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MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR STEVE

This month we celebrate the 111th birthday of Rotary. For it was on February 23rd, 1905 that Paul Harris, Gus Loehr, Silvester Schiele and Hiram Shorey met in Chicago and conducted the first Rotary meeting. It was to be a social club with members able to relax and get to know each other. It was to be fun. Members of their club had to be acceptable to all and be considered “good fellows”. Just as the concept of fellowship was the foundation of Rotary, so also it is critical that we continue to provide a warm and friendly environment to all who visit and join our clubs. Does your club provide this warm and inviting environment? Do people see your members as practicing friendship and fellowship? We can always improve at this, but let us all continue to recognize its importance in our lives and the success of our Rotary club. Let’s keep our clubs fun, enjoyable and friendly. And, if you have a chance, why not celebrate the birthday of Rotary this month.

To further the Rotary spirit of friendship, we are evaluating starting a new club in Columbia. Columbia currently has two breakfast clubs, three noon clubs, and a Rotaract club. We are researching the need for an evening club which likely would cater to a different audience. If you are aware of individuals in the Columbia area that might be interested in joining this club, please contact Melvin Platt (mplatt.rotary@gmail.com) of the Columbia Rotary club.

As we are on the last half of our Rotary year, I encourage all Rotarians in our District to please continue your efforts helping your presidents achieve the Presidential and Governor Citations for your club. These goals will help make your clubs better for future members. Increasing your number of engaged members and increasing foundation contributions are the true keys to achieving Service Above Self which is what we all aspire to.

Finally, I want to express my sincere thanks to Chalice Jeffries (Warrensburg) for the excellent work she has done as Assistant Governor. Bob Bajorin (Warrensburg) has now taken over for her, and we thank Bob for stepping up and showing his Service Above Self.

Sincerely yours in Rotary,

Steve Dulle

ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY IS 2016-17 PRESIDENTIAL THEME

Rotary’s founder, Paul Harris, believed that serving humanity is “the most worthwhile thing a person can do,” Rotary President-Elect John F. Germ said, and that being a part of Rotary is a “Great Opportunity to make that happen”.

Germ unveiled the 2016-17 presidential theme, Rotary Serving Humanity, to incoming District Governors on January 18th at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

“I believe everyone recognizes the opportunity to serve Rotary for what it truly is: not a small opportunity, but a

great one; an opportunity of a lifetime to change the world for the better, forever through Rotary's service to humanity," said Germ.

David Bixler (Springfield Metro), the District Governor-Elect from district 6080 attended the Assembly and stated that "it was like having the world all around you with District Governor-Elects from over 200 countries all there to share their peace and understanding and learn more about Rotary to prepare for their year of office beginning July 1, 2016.



Jerry Wear, Steve Sorenson and John Salyers, Immediate Past District Governors in front of sign dedicating efforts to Mike Beahon

PROJECT DEDICATED TO MIKE BEAHON

Mike Beahon (Fulton) was a true Rotarian who was dedicated to Service Above Self. He served only a short time as our District Governor as he passed away in July of 2015, shortly after he began leading District 6080. But Mike left a lasting impression on all who know him and especially his classmate District Governors. The Heart of America Zones 30-31 class of District Governors of 2014-2015 donated District Designated Funds to Heart2Heart and completed a project at a rural school in Hildago, Mexico in Mike's name. The project was completed with the cooperation of the Lindavista, Mexico Rotary Club and District 4170 in Mexico. The project included equipment for the library, computer room and classrooms, as well as educational workshops to address school bullying and ways to improve citizenship, funds for musical instruments, a water tank system and bathroom renovations. This project was a great remembrance for Governor Mike's dedication to Rotary service.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our third quarter district wide community service project is Literacy, and Carla McDaniel (Jefferson City Breakfast) has encouraged clubs to work this as there are many wonderful ways to assist those in your communities. We have also been given a wonderful opportunity to assist Missourians through the Feeding Missouri organization. Chris Baker (Columbia Sunrise-Southwest) has spoken to us about this

organization at our district-wide events over the past year. What does Feeding Missouri do? Basically they are doing exactly what we did last fall in our Food Fight community service project, which is gathering food, resources and volunteers to assist those that may not have enough food. The need is great in Missouri. Check out the website (www.FeedingMissouri.org) and consider helping as a club or even as individuals from your club. Either way is greatly appreciated. The program only works if the clubs know about it and help raise food donations, funds, or volunteer. It is easy with three ways to get points. Thanks for all your help. Rotary can truly make a difference and help feed Missouri!

If you have questions about the program, please contact Chris Baker, at chris@feedingmissouri.org or 573.335.3466. Also you can contact Carla McDaniel the District Community Service Chair at 573-690-4353.

SEDALIA ROTARY CLUB AIMS TO BRING THE RACES TOGETHER IN FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING

Dr. Margaret L. Harlan, who was the first female member of the Sedalia Rotary Club, and her late husband Jerry started the Rose M. Nolen Black History Library. The library's purpose is to bring the races together in friendship and understanding. There will soon be Sunday afternoon gatherings at the Library with various topics discussed. Also reflecting their diversity, the Sedalia Rotary club elected their first black president, Mike Jenkins, for the 2018 Rotary year.

LAKE OZARK ROTARY CLUB 32ND ANNUAL CANDYLAND SERVICE PROJECT

The Lake Ozark Rotary Club has announced another successful Candyland event for 2015. Candyland, founded in 1984 by the Lake Ozark Rotary Club, promises generosity during the Christmas season through gift donations for underprivileged children in the lake area. This year Lake Ozark Rotary in conjunction with the YMCA delivered clothes and gifts to 430 local area grade and middle school children. To date it has served more than 10,500 local children.

ROTARY CLUB OF BUTLER CELEBRATES THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MARYLEE MITCHELL

On January 13, 2016 the Rotary Club of Butler, Missouri celebrated the 100th birthday of very active Rotarian Marylee Mitchell, a member of many years with 19 years perfect attendance.

Susan Haralson, of the Springfield Sunrise Rotary Club, and District Governor elect for 2018, spoke of Marylee's active involvement in Rotary and personally presented her with a \$100 contribution made in Marylee's name to Polio

Plus.

Paul Harris, whose voice sounded like former District Governor, Joe Beltz, phoned to wish her a very happy birthday and expressed his appreciation for Marylee and the many women members of Rotary. President, Kay Caskey, recognized Marylee's role in



empowering and encouraging women and introduced many women in local leadership positions as her guests. The birthday gift of Rotary Club of Butler was a Paul Harris fellow.

It is rare that a Rotarian reaches this milestone and at the same time is an active member. Marylee recently participated in the Visioning Committee presentation at her club. She was remembered by District Governor Steve Dulle, Visioning Chair Chris Rigby, and Past District Governors Mark Pearce and Raymond Plue as sitting in the front row and enjoying the participation.

Truly Marylee is A Gift to the World!!

ROTARY CLUB OF FULTON MICE RACE

Racing mice will help the Rotary Club of Fulton raise money to support service projects in Callaway County. The club will hold their second Callaway Cup Mouse Races starting at 6:30 p.m. March 11 at 54 Country, 400 Gaylord Drive, in Fulton, MO.

Similar to a night at the dog or horse races, each person attending receives a program at the door with the mice running in each of the 10 heats. They can then go to one of the betting windows and place bets on the mouse they will run down the tube the fastest.

Along with racing, the night features Mouse Roulette where individuals buy a playing card for a minimal amount with the opportunity to win a large sum. The cards are placed in a circle with a mouse released in the center; the winner is the person with the card the mouse steps on first.



Jason Hynson (Executive Director of Wonderland Camp) and Lake Ozark Rotary Members Jim Stone, Tom Walker and Clint Ladouceur.

LAKE OZARK ROTARY CLUB DONATES TO WONDERLAND CAMP

On January 22, 2016 The Lake Ozark Rotary Club traveled to Wonderland Camp and delivered nearly \$500 in paper towels, tissues, etc that were on the camp's "wish list". This donation was provided through the Generosity of the Lake Ozark Rotary Club Members.

A previous donation in the fall of 2015 of \$500 will be used to construct a section of sidewalk to make portions of the camp more handicap accessible.

Wonderland Camp serves individuals of all ability levels by providing a summer resident camp. Donations "bridge the gap" between camper fees and the cost of the camp, according to Jason Hynson, the Executive Director.



Raymond Plue, District Foundation Chair, presents Major Donor crystal to Glen and Arlene Cameron

MAJOR DONOR DINNER

On the evening of January 21, 2016, members of the Branson Daybreakers gathered to honor one of their own; Glen Cameron. Glen's significant contributions to the Rotary Foundation were recognized and joining the Daybreakers were District 6080 Governor Steve Dulle, Foundation Chair Raymond Plue and Assistant District Governor Wade Robson. After the presentation Glen spoke of his time in Rotary and the significance it has held for him. There was much fun, laughter and fellowship on this night.



District 6080 Youth Exchange students at the Tulsa, OK, SCRYE conference

YOUTH EXCHANGE

At the South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE) Winter Conference in Tulsa, OK., Kit Freudenberg, district 6080 Youth Exchange Chair, was presented the Spark Plug Award. This award is given for outstanding service and contributions to the exchange program.

IMPORTANT ROTARY DATES

- February 20** District Leadership Training
- February 23** Rotary's 111th anniversary. Plan a special event.
- March 8** Student Government Day in Jefferson City
- March 15** Deadline for RYLA student applications
- April 1** Deadline for Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs to submit Presidential Citation
- April 1 & 2** President-Elect and Secretary Training Sessions (PETS/SETS) at Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO It is mandatory for Presidents-Elect to attend PETS. Secretaries-Elect should attend SETS. Both registration fees have been paid by your club.
- April 15** Final report due for 2015-2016 District Simplified Grant.

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