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From the Governor's Desk

Out new Rotary year with the theme of *Rotary Serving Humanity* is well under way. I have spent the better part of the month of July on the road visiting clubs.

I thought I knew a little about Rotary or at least our District. Man, was I wrong. I am truly overwhelmed by all the things the clubs in this District are doing.

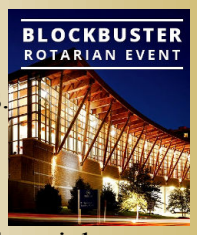
We have small clubs doing big projects. Large clubs are doing monster projects. Then there are all the projects that clubs, both large and small, are doing that almost go unnoticed because they will never hit the 6 pm news or the newspaper. However, they make an enormous difference in the lives of a small group of people.

Oftentimes, these projects are the most rewarding because if not for a Rotarian's intervention, the situation would be hopeless. Giving hope to the hopeless is what Rotarians are all about. So we quietly go about the business of miracles.

I am truly humbled to be part of such an amazing group of Rotarians. Keep up the good work. Humanity needs you.

David T. Bixler

District Governor, 2016-2017



Multi-district Conference with 6080 and 6110. Opportunity to network with 500 other Rotarians. Pick up some great personal, professional, and Rotary tips. Have fun with live music, great speakers, and a great party Saturday night.

October 21, Golf Tourament 1:00-6:00 pm
October 22, District 8:00-9:00 pm
Speakers include:
Alina Lehnert, PhD, LPC
Larry Lunsford, Past RI Director
Tom Krause
David C. Forward, PDG
October 23, Memorial Breakfast 8:00-9:00 am

Register today on DaCdb's Calendar:
www.directory-online.cm/rotary

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ATLANTA 2017
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

International convention is in Atlanta, GA, this year. Come join 50,000 Rotarians. Travel the world without ever leaving the US by talking to fellow Rotarians from all over the world. Change your perspective on what you are a part of by joining us for incredible speakers who will talk about what is happening in Rotary around the world. Take part in the party to end all parties as well as celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the Foundation.

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Branson Daybreakers ' Rotarian Honored

Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder presents Veterans Service Award to William 'Dub' White of Branson
Award recognizes veterans for their volunteerism

BRANSON, Mo. — Missouri Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder on Tuesday, July 19, presented a Veterans Service Award to William "Dub" White of Branson at a ceremony at Branson City Hall.

White was one of 34 Missouri veterans from around the state to receive the 2016 award, which is given to veterans who provide exemplary volunteer service to their communities.

White, a combat veteran of Vietnam, Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, served more than 25 years in the Army before retiring in 1993. He is a member of the American Legion, Veterans and Military Coalition of the Ozarks, Mozark Chapter, Military Officers Association of America, and Disabled American Veterans.

He volunteers as liaison between Cox Medical Center in Branson and contracted nursing homes, and he serves as the Ozarks coordinator for the Veterans and Military Coalition with the Catholic Charities' Continuum of Care Project.

"Warrant Officer White has been actively involved with helping veterans in myriad ways – including helping them to file their disability claims, find a job or temporary housing or food assistance; providing them with transportation and helping them with their education," Kinder said. "Through his personal experience, he provides invaluable insight to veterans trying to navigate the bureaucratic red tape of the Veterans Administration."

White was nominated for the award by John Hathcock of the Veterans and Military Coalition of the Ozark. In his nomination, Hathcock said White has in the past year served more than 26 individual veterans and their families, logging more than 1,800 miles on his personal vehicle and spending more than 20 hours weekly volunteering to support veterans and their families.
"(His) selfless service has touched not only the veterans and families he supports, but the countless members of the community and other veteran volunteers as an example that we should emulate," Hathcock said. "His exemplary performance, devotion, loyalty and dedication to all veterans and their families set a new standard for the veteran community, the nation and the great state of Missouri."

Kinder presented White with a Veterans Service Award lapel pin and an official declaration from the lieutenant governor's office highlighting his volunteer service. Kinder instituted the Veterans Service Award in 2012 as a way to recognize Missouri's hometown heroes and shine the spotlight on their selfless service.

"This award is just one small way our state can say, 'Thank you' to our veterans and honor the sacrifices they continue to make for their communities and the state," he added.

J ’Den Cox Inspires

Fayette Rotary Club

And Area Youth

When the Olympic freestyle wrestling begins in August in Brazil, members of the Fayette Rotary Club and their families will be rooting for Columbia, MO, resident J’Den Cox. After listening to Cox talk and sing at a Rotary meeting in May, it would be hard not to want this personable young man to come away from the Olympics with a medal.

Jamie Page, Fayette Rotary member and pastor of Cox’s church, invited him to speak and suggested that Rotary members might want to bring others, particularly children and grandchildren to the meeting, as Cox is not only a world-class athlete but also a world-class individual. During the course of the program Cox explained that to him “Wrestling is like a story. It tells your whole life story. It tells your training. It tells how you live your life off the mat. It tells everything about you, and everyone is going to see it whenever you start wrestling so you try to make it the best you can.”

Cox explained how he began wrestling with his brothers when he was little and has continued to wrestle throughout high school and college. He was state champion all four years he attended Hickman High School in Columbia. Even more amazing, he was the first wrestler to be state champion in four different weight classes. During his three years at the University of Missouri where he is a psychology major his record stands at 108 wins and only five losses.

Cox’s plans for his future are also inspiring. Of course, wrestling will continue to be part of his life but one of his major goals is to help deaf children learn creative writing. Cox lost most of his hearing in one ear in an accident during a practice. He soon learned how much “we take our hearing for granted.” He learned to sign and began to realize that deaf people have problems writing because of their inability to hear sentence structure hence his desire to teach creative writing. Often following meets Cox finds himself signing with fans who are deaf. He notes that these people do not often find an athlete they can communicate with and he wants to show them the possibilities that are open to them.

Cox closed his program by performing a duet with his mother. The song which he had composed himself was entitled “Routine” and spoke of the Cox’s strong Christian faith. As one of the young visitors commented, “Not only can that guy wrestle, he can sing!”

For many of the youth visiting Rotary, the highlight of the day came after the formal program. Cox took time to speak to the youth individually, to answer questions about training, and to even show them a few wrestling moves which he cautioned should be used to protect oneself or on the mat, but should not be used against brothers and sisters!

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Fayette Club Reports

The Fayette Rotary Club's Second Annual Trivia Night proved to be a successful fund raiser for the club and a fun evening for everyone who participated. Questions covered such topics as sports, science, music and even local history. Three rounds of "Alive or Dead" were particularly popular with participants who had to determine if a variety of celebrities were, in fact, still among the living. The club netted over $1600 from the project.
Throughout the year the Club has continued its "Happy Can" tradition which goes to support a different local project each month. Members are invited to make an announcement about something that has made them happy that week and then to place money in the "Happy Can." The club treasurer estimates that the proceeds from the "Happy Can" will exceed $1400 this year. Some of the projects/organizations which have been supported include the Fayette Music Boosters, scouting in Fayette, the Fayette Festival of the Arts, the Fayette High School Interact Club and PET.

On June 8, the Fayette Rotary Club and Rotary International presented Caleb Walker with a Paul Harris certificate and pin. Caleb is the 92nd person to become a Paul Harris Fellow in the Fayette Club.

Centralia Club Reports

The Centralia, MO Rotary Club is celebrating a record breaking fiscal 2015-2016 year. Our Club, made up of 30 members, put in countless hours through various fundraising projects throughout the year. In the fall, club members worked concessions for all home Centrailia Panther Football games including 9 Varsity, 4 Freshmen, and 3 Middle School games. The Centralia Rotarians are famous for their ribeye sandwiches and work hard serving a constant line of hungry patrons throughout the game.

In the spring, the Club tried out a new fundraiser that turned out to be a huge success. We hosted a community fish fry and donated all of our net proceeds to the local Centralia Senior Center. We had a tremendous turnout and even sold out of fish. The positive feedback from Community Members will make this a new annual fundraiser that we will be hosting.

In June, we hosted our annual ribeye tent at the Centralia Anchor Festival. This is a 3-day festival that brings over 20,000 people to Centralia. Club members worked through lunch and dinner crowds to wrap up another year of successful fundraising efforts.

Looking back on the 2015-2016 year, the Centralia Rotarians were able to make over $30,000 in donations with 90% of the money remaining within the community. It has been our pleasure to be able to serve the Centralia Community and we look forward to another year of hard work that pays off in the end.

Rotary Week

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Wonderland Camp

July 24th- 29th

A week at Wonderland Camp is six days long, Sunday to Friday. Volunteers can come in 2 hour blocks and jump right in with a cabin going from activity to activity or help at a specific area, like waterfront or arts & crafts. You are also welcome to come to an evening activity. *Please RSVP to Jason Hynson, Jason@wonderlandcamp.org or call 573-286-5075.*

Sunday: Camper Check-in from 2 pm – 4 pm

- Rotarians can help with unloading bags and assisting Campers to their cabins.
- Evening- Swimming Party after dinner from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Monday: Tie-Dye at Wonderland Camp 9:30 am – 12:00 pm; 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- Rotarians can assist campers with rubber banding their t-shirts and help with dyeing.
- Evening- Karaoke Singing from 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Tuesday: Assist with programming 9:30 am – 12:00 pm; 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- Evening- Carnival night! Help with games, funnel cake, and prizes. 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesday: Assist with programming 9:30 am – 12:00 pm; 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- Evening- Talent Show, join in all the fun, singing, and dancing. 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday: Open activities – Ladies get ready for the dance, fishing happens at the dock, and other variety of activities around camp; 9:30 am – 12:00 pm; 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- Evening- Dance! Come and celebrate with us. 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Rotarians are welcome to come and volunteer or bring items from our wish list or send financial contributions made out to: Wonderland Camp, 18591 Miller Circle, Rocky Mount, MO 65072; in the memo line include: Rotary Week.

Questions/RSVP? Call/Email Jason Hynson, 573-286-5075, Jason@wonderlandcamp.org