms for their homes.

We provide funds, gifts, toys, books, and other items for the West Broad Street Elementary School Store. The children get "West Broad Street Bucks" from their teachers and supervisors for good behavior, attendance, homework which they can use at the school store to purchase gifts for themselves, their parents and siblings for birthdays, holidays, Christmas.

This year we are providing funds for the framing of students art work which we will offer to Rotarians, businesses, government to display in their offices or home and offer for sale.

We have collected thousands of books, new and used, to be given to every student at West Broad to take home as their very own each year. We have stocked the school with Thesaurus, reference books, encyclopedias, and have given all third graders dictionaries each year.



Yours in Rotary Service,

Calvin Gebhart
Rotary International
District Governor
2010/2011

Dick Brixner – Council on Legislation Representative 2010 – News Bulletin:

“Every three years, Rotary International’s Council on Legislation meets to debate and vote on legislation submitted by clubs, districts, and the Rotary International board. The council has the authority to amend the RI’s Constitutional documents, as well as adopt resolutions. Every district sends a representative to the meeting, and every club and district may propose legislation.

If your club or district is considering proposing legislation for the 2013 council, remember that club proposals must be endorsed at a District conference and that RI must receive the proposed legislation no later than December 31, 2011.”

For further information on the council, (1) You can go to www.rotary.org and search “council on legislation”, (2) You can refer to the 2010 manual of procedures and refer to Chapter 13 (Pages 141-158); Feel free to call me at (740)-826-7810.

Thanks in advance for your continued service to Rotary.

Dick Brixner
2010 COL Rep.



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District 6690

March 29, 2011

Ways to contribute to the Japanese earthquake and tsunami fund

District 6690 response to the Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster-Recovery fund:

We have established a district-wide response to Japan. First and foremost, our District Chair for Disaster Recovery is Dr. Terry Hofecker, a seasoned and experienced individual for Disasters and for our District. I would like to share Terry's knowledge and advice on how we respond individually, as a club, and as a whole to Rotary International. The following are several quotes on his position:

"Unlike Haiti, where international leadership structures had to be imported, Japanese culture, circumstances and society requires us to let them lead us as to how we can help. Trust me, they will. They will get their homes and businesses taken care of and then evaluate how to put out a call for help. We need to give them space to do that and be prepared to respond.

We will not be contacting Japanese Rotarians at this time or probably not for the next few weeks. They need their time to get organized and settled. I am confident that, when they know how Rotarians can help, they will call us to partner. That is when we must be ready.

Thanks for your compassion and sense of urgency. It is tough to wait our turn to help these dear people. But when our turn comes, I am confident that, as always, the Rotarians of D6690 will shine!! Thank You."

Kris Wilson's Japan BIO:

Kris Wilson, District 6690 Secretary/Treasurer, is a member of Westerville Rotary. She first became involved with Japan as a long-term outbound exchange student to the Nagasaki area where she stayed for one year following graduation from high school. Upon her return to the States, she moved onto The Ohio State University campus where she earned her B.A. in Japanese language and culture.



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During her first year in college, Kris was hired as a technical translator/interpreter for a Honda supplier and then immediately began teaching corporate English classes to Japanese executives and then their families at their request. During the same year, she began teaching corporate Japanese language classes to Americans employed by those Japanese companies. Upon graduation from OSU, Kris worked as the sole American at a Japanese engineering and automobile prototype production facility, then as the International Sales Director for a computer technology firm which dealt mostly with the Pacific Rim countries. At age 25, she founded a foreign language translation/interpretation/instruction company called Languages Unlimited, which grew to be one of the most prominent such businesses in the mid-west. She also founded a foreign language immersion camp for young children which drew attendees from numerous surrounding states. Never forgetting that Rotary was critical in her success, Kris joined Rotary at the age of 29 and immediately became active in the Youth Exchange Committee. She served District 6690 for seven years as Inbound Chair and overall Committee Chair of the Youth Exchange Program. Kris was honored to have served as the Group Study Exchange Team Leader to Japan's Fuji mountain area. Currently, Kris is the Director of one of the largest English as a Second Language Programs in the area. She uses her Japanese regularly and remains very connected to Japan and its people.

Received from Kris Wilson – Rotary Secretary/Treasurer:

"In working with the Japanese, and suffering with them through this triple tragedy, I do have some points to share about the "fund" we have been talking about at the district level. I totally concur with Terry that the Japanese are organized, strategic, and self-motivated. They have many in-country resources and will depend greatly on Rotarians within their borders. I agree that we should patiently await their guidance and request for funding. Because of the emotional urgency of AMERICAN PEOPLE, however, I do think it is prudent to put out a district communiqué telling D6690 Rotarians that their money would be greatly appreciated by the Japanese as they rebuild and recover from the earthquake and the devastation associated with it. I think the best way for us to get the funds to



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Japanese Rotarians is through the Rotary Foundation and the fund they have already established. They will hold the funds until they can be utilized to their fullest. "

It is our belief at a District level that we should direct all contributions towards the Japanese relief through Rotary International's website. This avenue provides you the most efficient way to contribute to the Japanese disaster.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Calvin Gebhart - DG

Chillicothe's two Rotary clubs joined together again this year to sponsor a county-wide speech contest for high school students, which centered on the organization's ethical Four-Way Test. The event was held at Ohio University-Chillicothe's Bennett Hall.

From the earliest days of the group, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is the Rotary Four-Way Test. The test was created in 1932 and is used as a practical yardstick in Rotarians business, community and personal lives.

The test is simple to remember and easy to apply to everyday life:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

This year's winner of the Chillicothe Noon and First Capital Rotary Clubs' contest was Tori Davies, a junior at Southeastern High School. Her topic was about bullying and how students today could help erase the issue from schools if the Four-Way Test was applied to their situations. Second place honors went to Chillicothe High School junior Makayla Braunlin. Her speech was about leadership. Theresa Lewis, a senior at Zane Trace High School, placed third and spoke about today's standards on beauty.

Davies will now compete in the district speech contest, to be held April 16th at Westerville High School.



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.

Please pass this on to your Four-Way Test Speech Contest chair person:

SURVEY:

In order to plan adequately for the contest, I would appreciate your club response to the following survey:

(1) Rotary Club _____

(2) Our Club

Will participate _____

Will not participate _____

(3) If your Club DOES NOT plan to participate:

Inadequate interest from schools _____

Not enough information to run

a contest _____

Not enough information from

District _____

Other _____

(4) If your Club does not plan to participate:

Date of local contest _____

Number of contestants _____

(applies with joint contests)

(5) If not certain of your Club status yet due to continuing recruitment or organization of a contest, please share any information available to date. Even if you are uncertain of your participation, please give your best guess as to status.



Reminder for the District Assembly

For ALL 2011-12 club officers, committee chairs, new members and any interested Rotarian

Saturday April 16, 2011

Westerville North High School

950 County Line Road
Westerville, OH 43082

Registration Fee: \$15 Deadline: April 11, 2011



District Conference Agenda

FRIDAY

7:00 – 9:30	Continental Breakfast	3:00 pm	International Update
		3:30 pm	<u>Polio Plus Moments:</u> Speaker: Michelle Layman Speaker: Jerry Billman
10:00 am	Opening Remarks		<i>Testimonies from Survivors</i> <i>Care Givers</i> <i>Family Members</i>
10:30 am	"One Woman's Dream to Change Communities" Deepa Willingham	4:30 pm	Adjourn to park
11 am	"Building" International Speaker: Steve Abels Rotary International Peace Scholar	5:00 pm	Park Tour: Mary Virginia Crites Hannal Park Local Rotary Project
11:30 am	"Building Teams for Community Good" Former OSU Quarterback Coach Greg Fry	6:00 pm	Wine Tasting
		6:00 pm	Picnic at Park Shelter
12 noon	Lunch to be served		
1:30 pm	Break		
2:00 pm	Rotarians Never Say No		

SATURDAY

7 am	Registration Opens
7:00 - 9:30 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 am	Opening Remarks
7:00 am	GSE Team Presentation Rotary Youth Exchange – 45 Students
	RYLA Presentation: Roe Mauro and Larry Jenkins
10:15 am	"Building" Communities in 6690
11:15 am	District Awards
11:45 am	Transition to Lunch
12 noon	Lunch
1:30 pm	Break
1:45 pm	Flight 51 Fund
2:45 pm	Break
3:00 pm	"Building" Communities
4:00 pm	Hospitality at Pickaway County Country Club
6:00 pm	Governor's Banquet
8:30 pm	Adjourn

SUNDAY

8:30 am	Breakfast (Full)
9:15 am	Memorial Service
	*All Rotarians are invited to Memorial Services

Deepa Willingham
2010-2011 District Governor
Rotary District 5240



Deepa Willingham, residing in Solvang, CA, is a naturalized citizen of the United States. She was born and brought up in Calcutta, India where she obtained her primary (under the stewardship of Mother Teresa, who was her teacher), secondary and undergraduate education, followed by graduate degrees in the US. Prior to her entrepreneurial endeavors in the energy sector, Deepa served as the Administrative Director of Ancillary Services in the hospital industry.

Deepa is the **District Governor for District 5240**, and a Past President of the Rotary Club of Santa Ynez Valley, being named Rotarian-of-the-Year during her year as President. She is a charter member of the District's Paul Harris Society; a

multiple Paul Harris Fellow; a Major Donor; a Master's PRLS graduate; a Benefactor; a Bequest Society member; named as "Local Hero" by Santa Barbara Independent newspaper; a winner of Volvo for Life award; a recipient of 2006 "Making a Difference for Women" award from Soroptimist International – Camino Real Region and was just recently named a local "Angel" by Central Coast Magazine and a "Community Hero" by Superintendent Bill Cirone in 2009. She is currently serving on many committees in her home Rotary District and has served on the Boards of many health care related organizations.

As a Rotarian, Deepa participates in many local and international projects - building *Pisos* (cement floors) in Mexico; National Polio Immunization Day in India; establishing a girls' literacy and village rehabilitation program at the *Piyali Learning Center* near Calcutta, India; supporting girls' education in the Philippines; escorting US high school kids for humanitarian educational trips to India to the *Piyali Learning Center*, the 2007 and 2008 Chair of the District's Annual Poverty Conference and the initiator of District's 5-Point Poverty Eradication Plan. She was Past RI President Bill Boyd's selection to represent Rotary International at the 51st Commission on Status of Women at the UN in February of 2006; President-Elect D. K. Lee's selection to be the keynote speaker at the spouses' Plenary Session in 2008 & 2009 International Assembly, she served as the Vice Chair of Operations for 2008 LA Convention and she was one of the keynote speakers at Rotary International's 100th year Convention in Birmingham, at the invitation of RI Past President D.K. Lee.

Her passion for education dates back to the 1960s, when Deepa served as lecturer at the University of Wisconsin and the Santa Barbara City College and was a teacher/coordinator of special educational programs for the federally funded Upward Bound program. She was involved with educating 'at risk' high school students from the inner city in Milwaukee, Wisconsin designing and implementing innovative teaching techniques to achieve educational goals. She was also a founding board member of Cornerstone House of Santa Barbara, an organization dedicated to non-institutionalized care and education of severely handicapped children.

Deepa and her Rotarian (member of the RC of the University Area of Houston) husband Richard, who is an independent contractor in the oil business in Houston, have been married for 27 years; their daughter Reena was instrumental in the formation of the community-based Rotaract Club of Santa Barbara.



Greg Yank DG/PDG

Greg Yank is currently in his third year as the Regional Rotary Membership Coordinator for Zone 31, which covers 14 Districts in eight Heart of America states.

An active Rotarian since 1978, Mr. Yank served as President of the O'Fallon, Illinois Rotary club in 1992-93. At district 6510 (Southern Illinois) he was Foundation Chair from 1994-1996 and the GSE team leader to India in 1995. He served as District Governor in 2001-2002. During his year as Governor, the District had a net growth of 8% in membership. Greg's spouse Catherine is also a past district governor of District 6510. Greg and Catherine are major donors to The Rotary Foundation; charter members of the Bequest Society and each are members of District 6510's Paul Harris Society.

In addition to his service to RI as District Governor, Greg's other appointments have included Family of Rotary Zone Coordinator in 2003-2004; Membership Zone Coordinator 2004-2006; member of Zones 29 & 30 Institute Executive Committee in 2006 and Zones 30 and 31 in 2009. Greg currently is the program chair for the Nashville Zone 30 and 31 Institute in August 2010. Greg is a frequent speaker at district conferences, multi-district PETS and other Rotary meetings about membership and other topics.

In his business life, Greg is a professional facilitator and business coach. He is the principal in GY Consulting & Facilitation Services, LLC a management consulting practice specializing in business coaching, strategy, facilitation, governing board development/education, and executive search (www.tabmetrocaststl.com). He is the Franchise owner for the Alternative Board TAB in a three county area in the Metro East, IL across from St. Louis. In this capacity, he facilitates monthly peer advisory boards comprised of business owners of small to medium size privately held companies.

Education

BA St. Mary of the Lake Seminary

Board

Graduate study in Theology

Commission

MBA Xavier University

Graduate Stanford Executive Program

Gerontology certificate University of Michigan

Other Civic Commitments

Member Memorial Hospital Foundation

Chairman, St. Clair Parks Grant

Community facilitator BEST (Building
Education Success Together)