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Rita Esterly
District Governor

June Inspiration: Choose Continuity

By District Governor Rita Esterly

Although Robert Frost said: "Ends and beginnings -- there are no such things. There are only middles" and Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "Every end is a beginning," with the idea of continuity, the lines of end and beginning of leadership transition smoothly into the process of working the plan.

As I end the year as Governor 2011-2012, Mark Pearce begins the year as Governor 2012-2013. At Mark's years end, Ken Messer will begin the year of 2013-2014 as Governor and then Mike Beahon for 2014-2015. Because our district created a strategic plan in February of 2011 that allows for continuity and because we have worked as a team of Governors, our district will benefit from the important idea that continuity created by a strategic plan developed by the totality of leadership is more important than disjointed, unconnected ideas of one person's leadership year after year.

Victor Hugo said: "There is nothing like a dream to create the future." The foundation of the dream of continuity has been laid in our district. Our International President Kalyan

Banerjee at the International Assembly in January 2011 challenged me as Governor 2011-2012 to create continuity in my district so that Rotary can not only survive, but also, thrive. We have the model in place. My successors are the key to making the dream come true.

Each governor of District 6080 will have a role in developing a thriving district. I created the groundwork for developing dynamic clubs by bringing Club Visioning to our district. Mark Pearce will continue by creating the foundation for increasing the Rotary Public Image in our district. Ken Messer will educate us and develop the new model for utilizing funds for enhancing our Humanitarian Service by implementing the Future Vision Plan. Mike Beahon will tie all of this together and work with his leadership on developing another strategic plan that will sustain our continuity for the following three years. Together, we can ignite the fire of passion that can transform this district from great to outstanding.

In 2009 I had my first training to be Governor in Tulsa at the Zone Institute. When I re-

turned home, I generated the following list of 10 goals that I hoped to accomplish by the end of my Governor year. I would like to share those goals with you.

Overall Goal: To develop a vision and structure for our district to align it with the paradigm shift at Rotary International and the Strategic Plan so that continuity will flourish in our district making the process and plan more important than the position.

1. To focus on the first leg of the Rotary International Strategic Plan: Club Support
2. To bring Visioning to District 6080
3. To create a structure for District 6080 so that more collaboration and team work is developed
4. To work collaboratively with the DGE/DGN to build a team work model for District 6080
5. To educate the DGND when elected to help understand the collaborative experience and team work model

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6. To develop a strategic plan from a district visioning process
7. To hold Director's meetings via teleconference to develop job descriptions and a strategic plan for each area
8. To hold Assistant Governors' meetings via teleconference at least quarterly to keep them informed
9. To establish a District Training Chair with the purpose of training at the club level so that club members will see Rotary beyond the club and want to join at the district level creating more candidates for District positions, especially for AG/DG positions.
10. To highlight the important role the Assistant Governors hold by expressing their value at DG visits and at district meetings and having each write one newsletter article.

If I view these goals that reflect the paradigm shift at Rotary International as the criteria for success in leading our district, then I can smile. If I reflect on the antiquated focus of Rotary from the past of membership growth and Foundation contribution as the criteria for success, this year has not measured up to years in the past.

My hope is that the groundwork of developing a strategic plan will give rise in the future in a way that will be beyond all imagination to the by-products of Creating Dynamic Clubs, Enhancing Public Image, and Increasing Humanitarian Service, which are increased membership and Foundation giving. Time will tell.

Robert Kennedy said: "It is not enough to understand, or to see clearly. The future will be shaped in the arena of human activity, by those willing to commit their minds and their bodies to the task." Mark, Ken, and Mike: I leave the district in your hands. Best wishes and remember what Benjamin Franklin said: "Diligence is the mother of Good Luck."

Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary Raffles 2012 Camaro

The Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary successfully concluded their seventh annual Benefit Car Raffle where a 2012 Camaro RS was proudly declared on May 5th.

The Camaro, provided by Hulett Chevrolet, Buick, GMC in Camdenton, was raffled off during the trophy presentation at the Magic Dragon Street Machine Nationals. The winner was from suburban St. Louis, and vacations often at the Lake of the Ozarks.

The car had been on display inside the Osage Beach Hy-Vee for eight weeks. The staff and management of Hy-Vee played a critical role in the success of this raffle. Hulett Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, the promotional partner, also played a vital role during this fundraiser. O'Reilly Auto Parts was the presenting sponsor of this fund raising effort.

Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary just completed their most successful year of fundraising in their history. As a result, over \$50,000 will be directed to helping young children and adults in need at the Lake of the Ozarks. The organization has assisted over 40 local groups and organizations with funding to further their efforts.

A special note of appreciation to the staff of the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. Their partnership with Daybreak Rotary made this year's fundraiser a success. As a result, Daybreak Rotary will be able to assist children and struggling families in an even bigger way.



Camaro

Installation Banquet for Mark Pearce District Governor 2012-2013

Every Rotarian of the district is welcome to attend the District Governor's Installation.

When: June 26, 2012 6:00PM

Where: University of Central Missouri

Sandra Temple Elliot Ballroom

Elliot Union

505 South Holden St.

Warrensburg, MO 64093

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Registration Required by June 19: Register on DaCdb or Call Anita Love at 660-238-3307



Visioning Creates Dynamic Clubs

Club Visioning was brought to our district in 2010 when 20 facilitators were trained and ran a pilot program of five clubs. Carla McDaniel eagerly accepted the responsibilities of being Chair of this valuable committee. During the 2011-2012 year, 20 clubs have embraced club visioning as the beginning step to their long range plan that will promote continuity in their clubs. Half of the clubs have now gone through visioning. Every club that has gone through the process has been energized and gained a collaborative focus to take action to enhance their experience of Rotary and do more service for people in need.



Fulton Club visioning

The Vision Facilitation team stands ready to assist your club in experiencing the process that can help your club become more dynamic. The result of creating a dynamic club is membership growth and more contributions to the Rotary Foundation so we have more funds to do projects in our local communities as well as around the world. Everyone wins when Club Visioning becomes part of your club's plan for continuity. If your club would like to go through the process of Club Visioning please contact Carla McDaniel at crmcdaniel1969@yahoo.com. Thank you to all Vision facilitators who have given endless time and energy to help create more dynamic clubs in our district.



Fulton Club visioning consensus

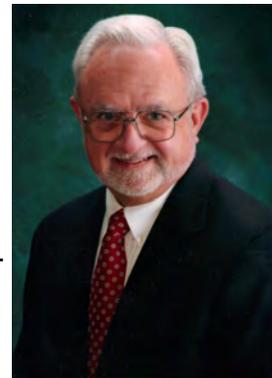


District Visioning Team at Fulton

Dr. Jon Hanson heads newly created Rotary Disaster Coordinating Committee

Since the disasters in Joplin, Sedalia, and Branson; our district has been alerted to the need for a Rotary Disaster Coordinating Committee that will function in two areas: Contributions and Volunteer Service.

First, Rotarians are generous and desire ways to give financially when a disaster happens. The district is mindful that when giving, it would be a benefit to be able to give and get a tax deduction for the contribution. We took the steps in April to set up the Missouri Rotary Emergency Relief Fund under the umbrella of the Community Foundation of Central Missouri (whose director is a Rotarian). Now when a disaster happens, there is a fund to immediately contribute to that will be under Rotary control and go to the area affected. A three member board composed of the District Disaster Coordinator, the District Community Service Chair, and the District Governor will decide on allocation of the funds.



The second area concerns the volunteer work that Rotarians are eager to give during those times of need. A page on our district website will be established to keep Rotarians informed as to what is needed and who to contact to volunteer to do service work in the area. Additionally this page will announce work days created by clubs so that other Rotarians or clubs can join the effort. The webpage will be effective July 1. Watch for an announcement on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-District-6080. While you are on our Facebook page, please "Like" us.

Jon Hanson, a retired oral surgeon, has agreed to be chair of this newly established committee. Jon has been a member of the Jefferson City Rotary Club since 1985. He and his wife, Ann, have one son Peter. The Hansons have enjoyed hosting 2 Rotary Exchange Students, the most recent a boy from Spain, this past year. Jon enjoys gardening, music and reading.

The District will have five area coordinators to help Jon in times of disaster. They will be in charge of calling the presidents of the clubs where the disaster happens and to keep the webmaster updated on the needs of the area. Kerrie Bloss will be in charge of our Northern area. Susan Courter will head the Southeast area. We are currently looking for coordinators of the West area (Warrensburg/Sedalia/Butler/Harrisonville), the Central area (Jefferson City/Lake/Rolla), and the Southwest area (Springfield/Branson). This District position is a three year commitment. If you would like to give Service Above Self as an Area Disaster Coordinator, please e-mail Rita at esterly.rotary6080@gmail.com for more details. A teleconference is being set up to educate and inform those who choose to serve.



Photos

Above: Columbians for Joplin

Left: Rotarians at the Joplin Workday in August, 2011.

Rita Esterly takes on New Generations Director duties

I am pleased to announce that DG Rita Esterly has agreed to serve as New Generations Director for District 6080 beginning July 1, 2012.

Working with teenagers and young adults is nothing new to Rita Esterly. Her professional specialty in her Psychology Practice is adolescents. Rita has had a passion for working with youth in Rotary since 2007, when she was president of her Rotary club. It was then that she asked 10 young adults to gather at her home for a BBQ one Sunday afternoon; and that was the beginning of the Jefferson City Rotaract Club.

She is grateful to the hard working Rotarians who have chartered the five new Interact clubs during her year as District Governor. Interviewing Rotary Youth Exchange participants has been one of her greatest joys. She loves to see how the RYE experience enhances lives of those who are ambassadors to a foreign country. She has attended the South Central Rotary Youth Exchange meetings the past two years and will again attend in July. Rita participated in RYLA as a counselor in 2009 and the experience of promoting servant leadership to her 10 person team was a highlight of her Rotary life.



So with a background in youth, experience with Rotaract, Interact, and RYLA, I know we can count on Rita Esterly to lead our Fifth Avenue of Service – New Generations – and to make it even stronger in the years ahead. Join me in welcoming Rita to this new and exciting chapter of service .

Mark Pearce, District Governor 2012-2013

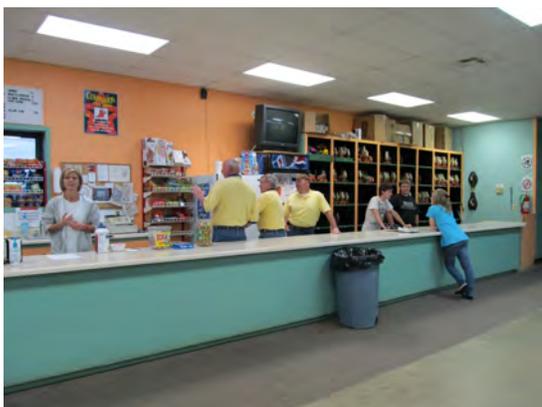
Mountain View receives Zone Award

Rotary Zone Director, Ken Schuppert, chose the Rotary Club of Mountain View as the best Changemaker Small Club in Zone 31. District Governors submitted data on the best small, medium, and large clubs in their district who qualified for the Changemaker Award. From among the 14 Districts in Zone 31, Mountain View was selected because of their commitment and diligent work in all five Avenues of Service.

Some of their service projects include the following. They held a Rotary Volunteer weekend at the Youth Center where they chaperoned and ran concessions for the Youth Center during a Friday night and Saturday night skating session. They volunteered at their District Simplified Grant Project partner's facility. After touring the Whetstone Boys Ranch, they did badly needed lawn maintenance and deep house cleaning in some of the rooms not being used to get them ready for occupancy. Mountain View Rotarians teach fifth graders to abstain from getting involved with Methamphetamine use with the Don't Meth With Me program. They have also trained Rotarians in other clubs to teach this program in 10 other school systems.



Additionally, Mountain View sends participants to Boys State, Girls State, and RYLA, For the past five years they have been involved with the Nature Park where they helped construct a hiking trail and identify plants along the way. They have adopted a highway to pick up trash. They give a \$8,000 scholarship to a High School Senior each year.



Their fund raising consists of their Radio Auction which they have done for the last 10 years to support the High School Scholarship and a Golf Tournament to support their other service projects. This year there was a hole in one winner of a Golf Cart at the tournament.

Mountain View Rotarians have contributed over \$200 per capita to the Annual Fund this year and the club has been in the top three per capita giving clubs for the past five years.

Congratulations to this small club of 21 members who make a large impact on their own community with their financial support and volunteer service and around the world by their contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

Photos: Mountain View volunteers at the Youth Center concessions stand and working at the Whetstone Boys ranch.

DG Rita attends District 2120 Conference in Italy with GSE team

Can you imagine going to a Rotary meeting at 8:30 at night? Let alone staying until 12:30 AM? Rotary clubs in Italy are quite different than in the USA. Between 9:00-9:15 PM everyone finally arrives and the meeting gets started. It closes at 10:30 PM after which dinner is served. When the appetizers were brought out, I thought that was dinner. But, oh, no, no. Next came the pasta course followed by the entrée and then dessert. They finish about 12:30 AM. I asked if this is what they do every week. Yes, that is typical they told me. Of the four clubs that I visited, it was just like this at each.



The District Conference which they call their Congress was unlike ours. Whereas we discuss creating Dynamic Clubs, enhancing Public Image, and increasing Humanitarian Service, they discuss peace in the Mediterranean Sea area. The day of the conference, a bomb went off in a city 20 minutes away killing two girls. My GSE team was scheduled to go to that city the following day. The awareness of how lucky we are to feel safe in our district was extremely salient to my team and I.

I also attended the Clean Water Conference they held. I was asked to speak on our Panama Project. Our work in getting the appropriate water system that fit for the people of Panama dove tailed nicely with what the experts on water systems was telling the conference.

The GSE team is posting photos on Facebook and blogging. Be sure to follow them as they share their adventures in District 2120. Their comment to me was that this has been the adventure of a life time and I would agree.



DG Rita's Italian hosts, Mario Greco and his wife Melly



DG Rita attends a local Rotary meeting



Two GSE Teams with DG Rita and DG 2120 Mario Greco at the Conference



GSE team presents at District Conference



GSE Team in Italy



GSE Team leaders singing with DG Rita and Melly at Conference



GSE Team with DG Rita DG 2120 Mario & Italy GSE Team leader Sergio Sernia

Fellowship: A Core Value of Rotary

By Assistant Governor Jeff Justus

Have you ever wondered how some days just work out right? This is one of those days that things just seem to work out better than planned.

Fellowship, actually, “promotion of good fellowship” was one of three main objectives of Rotary when it first started. Pretty neat concept! Thinking back to when I first joined Rotary, or even further back when I was a kid and my Dad was in Rotary, I remember the things we did with spouses and families as a kid and as a young Rotarian were good times.



Can you see the first Rotarians getting together to see a Cub’s game? What are some of the ideas your club uses to promote good fellowship? One of the great things about Rotary and Rotarians, when we get together, we steal, borrow and expand someone else’s ideas, generally making it better, then giving it back.

In the late 1920's, the concept of Rotary Fellowships started. Rotarians with shared interest started getting together. For example you can join a boating, flying, canoeing, motorcycling, wine, or internet fellowship. Currently there are about 100 different fellowship a Rotarian can become involved in. (All this, and more, can be found in the Rotary Fellowships Handbook.) However we do it, as a club or in a Rotary Fellowship, the “promotion of good fellowship” is still an important part of being a great Rotarian.

Now to tell you about my better than planned day. Went to Rotary today thinking about fellowship. To my surprise, what do we have “making up” at my Club, but several Rotarian and spouses from an RV Rotary Fellowship, and man were they having fun. Point made to me: I am looking for a Kayak Fellowship. But not sure I am ready to have the Rotary Emblem tattooed on my head. But you know, somewhere else someone did!

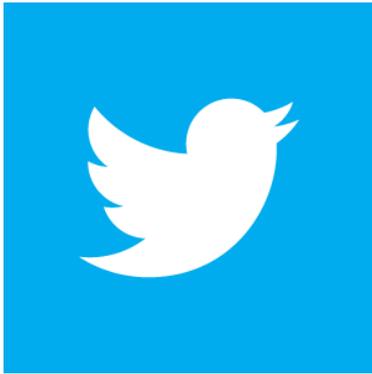


District 6080 Calendar

June: Fellowship

- Youth Exchange Outbound Final Orientation: June 16 (Lake Ozark)
RYLA: June 24-27 (Fulton)
- District 6080 Officer Installation: Tuesday, June 26, 2012 (Warrensburg)
- Success Seminar: Saturday June 30, 2012 (St. Louis)
- Deadline for contributions to The Rotary Foundation: June 30, 2012

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