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THE ROTARY SPIRIT OF DISTRICT 6710

District Governor Dave makes Club Visits

15 down 45 to go

I have visited 15 of the 60 clubs in our district. Each club is unique and special in it's own way. Common themes...Scholarships and the Dictionary Project. If there is one project that Rotarians embrace in almost every club, it's their scholarship program. Some clubs have a few scholarships, some have many depending on their resources. Investing in our future is the underlying theme.

Clubs vary on fund raisers although an auction, silent, radio/online seem to be the preferred methods, The extent to which the club involves the community appears to define the ability of the club to raise money through their auction. Those clubs that involve the community and make an effort to tell the community where the money is going, tend to have more community participation which results in more dollars raised.

All the club locations are wonderful, but I am especially enjoying my visits to historic venues like the Irvin Cobb Hotel in Paducah, the Millikin Memorial Community House in Elkton and the former home of Governor John Breathitt in Russellville.



Governor Dave awarding PDG Jo Duke her PHF+8 recognition from Rotary International

***“The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails”
- John Maxwell***

Please send us pictures and news from your club. We would love to feature it in our newsletter and on our District web site.

Youth Programs

Youth Exchange... High school age young people can travel abroad learning the culture and language of their exchange country. Has your son or daughter ever expressed an interest to travel, to learn foreign languages, or to work in a field requiring language skills? Why not consider sending them abroad in our Rotary Youth Exchange program.

Since 1927, students and host families all over the world have had their horizons broadened and their lives enriched by the generosity of Rotary's Youth Exchange program. Administered by Rotary clubs, districts and multidistrict groups, the program today involves more than 82 countries and over 8,000 students each year.

The first documented exchanges date back to 1927, when the Rotary Club of Nice, France, initiated exchanges with European students. Exchanges between clubs in

California, USA, and Latin American countries began in 1939, and exchange activities spread to the eastern United States in 1958. In 1972, the RI Board of Directors agreed to recommend Youth Exchange to clubs worldwide as a worthwhile international activity that promotes global peace and understanding.

For more information, contact Youth Exchange Chair Chuck Willis at chuck11248@aol.com

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Each year, thousands of young people take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program worldwide. Young people ages 14-30 chosen for their leadership potential attend an all-expenses-paid seminar, camp, or workshop to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice. Rotary clubs and districts select participants and facilitate the

event's curriculum.

RYLA aims to:

Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth;

Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders;

Encourage leadership of youth by youth; and

Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.

RYLA was officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971, and is one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service. RYLA programs often lead to the formation or strengthening of [Rotaract](#) and [Interact](#) clubs. RYLA participants often go on to become [Youth Exchange](#) students or [Ambassadorial Scholars](#). For more information about RYLA in your area, contact Kay at ksharon1@comcast.net

RISKS

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.

To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.

To reach out for another is to risk involvement.

To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self.

To place your ideas, your dreams, before a crowd is to risk their loss.

To love is to risk not being loved in return.

To live is to risk dying, To hope is to risk despair.

To try is to risk failure.

But risks must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.

The person who risks nothing, has nothing, and is nothing.

They may avoid suffering and sorrow, but they cannot learn,

feel, change, grow, love, live.

Only a person who risks is free.

Rotary District Web Site - www.rotarydistrict6710.org

**Personal information is protected on our district web site.
To access directory information...follow directions below**

If you go to the website www.rotarydistrict6710.org (without logging in first) and click on the link on the left for "District Directory," it will automatically prompt everyone to log in. If the person already knows their log-in info, they can just log in. If not, there is a clear button that says "Don't have an account? Register now!" A person just clicks and fills in the info. They can pick their own user ID and password. In fact, We have noticed that quite a few people have already done this. In essence, anyone can come to our site and access the information, they just have to go through a few steps first, which protects the info from spammers. By our interpretation, this follows the RI guidelines, yet isn't too restrictive. There are "Log-In" tabs on the top and left menus. Basically, anyone can peruse the site, but if they click on restricted material, they will be prompted to log-in.



PDG Bill Miller with Potable Water Project - Dominican Republic – SW Louisville Cambodia Water Project

A Few Quotes...

“A life isn't significant except for its impact on others”. - Jackie Robinson.

“Your goals, minus your doubts, equal your reality”. - Ralph Marston

“Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds”. - George Eliot

“Whether it's the best of times or the worst of times, it's the only time we've got”. - Art Buchwald

“Believe it is possible to solve your problem. Tremendous things happen to the believer”.

- Norman Vincent Peale

Polio Plus Report – July 2007

“The goal of the PolioPlus program is the global certification of polio eradication. By eradication, WHO, the Global Commission on Certification, and Rotary mean the interruption of the transmission of the wild poliovirus.”

“By the time the world is certified polio-free, Rotary’s contributions to the global polio eradication effort will be nearly US\$650 million. In addition, millions of dollars of 'in-kind' and personal contributions have been made by and through local Rotary clubs and districts for polio eradication activities. Of even greater significance has been the huge volunteer army mobilized by Rotary International. Hundreds of thousands of volunteers at the local level are providing support at clinics or mobilizing their communities for immunization or polio eradication activities. More than one million Rotarians worldwide have contributed toward the success of the polio eradication effort to date.”

“To date, 122 nations around the world have benefited from PolioPlus grants for polio immunization and eradication efforts.”

“From the launch of the global initiative in 1988, 5 million people, mainly in the developing world, who would otherwise have been paralyzed, will be walking because they have been immunized against polio. More than 500,000 cases of polio are now prevented each year by the efforts of governments and the partnership of the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the overseas development agencies of donor nations.”

a. Since 1985, when Rotary implemented the PolioPlus program:

“As a result of the efforts of Rotary International and its Foundation and those of our partners, more than two billion children have received oral polio vaccine.”

b. immunizations in 2006:

“As part of the global polio eradication effort in 2006, over **375** million children were vaccinated in **36** countries using **2.1** billion doses of oral polio vaccine.”

“In 1988, 10% of the world’s children

lived in polio-free countries; as of 1 January 2007, over 70% are living in polio-free countries.”

“The number of cases of polio has declined by 99% since Rotary launched the PolioPlus program.”

“A child can be protected against polio for as little as US\$.60 worth of vaccine.”

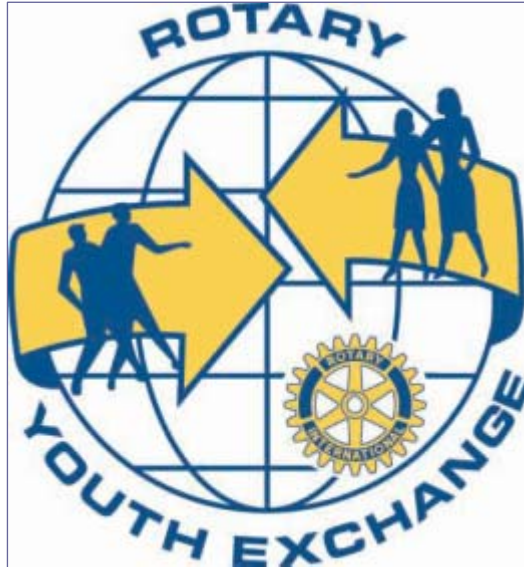
“Since Rotary began its PolioPlus Program, the number of countries which continue to be polio endemic has declined from over 125 countries in 1985 to 4 countries at the start of 2006. The number of polio cases has declined by more than 99% since 1985.”

“Two hundred and ten (210) countries, territories and areas are now polio-free, and 134 of these have been certified polio-free by independent commissions. In June 2002, the WHO European Region was certified polio-free, joining the WHO Regions of the Americas and the Western Pacific. More than three billion people, half the world’s population lives in the 134 countries, territories and areas that are now certified polio-free.”

Group Study Exchange

Japan April 3-30, 2008 → Dominican Republic March 19-April 16, 2008

Please recruit young professionals from your communities to participate in our Group Study Exchange program. We have eight openings for Team Members. Please contact your newspapers and get coverage of this wonderful opportunity. The Rotary Foundation pays the expenses so participants need to come prepared to learn and to share their experiences with others. Information for prospective team members can be found at <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse/member/index.html> along with a downloadable copy of the GSE Team Member Application. All applications need to be submitted to GSE Chair Ed Kalmey no later than Saturday September 15th. Ed's address is 10600 Kings Crown Drive Prospect, KY 40059. His telephone number is 502-425-7503 and his email address is ekalmey@aol.com.



Please send all attendance reports by the 10th of the month, for the proceeding month to District Secretary Cathy Williamson. We will post the club attendance on the District Web Site beginning with July attendance reports

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