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Be a gift to the world

Many thanks to all who attended the District Conference/Foundation Banquet, We hope you had a good time with fellow Rotarians and came away with information about Rotary that will encourage you to be even more involved. As mentioned, our theme was to discover how to be even more of a gift to the world by joining together as leaders, exchanging ideas and taking action to reaffirm our commitment to Service Above Self.

For those not able to attend, I hope this newsletter will give you an idea of the importance of this event, and will encourage you to be a part of this in the future.

WONDERLAND CAMP

We started the weekend with a service project at Wonderland Camp. Travel was via the Jolly Roger Pirate Ship from the hotel to the camp. In addition to the volunteers aboard with the pirates, the Warrensburg Rotary club donated numerous supplies for the camp. While at the camp, volunteers did outside activities such as blowing leaves, stacking wood and helping the campers to their cabin. Others helped with inside activities which included face-painting the campers, helping them with crafts and getting them registered. Also, on October 17th several members of the Lake Ozark club and their children performed similar service at the camp and thanks to them. What a great place Wonderland Camp is!! They do so much good for the disabled ---get involved and have your club do something to help this camp.



Rotarians gather after a great service project



Face painting one of the campers



The pirates and Rotarians prepare to sail to Camp Wonderland



Crafts with some campers

FISH RACES

We had a lot of fun with Nancy Rogers and the Laurie Sunrise Beach club providing this activity where you purchase goldfish and have races in water-filled gutters. David Bixler (District Governor Elect—Springfield Metro) was the big winner. We will have to do this again as it was a real hoot!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

On World Polio Day, October 24, we celebrated our district conference with the theme of Discover How to be A Gift to the World. The conference included panel discussions regarding community service (lead by Carla McDaniel-Jefferson City Breakfast), membership (lead by Eddie Spain-Springfield Metro), public image (lead by Mary Ann Beahon-Fulton) and foundation (lead by Raymond Plue-Columbia South). These discussions were filled with Rotary knowledge and best practices, and thanks to the panelists and facilitators that helped us become more knowledgeable about Rotary.

Additionally, we had two guest speakers that were superb; namely, Dr. Jeffrey Bryan speaking about common diagnosis within pets and humans and Rich Harding speaking about his time as a military lawyer with his interesting opinions about the current state of the world especially as concerning military matters.



Mary Ann Beahon, Porcshe Moran and Julie Conway present the Public Image session.

Many awards were presented for the year 2014-2015: The **Citation for Meritorious Service from the Rotary Foundation** was presented to Joe Beltz (Mountain View) for his service to the foundation. Also he was presented a plaque from the district for his service over the past year as District Governor.

Rotarian of the Year was presented to Eddie Spain (Springfield Metro) for his untiring efforts especially in membership.

The Perfect attendance award was presented to Grant Richards of the Camdenton club for 70 years of perfect attendance!!

Presidential Citations were awarded to the Butler, Clinton, Columbia Metro, Jefferson City Breakfast, Jefferson

City West, Pulaski County, Springfield Metro, Springfield Southeast, Springfield Sunrise, Warrensburg, Columbia Rotaract and Springfield Interact clubs.

Governor Citations were presented to the Springfield Metro and Laurie-Sunrise Beach clubs.

End Polio Now Certificates of Appreciation from the Rotary Foundation were presented to the following clubs for their significant contributions in eradicating Polio: Springfield Southeast, Springfield Metro, Rolla, Springfield Sunrise and Fulton.

Top per capita contributions to the foundation: Springfield Metro (\$479.59), Laurie-Sunrise Beach (\$299.56), Mountain View (\$294.29).

Every Rotarian Every Year where all Rotarians of clubs contribute to the foundation—Springfield Metro, Branson Daybreakers, Columbia Metro, Jefferson City Evening, Springfield Sunrise, Thayer-Mammoth Springs.

100% Sustaining Member where all club members contribute at least \$100—Springfield Metro and Thayer-Mammoth Springs.

100% Paul Harris Clubs where all club members have contributed at least \$1,000 to the foundation—Columbia and Mountain View.

We exceeded our goals for this District Conference as over 200 Rotarians and guests attended. Thanks to all who attended and helped make this such a wonderful conference. Special thanks to Beth Thompson (Columbia Sunrise) who did a fantastic job chairing the District Conference.



Joe Beltz presents Eddie Spain with District Rotarian of the Year Award.

FOUNDATION BANQUET

The evening concluded with the Foundation Banquet which was led by Sherry Biron (Laurie-Sunrise Beach) and her husband Larry. Thanks to them for chairing our best attended banquet ever with over 170 people present. They came to engage in fellowship and celebration of all we are doing for our communities, the district and the world. We especially celebrated the good works of the Vocational Training Team that, with Dr. Trish Blair (Columbia South) and Dr. John Pardalos as leaders, helped train over 100 medical professionals in the country of Georgia in best practices for children born with special needs. A sincere thanks for this team being a true success in their efforts in Georgia. Additionally during the banquet, 42 Rotarians contributed nearly \$16,000 to the foundation, six Rotarians became Paul Harris Society members, and two Rotarians became Bequest Society members. Also, the following individuals were specially recognized for their contributions since the last Foundation Banquet: Susan Haralson (Springfield Sunrise), David Krehbiel (Camdenton) and Nancy Rogers (Laurie-Sunrise Beach) for becoming Major Donors. Doug Harris (Warrensburg), Audrey Spieler (Columbia Metro) and Rick Van Pelt (Springfield Southeast) were recognized for their significant contributions to the Bequest Society. Thanks to all of you for your generous contributions!



Dr. Pardalos, Dr. Trish Blair and Steve Dulle at the Foundation Banquet.

GRANTS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

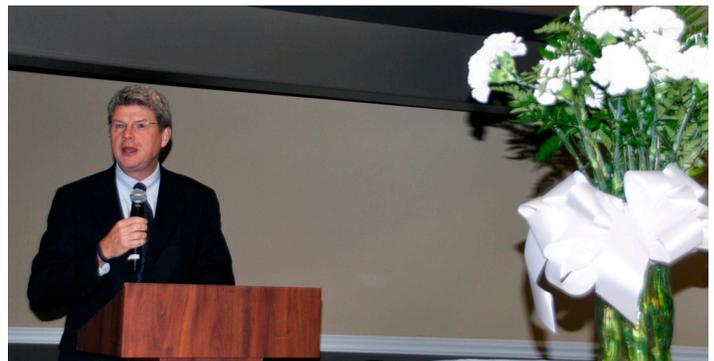
The final meeting of the weekend was for clubs that intend to apply for district grants next year. This was a session to inform clubs of the foundation and grants in particular and how they work. Raymond Plue (Columbia South) and Susan Hart (Columbia Metro) led this meeting and made clear the responsibilities to all who involve themselves with foundation grants.



Susan Hart and Raymond Plue lead the Grants Management Seminar

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thanks to the direction of Melvin Platt (Columbia) for the inspiring memorial service on Sunday morning. This was led by John Baker (Columbia) and in addition to encouraging words from him, songs and poems of inspiration were included. For those Rotarians that passed away in the last year, fellow club members placed a carnation in a vase in their memory. The service concluded with hands held and singing Let There Be Peace on Earth. It was a wonderful tribute.



Conclusion of the Memorial Service; John Baker inspires the audience

FOUNDATION MONTH

November is Rotary Foundation Month. The Rotary foundation transforms your contributions into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. Contributing to the Rotary Foundation each and every year is demonstrating your commitment to Service Above Self and a commitment to helping those in need. Please at least contribute \$100 to the foundation this year so we can continue to do good in the world by improving health, supporting education and alleviating poverty.

WORLD POLIO DAY

Several clubs promoted the work that Rotary has done in eradicating polio on World Polio Day. The Jefferson City clubs received a Proclamation from their city council highlighting the work of Rotary in fighting Polio and proclaiming world Polio Day. Ken Messer of the Warrensburg club was cited in two articles in their local newspaper regarding the near extinction of Polio. With only two countries reporting cases of polio this year, the goal of eradication by 2018 is in reach. And for every dollar Rotarians contribute to Polio, the Gates Foundation contributes two additional dollars. Help us win this fight by contributing during Foundation month and throughout the year.

ROTARY CLUB PLEDGES \$50,000

The Lake Ozark Rotary club announced it is pledging \$50,000 this Rotary year to local charitable organizations and scholarships. Clint Ladouceur the president said the club is proud to support such an outstanding community and the many great organizations that support the Rotary motto of Service Above Self. The club is also committed to providing scholarships to college-bound entrants.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Second quarter District-Wide projects:

-Adopt a Family or similar program in your local community to assist with holiday giving for those that might otherwise receive nothing or very little.

-Assist a local organization that is providing services for those in need, such as the Salvation Army (bell ringing is popular this time of year!), pregnancy centers, single parent assistance, etc.

Don't forget to involve partners such as Rotaract and Interact and other organizations where possible. This will help you achieve one or more of the Presidential Citation goals during this Rotary year.

Following completion of every community service project, go to the RI.org (My Rotary)"My Club Snapshot" section and click the "view goals" tab at the bottom. Your project information can be entered under the "Service" tab. Club Presidents and Secretaries have the ability to "Edit" this information. Each project needs to be entered. The idea is to provide significant public relations follow up utilizing our district information. Step-by-step guides to utilize My Rotary, including goal setting and editing are available, if you need them.

**COME CELEBRATE WORLD POLIO DAY WITH US ON OCTOBER 24TH
AT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND FOUNDATION BANQUET**

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