



Rotary District 6040 Newsletter

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Rotary Awareness Month

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Rotary Awareness touches a broad spectrum of action possibilities.

Perhaps foremost is SERVICE itself! Rotary awareness is automatically a bi-product to those served as well as to non-members observing the service rendered.

Second, INVITATION follows closely on the heels of service. This promotion of Rotary Awareness comes in many forms. One can merely invite a non-member to his/her Rotary Club and this uniformly stimulates the asking of many questions and opportunities to promote awareness.

An invitation of a non-member to share service on a project of common interest in one's community or internationally produces a flood of questions leading to Rotary Awareness.

A simple invitation of a non-member to a banquet or a social function will also raise questions that will lead to Rotary knowledge and Awareness.

Thirdly, Rotary Awareness may be further spread through ADVERTISING of upcoming events and extended even further following the event with informative articles using all forms of media available.

Involvement of persons with high public profiles further endears the media to the possibility PR articles.

These and other mechanisms of Rotary Awareness will assist

District Governor's Message



Dear Fellow Rotarian,

We have turned the calendar for a new year and a new decade but we are only half-way through our Rotary year. We are afforded the opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments of the previous six months and think ahead to what we want to achieve during the remainder of our Rotary year.

A review of our accomplishments is proof that Rotary in District 6040 is thriving! Membership has grown during the past six months. The number one strategic priority for Rotary, matching the Gates \$200m challenge, is on fire! Giving from clubs to eliminate polio is up substantially. Our 10th Annual Foundation Dinner was a huge success as well as our Membership-Foundation-Leadership Seminar and International Projects Workshop. Clubs are doing service projects in their communities and around the world. Some are using District Simplified Grants to help finance projects ranging from medical missions to park projects to literacy

growing our membership numbers as well as increasing the service Rotary can provide

"Face" of Kansas City Plaza Rotary Getting Younger Nearly one-fourth of members under 39

Submitted by Beth Paulsen

The "face" of Kansas City Plaza Rotary is definitely getting younger. Fourteen of Kansas City Plaza Rotary's 67 active members are under the age of 39. Four of those members are under the age of 30. Our newest member is 28.

These younger members are drawn to hands-on service activities and social events outside of weekly meetings. The more involved they become in Rotary, the more they are inclined to invite their friends to visit Rotary. Since friends do what friends do, many of the young visitors are joining our club.

The younger members do not always have the financial resources to support club efforts, but they do have the time and desire to donate sweat equity. Whether it is cleaning up a park, building a playground at a local non-profit, or serving on committees, these members enjoy being active in the club.

Since the complexion of our club is changing, the nature of our club activities also is changing. We actively seek hands-on service opportunities in order to recruit and engage younger members.

Individual members - some young, some young-at-heart - have formed special interest clubs that meet outside of Rotary. While these social groups, ranging from a photography club to a scotch-tasting group, are not official Rotary activities, they are a venue to build closer friendships and camaraderie that cannot easily be formed quickly in weekly meetings.

Younger members' energy and sense of fun is contagious. Their desire to give back to our community is exciting. Together, young and young-at-heart, we are changing the "face" of Rotary.

(Picture: Hadley Stolte (left) is Plaza Rotary's newest, and one of its youngest, members. Hadley was inducted into Plaza Rotary on Friday, Jan. 14 by his sponsor Terry Berkbuegler.)

RI President Kenny at Kansas City Centennial Celebration



programs.

What is left to be done? Plenty!

· Let's continue our strong membership growth. It's simple to accomplish. Just invite a friend to lunch or breakfast and suggest you go to your Rotary Club. Imagine what would happen if each one of us invited a friend to attend a club meeting. "Each one, Invite one".

· The earthquake in Haiti calls on us to help meet the humanitarian needs of our neighbors in the Caribbean. Check the website for updates on giving opportunities. www.rotary6040.org

· We are holding our Polio Emphasis in February, Polio Eradication...Our Heartfelt Promise.

· I hope you are also thinking about Youth Programs. Youth Exchange, RYLA, The Four-Way Test Speech Contest, and Ambassadorial Scholarships are all coming up this spring.

· Our Missouri Rotary Convention will be held April 15-17 in Springfield in conjunction with the Rock 'N Ribs Barbeque Festival. We will have three GSE Teams at this convention giving this gathering an international flair. Don't forget the Rotary International Convention in June. Come watch Ray Klinginsmith begin his year as Rotary International President. We have so many accomplishments to be proud of in Rotary District 6040. I am proud to be a small part of it.

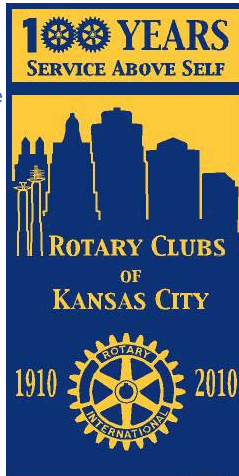
John Gill
District Governor

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Silent Auction Item Exchange

Would your club like to auction off a one week condo stay near Lodge of the Four Seasons? How about play-and-stay Golf Packages near the Lake? The Lake of the Ozarks Daybreak Rotary club is hosting their annual Winterfest ball and fund raiser on February 20 and is looking for clubs to "swap" auction items!

Please mark your calendars now for May 20, 2010. That's the day Rotary International President John Kenny will be visiting Kansas City to help the Kansas City MO Club celebrate its Centennial and 100 years of Rotary service in Kansas City. All clubs in District 6040 are invited to join the celebration for lunch at noon in the historic Union Station. Clubs represented will be recognized, have an opportunity to join in a group photo and participate in a service project.



The Centennial Planning Committee has created a PowerPoint presentation titled "Rotary Service in Kansas City. . .One Club at a Time" and they would be glad to visit your club between February 1st and April 30th to make this presentation. To schedule the program, please contact Centennial Committee member Evie Craig at ecraig@restartinc.org. Also, the Committee would like to include information about a service project or program from each club. This information should be sent to Past District Governor Sally Bibb at sallybibb@aol.com.

Since many clubs in our District descended from Club 13, this will truly be a Rotary "family reunion." Please make plans now to attend. A family tree and other details can be found at www.rotary13.org/centennial.

FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR WATER PROJECTS



Is your Rotary Club interested in supporting a water or sanitation project in this 2009-2010 Rotary year but not sure what funding is available? GOOD NEWS!

There is currently funding available through the International H2O Collaboration which is a worldwide alliance of The Rotary Foundation and the US Agency for

International Development (USAID). The alliance will provide funding for water projects in three focal countries: Ghana, Dominican Republic and the Philippines.

The alliance will implement integrated water supply, sanitation and hygiene program/projects that encompass infrastructure as well as capacity building and institutional strengthening and support needed to ensure long-term sustainability. The RI and US AID partners in each focal country will design specific activities to be implemented through the International H2O Collaboration. Local ownership and buy in and high technical standards will be important aspects of all activities.

US AID has pledged \$1,000,000 for projects in each of the three

The Rotary club's businesses have donated these type of items to the club with the understanding that they would like to get their gifts into other markets (since lake residents don't usually bid on resort stays, boat rental, etc). And the Lake's residents would like to bid on out of town events/inclusive packages away from the lake.

We need some help from others in the district by Jan. 15th with any exchange packages they would like to trade with us.

See event flyer at club website www.lakeozarkdaybreakrotary.org or contact Lake Ozark Daybreak Rotary club President Tony Reahr at tony.reahr@edwardjones.com

TRIVIA TIME!!



Q: The "Birthday" of Rotary occurs in February. What day is it?

Upcoming Events

2/5/2010: Put Polio on Ice-MO Mavericks vs Tulsa Oilers

sponsored by [Eastern Independence club](#)

3/1/2010: RYLA applications due

focal countries. Rotary Clubs are asked to fund one-half the cost of the infrastructure needs for a village, with the other half paid for by matching funds from The Rotary Foundation. Contributions from Rotarians, clubs and districts are effectively matched 3 for 1 when the USAID contribution is taken into account.

If interested in supporting a water project, contact District 6040 Governor John Gill gillfarm@mchsi.com or for details on the funding contact Amanda Robertson, Project Manager, RI/USAID Humanitarian Grants, amanda.robertson@rotary.org

Sincerely,

DG John Gill
Rotary

[Email Me](#)

ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION: February 23

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:

Shoes for Orphan Souls-District 6040 Shoes Caravan

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