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Rotary District 6040 Newsletter

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District Governor's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarian,

TEXT TO DONATE!

I wish you could have been with me. The Rotary International Assembly is the greatest experience any Rotarian can have. It is a gathering of all incoming governors for a week of training in San Diego. Imagine 350 District Governors-elect from all over the world along with spouses, trainers, interpreters, rotary directors and foundation trustees: 2,000 people in all, many in their native dress. There are plenary sessions with the best speakers in the world and breakout sessions led by training leaders who are the best in their field.

February is Polio Eradication Month:

A Heartfelt Promise

It was my honor to have this experience just over a year ago. Envision our surprise when, during one of the plenary sessions, guest speaker Bill Gates Jr. was introduced. As Gates' speech progressed, excitement in the room grew in anticipation of an historic announcement. The room erupted when Gates pledged an additional gift of \$255m to Rotary for the elimination of

Remember Ladies and Gentlemen of 6040, February is our Polio Eradication Month. It is the time when we remember the commitment we made to the rest of the world to rid the earth of this dreaded disease and save her children. We got Bill Gates to join our fight but he challenged us to put our money where our hearts were. He would donate \$350 million if we raised \$200 million. We achieved half of the goal but the tough half is left. 6040 committed this year to \$20/member. So in February let's make it the truth, be fair to all concerned, build goodwill and better friendships and be beneficial to all concerned by keeping our **Heartfelt Promise**.

Dennis O'Hara
6040 District Polio Chair

Montreal...for a taste of the Old World



Still on the fence on whether to attend the RI Convention in June?

Consider the following:

- It's an Investment, not an Expense! You will meet people from all over the world with whom you may partner with in the future.
- There are close to 20,000 attending! That will make it in the top 10 attended conventions in the past 20 years.
- Montreal is an amazing city! A city with old world charm and new world efficiencies. If you're craving a European escape, but your extended weekend doesn't include time to cross the pond, Montreal is the place for you.
- You will need a passport to enter Canada, so if you don't have one, get your application in today!
- For Tickets to the Heart of America Breakfast featuring Ray Klingensmith, contact DGE Jeff Romine at jromine.rotary6040@gmail.com

Council of Legislation to meet in April

polio. Not only has Gates put up a substantial amount of money, he has also donated his time. Bill Gates has attended National Immunization Days and visited with heads of state and United Nations officials to End Polio Now.

It is now our turn. We have designated February as Polio month in District 6040: Elimination of Polio...Our Heartfelt Promise. The three Governors in Missouri have challenged each other. Who can text the greatest number of times, "Polio" to 90999? See the article from Polio Chair Dennis O'Hara on TnT, Text and Terminate for the details. Please help...we can't let Steve from 6080 or Jerry from 6060 claim bragging rights.

John Gill
District Governor

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GSE Team ready for trip to Taiwan

Tom Gibbens and his team have been poked, educated in the Taiwan language and culture, and have their bags packed. Their adventure begins February 24 and you can follow along with them through their blog:

www.Kc2taiwan.blogspot.com

Have fun Team!

TRIVIA TIME!!



COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

Rotary International has its Congress, too. Well, sort of.

The Council on Legislation, which first met in Detroit in 1934 and became Rotary's official legislative body in 1970, meets every three years to consider proposals (called "enactments") to amend Rotary's constitutional documents and non-binding resolutions that urge the RI Board to take certain actions or undertake various programs.

This year, the COL will meet in Chicago April 25-30. It will consider 219 proposed enactments and resolutions. Every Rotary District sends one representative to the COL, and PDG Carl Chinnery of the Lee's Summit Rotary Club is District 6040's representative. Districts are permitted to submit up to 5 proposals to the COL, but are encouraged to submit fewer than that.

Headlining the issues to be considered in Chicago are proposals to:

- Ø Increase dues by \$2 a year through 2013-14 (to \$56 a year)
- Ø Create corporate memberships
- Ø Allow non-working parents to be active members
- Ø Allow 30 days to make up missed meetings
- Ø Provide for e-clubs
- Ø Add a fifth Avenue of Service called Youth Service
- Ø Extend the term of District Governor to two years
- Ø Require Rotarians to attend 60% of regular meetings

The COL can be a strenuous yet exhilarating week for delegates, who must follow strict rules in speaking on proposals. Lobbying and lobbyists are not permitted. In 2007, the COL adopted 97 items.

Though unlike Congress in many ways, the Council on Legislation is Rotary's "democracy in action."

Inaugural "Put Polio on Ice" a Success!

Q: Paul Harris is credited for starting Rotary. Who were the other three original Rotarians?

Upcoming Events

3/1/2010: RYLA applications due

3/26-3/27/2010: PETS & SETS-Jefferson City

3/31/2010: Deadline to Register for Rotary International Convention--Montreal Canada

4/1/2010: GSE Team arrives from D. 3470 Taiwan

4/15-4/17/2010: Missouri Statewide Rotary Convention--Springfield, MO

4/29-5/1/2010:

A good time was had by all who attended the Eastern Independence Rotary Club's Put Polio on Ice event at the Missouri Mavericks game on February 5. Almost 200 tickets were purchased and \$3000 will be donated to the RI Foundation to End Polio Now. Thank you for your support!

**Shoes for Orphan
Souls-District 6040
Shoes Caravan**

Call for Rotary Peace Fellow Applications

Rotary is seeking non-Rotarian professionals interested in expanding their knowledge in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies and conflict resolution or a related field. Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellowships (50 master's degree fellowships and 50 professional development certificate fellowships) are offered on a competitive basis at six prestigious Rotary Centers around the world.

Participants in the master's degree program gain access to:

- Two years of Rotary-funded graduate study toward a master's degree at one of our six Rotary Centers
- Training in the root causes of conflict, theories of international relations, and effective models of cooperation, conflict resolution, and negotiation.
- A growing network of committed alumni employed around the world in diplomacy, government, non-governmental organizations and private corporations.

Candidates already working in the field of peace and conflict studies may opt for the three-month professional development certificate program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Both programs require, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in a related field; 3 years of relevant work experience for the MA program and 5 years for the professional development certificate.

Complete applications must be sent to the Rotary Foundation by July 1, 2010. For eligibility and application information, click [here](#) .

Sincerely,

DG John Gill
Rotary

[Email Me](#)

ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION: The first four Rotarians were Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris